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The high school football season is over, and all that remains is the picking of the all-Observerland team. Local coaches have fed Sports Editor George Maskin their selections, and he has compiled them in today's sports section.

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Real Modesty

The U.S. Army thought enough of the actions of 1st Lt. Peter J. Hill to award him a Bronze Star. The lieutenant, however, never bothered to tell his parents.

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Publisher Philip Power discusses the proposed Farmington Community Center in a special Observation Point column. See his conclusions on . . .

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Scientific Firemen

Fighting fires in suburbia is no longer a matter of chopping holes in roofs and pouring in water. It has become scientific—as Roving Editor W. W. Edgar learned when he talked to local firefighters about the old and the new.

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America's Teen

Miss American Teen-Ager is an active young lady from New York who wants to be a physical therapist. But what is she like as a person? Well, she was in the area a week ago, so we found out. See the NOW Generation.

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New TV Format

Our television page has a new format—dranged to be pulled out and folded conveniently. You get a single day's listings at a glance, and you won't have to fumble through page after page as you do with the micro-mini-TV guides. You'll appreciate it.

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upcoming

WEDNESDAY'S EDITION will tell the story of a mother and teacher who spells good living as S-E-R-V-I-C-E. Look for Margaret Miller's unusually well-written column, "Women on the Go."

OBSERVER CLASSIFIED WANT ADS

A CAR BUYER'S GUIDE



Thinking about trading cars? You won't want to miss the many cars offered for sale in today's Want Ad Section. . . . Your guide to the largest auto selection in this area.

(P.S. IF YOU WANT TO SELL A CAR, CALL 422-0900)

Probe Into Dr. Clark's Cases Continues As Body Exhumed

The body of Mrs. Hannah Bowerbank, who died in 1967, was exhumed Thursday morning from a Detroit cemetery.

Wayne County medical examiners announced following an autopsy that Mrs. Bowerbank did not die as the result of a heart attack, as listed on the death certificate signed by Dr. Ronald E. Clark.

Dr. Clark is the Farmington Township physician convicted of manslaughter in the death of another patient in June. He is currently serving a three-to-15 year sentence in the state prison at Marquette.

In a related development, the State Board of Registration in Medicine met Wednesday and adjourned a request to revoke Dr. Clark's medical license until mid-December.

DR. JOHN F. BURTON, Wayne County medical examiner, said Thursday afternoon that "there is no evidence to indicate that Mrs. Bowerbank died of a heart attack. She appeared to be in excellent general health before death."

The body was exhumed on an order from the Wayne County Board of Medical Examiners with the cooperation of the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

"This is just a development in a continuing investigation of deaths of persons associated with Dr. Clark," said Thomas C. Plunkett, chief assistant prosecutor of Oakland County.

"There are circumstances surrounding her death which could indicate a possibility of homicide. We cannot determine anything without an autopsy," Plunkett continued.

"The first step was to determine that cause of death."

Dr. Burton, who performed the autopsy,

said that laboratory work will continue for several days.

Mrs. Bowerbank, who was a patient and employee of Dr. Clark, died in her Detroit home March 20, 1967, according to a Detroit Department of Health Certificate signed by Dr. Clark.

ACTION BY AUTHORITIES is pending the outcome of the laboratory tests.

A death certificate filed March 22 by the funeral director, but signed by Dr. Clark, lists acute coronary thrombosis as the cause of death.

In March Dr. Clark filed a case in the Wayne County Circuit Court asking for \$80,000 from Mrs. Bowerbank's estate. No decision has been reached in this case.

On June 28 a jury in Ingham County returned a guilty verdict against Dr. Clark finding him grossly negligent in the death of Mrs. Grace Neal of Livonia, who also served as his part-time office helper.

Mrs. Neal died in the doctor's office at 30735 Grand River, Farmington Township, Nov. 3, 1967 after being given an injection of sodium pentothal, a fast-acting anesthetic often referred to as a "truth serum."

At the time of his sentencing Dr. Clark issued a statement asserting:

"I deeply regret this fatal accident sustained by Mrs. Grace Neal in the course of treatment of a seriously ill long-time friend and patient and helper to whom I was legally and morally obligated."

"I cannot explain this accident. It was entirely without malice on my part. This death is totally inexplicable. Previous treatment over half a dozen years gave no indication of such a catastrophe."



EXHUMED — The body of Mrs. Hannah Bowerbank was exhumed Thursday morning for autopsy. (Evert photo)

Nine-Year-Old Killed During Family Quarrel

A nine-year-old Farmington Township boy was shot and killed early Friday morning as a result of a family quarrel, according to police.

Richard DeFelice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeFelice, of 2215 Malden, was dead on arrival at Beaufort General Hospital at 3:20 a.m. shortly after the accident.

He had suffered neck wounds from a .30-.30 rifle, police said.

