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Marketplace

### Bozo & Pam

Harrison High School will stage a spectacular sports show in June to help raise money to purchase band uniforms. Among the sports featured are gymnastics, wrestling, ping pong, boxing, dancing, and weight-lifting. Among the attractions will be Miss Pamela Eldred, Miss America of 1970, and Bozo the Clown.

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### Township Picked

The Detroit Tennis & Squash Club is moving to the suburbs and has chosen Farmington Township as the best location for its \$1 million sports facility.

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### Cadettes Take Bow

Saturday is a big day for a lot of Cadette Girl Scouts in Livonia, Clarenceville and Redford. Read how they are being honored on the Women's Page.

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### On Strike

Emergency service is still being maintained by Consumers Power Co., but general business has been curtailed by a strike at the gas utility.

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### FISHing Starts

A new FISH organization is starting for Farmington and Southfield. If you don't know what FISH is, read the story on our Church Section.

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## Drive Gains Momentum To Save Old Tree

The campaign to save the tree on Gill Rd. in the City of Farmington is gaining momentum and reportedly has attracted interest statewide.

Efforts to save the tree reached a peak last week when Richard Klinkman of 23080 Gill obtained a court order preventing the city from removing the tree until a show cause hearing is held May 19 by Oakland County Circuit Court.

THE HARD MAPLE is about 40 inches in diameter, 120 inches in circumference and between 60-70 feet tall.

Since Monday, a core sample of the tree was taken by Paul Thompson of the Michigan Botanical Club, a teacher at Cranbrook, and he reports the tree is 320 years or older.

Thompson says it is one of the oldest trees in Michigan. Mrs. Klinkman says the former resident of the home she is living in says the tree is an Indian trail marker tree and has historic value.

Mrs. Klinkman has been getting a number of phone calls from persons interested in the tree being saved. She adds she has received many telephone calls and letters from all over Michigan.

A neighbor, Mrs. Sally Hoffman, has about 20 petitions circulating throughout Farmington in support of the big tree. Her daughter, Martha, organized a group of Farmington High School students to demonstrate Monday morning on the Klinkman's property. The tree is actually located on city right-of-way next to the Klinkman home.

The city is paving Gill and was planning on removing the tree while improving the open storm drainage ditch which runs along Gill.

City Manager John Dinan has asked city engineers to study the feasibility of an alternate plan to enclose the drain for about 300 feet to jog around the tree.

Dinan and a city engineer visited the property Thursday and came up with a tentative offer of a 7½ foot clearance for the tree instead of the original six-foot suggestion.

The Klinkmans and their attorney will meet with city officials Saturday morning. Discussion will continue at the Monday evening city council meeting, followed by another meeting of both parties Tuesday morning in an effort to settle before the scheduled May 19 court hearing.

Students attending FHS are also circulating petitions to urge the tree be left as is. Fifth and sixth grade classes at Longacre Elementary of Farmington Schools have been asked by their teachers to write letters to the mayor and newspapers about the tree.

One of the teachers who gave his students this assignment is Brian Sprague, Farmington Jaycee and Livonia resident who was named Outstanding Young Educator this year.

Klinkman will be represented by attorney James E. Wells at the May 19 hearing in Pontiac.



**SURPRISED** - Bruce Burres, 5, of 31542 Marblehead, Farmington, is surprised he ever found his way out of Mrs. Eleanor Snyder's plastic tunnel in the gym of Ten Mile Elementary of Farmington Public Schools. Bruce is one of 56 pre-schoolers who come to the weekly gym class in the school for an hour of physical exercise. "It helps improve their adjustment to kindergarten," explains principal Wallace Prince. (Evert photo)



R. A. "DUKE" PIOTTER, mayor of Adrian, will be guest of honor in Farmington on Monday, May 17, which is Mayor's Exchange Day. Farmington City Mayor Wilbur Brotherton will spend the day in Adrian.

## KIDS Will Query School Candidates

Announced candidates for the Farmington Board of Education have been invited to speak at the next meeting of the committee for knowledge, involvement and decisions (KIDS) to exchange views with the audience.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, May 17, in the fellowship hall of the Farmington First Presbyterian Church.

THEME OF the meeting will be future orientation on the Family Life Education (FLE) programs, sex education and substance abuse curriculums which have been approved by the school board and the minority understanding program still being considered.

Dr. Edwin Blumberg and the Rev. Hugh Stewart will give shortened reports on the substance abuse and human relations curriculum guides. The committee for KIDS

was organized May 3 to support the school board and its FLE programs. About 30 persons attended the organizational meeting and elected Mrs. Arline Bitter chairman.

THE SECOND meeting was held May 11 in the First Presbyterian Church with about 55 persons attending. The group's task of

educating the community about the FLE programs was begun by distribution of a shortened version of the minority understanding report. The summary was prepared by Mrs. Rosemary Knight and Mrs. Sue Krampf.

