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today's hot line

Science Topics

Poliwogs and teeth were just two of the subjects studied during a science workshop at the Larkshire School. To discover what the students learned turn to . . . Page 6C

Young Sewers

The drive for dresses for the Farmington Goodfellows is being helped by a group of dedicated girl scouts. Staff writer Elizabeth Wissman reports on the viewpoints of these young seamstresses. . . . Page 3A

The Barbers' Tale

The price of haircuts is going up. Some men of modest fringes are sore because of the outflow of cash in return for such brief services — but the barbers have their side of the story, as Roving Editor W. W. Edgar found out. . . . Page 4B

Our Top Gridders

The all-Observerland football team has been picked by the men who know the game, and Stevenson High School led the pack with three placements. We've got the details and the pictures for you. . . . Page 1B

Recreation Plans

Local cities and townships have lots of ideas for improving recreation facilities before all the land is eaten up by private development — provided they can get a cut of the new \$100 million state "quality recreation" bond issue. What's your town thinking about? . . . Page 8C

Electoral Reforms?

This year, we heard suburbanites criticizing the Electoral College system more vigorously than ever, and two local congressmen — a Democrat and a Republican — say they are going to try to do something about it in Washington next year. . . . Page 5A

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upcoming

DIRECTING A PLAY in a community theater group isn't like directing on Broadway. Entertainment Editor Sue Shaughnessy provides a fascinating closeup of how one of the best Observerland directors does it. Story and pictures on Sunday.

TWO CHRISTMAS concerts of major civic proportions are coming up soon. We'll have pictures and details about how suburban symphonies make a go of it in next Sunday's edition.



Santa's BEST HELPER the 'Gift Spotter' IS HERE!

The Gift Spotter in the Want-Ad Section has exactly the right gifts for everyone on your list. Right now, turn to the Gift Spotter to find gift ideas that are sure to please all and save you money at the same time.

Shop the Gift Spotter Way
twice each week 'til Christmas!

Santa Arrives In Town Friday

Children take note! Santa Claus will arrive in town Friday, Nov. 29.

With clanging of bells and screaming of sirens, he will arrive on a big red fire truck at the Farmington Downtown Center at 10:30 a.m. and at the Plaza Shopping Center at 1:30 p.m. Before that, he takes up residence at the Demery Shopping Center at 10 a.m.

Sgt. Jay Harrison is the lucky guy who will drive Santa from City Hall to each of the city centers. The Farmington Public Safety Department likes the great man to arrive on one of its fire trucks.

Santa will be easy for even the tiniest kiddies to see because he will ride high atop the fire hoses in the back of the fire engine.

After meeting children in the parking lot at the downtown center, Santa will ascend his throne in the side window facing Grove in the Federal Department Store.

Here he will receive boys and girls from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 30 and from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 1.

Center hours from Dec. 2 through Dec. 24 will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.

At the plaza, Santa will enter the names of good little children on the world's largest Christmas gift list. He will greet youngsters in the Kresge Store at the plaza from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. each day through Christmas Eve.

Children may visit Santa at the Demery's Shopping Center every day between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. They will find him in the children's department on the second level of Demery's Store.

The kids who go to visit Santa and his helpers at any of the three locations will receive gifts of free candy canes.

Line up, boys and girls.



SOME WIGWAM — Kindergarten pupils at Farmington's Larkshire School add the finishing daubs to their walk-in wigwam. The tent was constructed as part of their study about Indians, Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving Day. Welding the paint brushes are Barry Johnston (standing), Michael Kay and Diane Ferriter.

One Arrest May Solve Coin Machine Break-ins

By DAVID SARTIN

A 16-year-old youth's arrest Nov. 20 has led City of Farmington Public Safety officers to believe that four separate incidents of breaking and entering Farmington laundromats and coin car washes are related. The youth, whose name is withheld because of his age,

was arrested at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday after a Farmington Township girl and two Redford youths were arrested last week in connection with larcenies from coin boxes Nov. 16. Police say that the juvenile, a Farmington Township resident, supplied keys to coin boxes at the Expressway Car Wash, Grand River and Whitaker, in

the city, to one of the other suspects.

The juvenile is charged with breaking and entering the car wash and is being held by Oakland County authorities in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

City Public Safety Chief Robert Deadman said that a waiver

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By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Three new Farmington Township trustees took their seats at the Board table Monday night, and the hot issue of roads provided some opening fireworks.

What started the entire exchange was a letter to The Farmington Enterprise & Observer, copies of which had been sent to all the township officials.

New Trustee Charles Williams, who raised the ire of the incumbent officials during the campaign for his statements about the current administration, picked up the issue and ran with it.

THE LETTER was from Andrew E. Anderson of 22187 Malden and he pointed to the paving of both Halstead and Drake Roads and asserted:

"We have a serious road problem and have had it for a number of years, and I again ask our township officials what will be done."

"The first duty of our elected officials," according to Anderson, "is to serve the people that elect them and if they cannot do that, then maybe we had better elect new officials."

"It is time for the people of this township to wake up to the fact that we need a change. New officials may be the answer or... maybe incorporation may be the answer."