Richard was a fourth grade student at William Grace School. He is survived by his parents, and three sisters, Ramona, 11, Elizabeth, 4, Rebecca, 2, and a brother David, 6.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Arnold Schiffman said Friday that there will be no prosecution.

Williams Cited For State Post

A Farmington area Little League baseball leader has been named to a 15-man advisory committee for state recreation and cultural arts by Gov. Romney.

William T. Williams, of 29259 Glencastle Ct., Farmington Township, was appointed Oct. 25 to the Conservation Dept. committee.

Williams is past-president of the Bowling Proprietors of America and operates lanes in Hazel Park.

YMCA Rezoning On Planner's Agenda

The proposed Farmington Area YMCA site north of the Demary Shopping Center in Kendallwood will come under the scrutiny of the Farmington Township Planning Commission Tuesday night.

The public meeting of the planners is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the Township Hall on 11 Mile Road east of Orchard Lake Road.

At issue is a 12.25 acre parcel bounded by Farmington

Road, Kendallwood Drive, Tulipwood and New Market.

ORIGINALLY the YMCA requested a "special purpose" zoning for the entire parcel which permits the construction of private clubs and lodges.

This proposal was approved by the Township Planning Commission following a stormy public hearing in July. The Farmington Township Board, which adopts or rejects the recommendations of the planners, held a public hearing on the question in September.

At that time, the trustees sent the proposal back to the Planning Commission with the

recommendation that the property be surrounded by retaining the residential zoning along Tulipwood and Kendallwood Drive.

Farmington YMCA Executive Secretary David Comfort told The Enterprise & Observer this week that the Y members had been in contact with the township planning consultants, Velican & Leiman, and that "we think we have a good compromise worked out."

Comfort said under the plan which will be presented Tuesday the lots along Kendallwood Drive will remain residential.

However, the YMCA is faced with a problem. It does not wish to be landlocked, and because the houses on Tulipwood do not face into the property, it is proposed that this area be rezoned.

"The parking lot has been moved to the south end of the property behind Demary's," according to Comfort, "and New Market will be used for both the entrance and exit to the property."

"The land near Tulipwood will be maintained as a greenbelt under the proposal," according to Comfort.

OPPOSITION to the rezoning has come primarily from the residents of Kendallwood Drive and Tulipwood who would be directly affected should the rezoning be approved.

Tuesday night the planners will conduct a preliminary hearing on the rezoning. The next step would be either to deny the request at this level or to set the matter for a public hearing.

Board Backs Drive

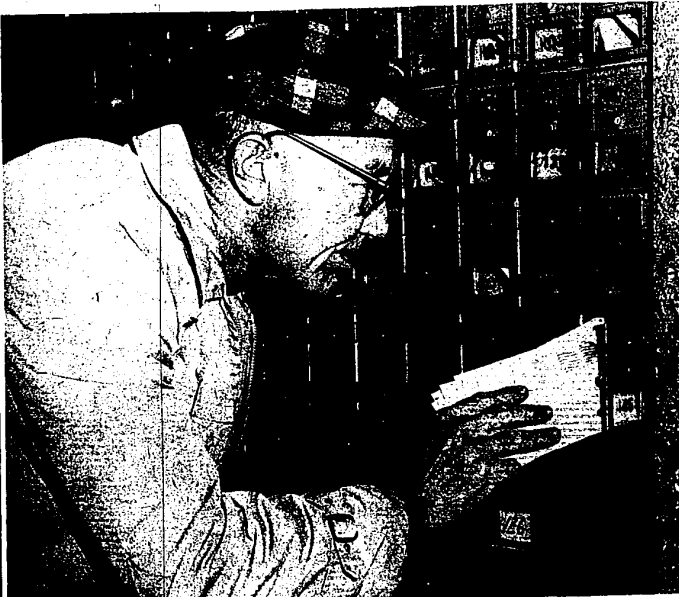
The Directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce have adopted a resolution supporting the current Community Center Drive.

To continue through the month, the center drive is being conducted by interested residents in an effort to obtain funds to establish the Luman Goodenough mansion on Farmington Rd. as a center for cultural activities. The Goodenough family has offered the home as a gift to the area.

The Board of Commerce resolution states: "We endorse the objectives of the Community Center Drive and encourage all Farmington businessmen to participate."

Farmington Community Center BOX SCORE

Needed to Open the Doors:	\$60,000.00
Received to Date:	\$ 2,328.91
STILL TO GO:	\$57,671.09
Memberships: \$5 for individual; \$15 for family; \$50 for sustaining; and \$250 for patron. Have you sent in your contribution?	
Farmington Community Center, P.O. Box 145, Farmington 48024.	



CHECKING THE MAIL—Fred Harrison, treasurer of the Farmington Community Center Campaign Committee, checks the post office box each day looking for donations to support the center.

The campaign committee must raise \$60,000 to operate the facility for one year. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 145, Farmington.