Volunteers responded to serve on the following sub-committees: fact-finding; mailing; speakers bureau on

the FLE programs; and coffee klatches. Another committee was formed to interview candidates who have filed for the school board to learn their stance on matters of concern to the group.

Speakers will be made available to small gatherings or organizations on the FLE programs.

## City Hosts The 'Duke'

Officials from the City of Adrian will be given a grand tour of the Farmington area Monday, May 17, as part of the annual Mayor's Exchange Day held in conjunction with Michigan Week.

This year, Farmington and Adrian were selected to swap mayors by the Michigan Municipal League, which pairs cities each year for the exchange on basis of population groupings.

FARMINGTON City Mayor Wilbur Brotherton will spend the day in Adrian and his counterpart, Mayor A.A. ("Duke") Piotter will be honored in Farmington.

Piotter has served as mayor of Adrian since 1968 when appointed to serve the unexpired term of the former mayor who resigned. He was elected mayor in 1969.

He has been a member of the Adrian City Commission for 12 years and was vice mayor when appointed mayor in 1968.

A native of Deerfield, Piotter moved to Adrian in 1932 and operated his own meat and grocery supermarket until 1962 when he closed his business. Since then, he has been in the real estate business.

ACTIVE IN the Michigan Municipal League, Piotter is Region II chairman and has served as Region II vice-chairman. Last September he was elected to the league's board and is a member of that body's special committee on county government.

Piotter should receive a number of questions from Farmington planners working on downtown redevelopment while here because the Adrian mayor serves on a steering committee which is now establishing a Downtown

Development Committee in Adrian. The mayor is also a member of the Planning Commission, Mayor's Committee on Human Relations and the Greater Adrian Area Chamber of Commerce.

For many years he has been interested in Little League baseball and once sponsored a team. He is also active in the recently organized Lenawee chapter of Big Brothers of America.

Piotter, who is married and has four children, also is a member of the Adrian Rotary Club, Lenawee County Board of Realtors, and the planning committee of Lenawee County United Fund.

## Center Recycles Junk For Profit

One of the most enjoyable ways to recycle junk is to attend a flea market or rummage sale and take loads of someone else's "junk" to your home.

The growing popularity of flea markets, garage sales, etc., is a confirmation of the belief that your junk is another's treasure, or vice versa.

THE FRUIT of this adage will be confirmed again this weekend as hundreds of scavengers and treasure hunters fill the lawn of the Farmington Community Center for its annual flea market sale.

The flea market and gemstone sales will be held Friday, Saturday, Sunday (May 14-16) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The outdoor market will be there looking for dishes and utensils to buy cheap for his camp. The drama enthusiast might be there looking for

costume jewelry for an upcoming play.

Book lovers and collectors are certain to be present searching through the many books available. And, also, just the plain bargain hunter looking through the collection of toys, purses, vases, etc.

GERANIUMS will also be sold at 85¢ per plant with proceeds from the flea market and geraniums all going to the Center which must raise \$35,000 to offer its full variety of programs and services for 1971-72.

Mrs. Bernice Lentz is in charge of the flea market and has lined up a group of scouts and senior citizens to give quick service to the weekend bargain hunters. The Center is located on Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds.

## Resident Is Preparing For Holiday Rescuing

By LINDA BOYD  
If the Michigan Emergency Patrol doesn't ring a bell,

chances are you're a lucky driver. Michigan Emergency Patrol



**FUTURE BROADCASTER** - Lee Van Ameyde, a senior at North Farmington High, won third place in the state forensic finals recently at University of Michigan, finishing only one point behind the first-place winner from a field of 25 finalists. He won the regional contest held in Ypsilanti in radio news competition and hopes to become a radio or television broadcaster. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marinus Van Ameyde and his father is assistant superintendent of Farmington Public Schools. (Evert photo)

(MEP) is a metropolitan area emergency and traffic assistance organization composed of 24 volunteer citizens' band radio operators. Michael Cohen, a Farmington area volunteer, recently installed a base station in his home.

"There are over 30,000 citizens' band operators, one in every 50 cars, in the metropolitan area," Cohen said. "When these operators notice anything unusual on the highways, they call MEP. We take their calls and dispatch police, fire department, tow trucks, or whatever the situation calls for."

TYPICAL situations vary from stalled cars blocking traffic and accidents to flat tires and lost travelers in the city. "We've made special arrangements with the Automobile Club of Michigan to call Continued on Page 2A

## District Has New Number

The Farmington Board of Education has a new telephone number for its administrative offices at 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington. A new telephone system has been installed, and all phone calls to the administrative center should be directed to 477-1300.

a look  
at  
livelihood...



What do area leaders predict for the future of seven Observance communities? Will the area continue to grow in the '70s and continue to provide a livelihood for hundreds of thousands of people?

Don't miss what these men have to say in a special Michigan Week section coming in this Wednesday's (May 19) Observer.