"But remember one thing. It was our township officials who authorized paying 50 per cent of the cost of paving Drake Road. Also remember that the two largest land developers and builders in the township are located on Drake Road and Halstead Road."

(The Thompson-Brown Co. development, Independence Commons, is located at 12 Mile and Drake, while the Independence Green Apartments, developed by Thomas Duke, are located at Halstead and Grand River.)

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall asserted that he could "read some political strategy into the letter."

THE SUPERVISOR noted that both Drake and Halstead Roads were primary roads, and the paving was done on a matching fund basis with the county.

"Drake Road was paid for 50 per cent by the county, 25 per cent by the landowners, and 25 per cent by the township," he asserted, noting that the township had a mile of road built for the cost of \$32,000.

According to Hall, Halstead Road was paved before there was any development along that road. (Halstead was the primary road leading to the now closed township dump. Paving was required because of the dump trucks.)

The supervisor added that the township had \$55,000 for matching fund road improvement projects with the county this year and that it was already encumbered.

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WILLIAMS proposed that the board adopt a resolution calling roads the number one problem in the township and having the current administration try to find ways to improve the local road situation.

He called this "a positive thing for the new board to do."

Township Treasurer Elise Avery noted that some years ago the township residents had been asked to approve special millage for road maintenance. "It was turned down," she noted and asked: "Wasn't this positive?"

Williams asserted that the new township officials should try to find a solution to the

YMCA Rezoning Is Approved

Rezoning for the proposed Farmington Area YMCA in the Kendallwood Subdivision just north of the Demery Shopping Center was approved by the Farmington Township Board Monday night.

The trustees gave the green light to the proposal approved by the Township Planning Commission last week.

That means that five lots facing the homes on Kendallwood Drive will remain residential, but the lots facing Tulipwood will be zoned for a revised site plan. The YMCA plans to construct its building on the southern end of the property with the parking lot between the YMCA building and the shopping center.

The plans call for all traffic access for the site to be off New Market Drive rather than either Kendallwood or Tulipwood.

In September the township trustees sent the Y proposal

back to the planning commission with the suggestion that buffer residential areas be provided along both Kendallwood and Tulipwood.

The planning commission had previously recommended rezoning of the entire 12.2 acres to the township board.

David R. Comfort, executive director of the Farmington Y, told The Enterprise & Observer that he thought the Y would still purchase the entire parcel and simply not develop the property which retains the single family home zoning.

According to announced plans the YMCA would construct an administrative and all-purpose area as the first phase in its building project.

The YMCA has not announced plans for the fund-raising drive necessary to finance any construction. However, the YMCA is currently housed in an old farmhouse on Grand River and this land is zoned for industrial use.

Gala Event Planned To Aid Center

Farmington is having a party. "An Evening of Merriment," a benefit to raise money for the proposed Farmington Community Center has been planned for Dec. 7 in Glen Oaks Community Club.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., with dancing to follow, plus top-notch entertainment.

Tickets are priced at \$50 per couple and are tax deductible. Proceeds from ticket sales will be added to the Community Center fund.

A drive has been in progress through November to open the doors of the Goodenough residence on Farmington Road as a community center facility.

Needed to do this is an estimated \$60,000.

STAR-STUDDED entertainment will add to the evening's festivities with William Amperse as master of ceremonies. Amperse, a resident of Farmington, is well-known locally as a member of various theatre groups and the Motor City Chorus.

Playing for listening and dancing will be a collegiate combo, the "Triadmarks," four students from separate Michigan campuses. The "Sharp Lifters," a barbershop quartet which won the Michigan District and Regional

championship and is an international competitor, will add to the party.

Another Farmington resident, Kaye Britton, who was "brought up in a trunk," appeared on Broadway as actress and singer and is a director of Farmington Players' productions, will also contribute to the program.

DOZENS OF WORKERS have been assembling mailing lists, addressing invitations, securing attractions, planning the menus and table decorations.

General chairman is David Mills, chairman of the board of directors of the campaign committee. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Ann Moseman and Mrs. Hope Nahstol.

Invitations have been the responsibility of Mrs. Carl Welti and Mrs. Kenneth Perrin.

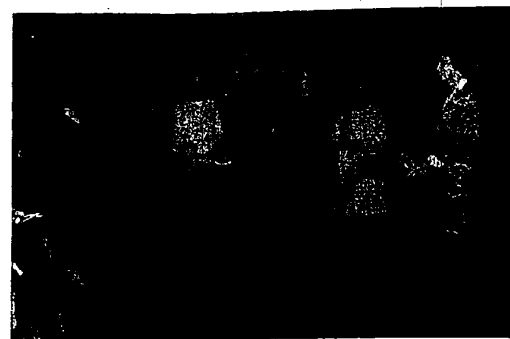
Mrs. Arthur Grosop was in charge of mailing lists, while arrangements and decorations have been handled by Mrs. Claire Orsini and her com-

mittee. Telephone follow-ups will be directed by Mrs. Ed-

win Oglesby.

Ticket reservations may be

made by calling Mrs. Welti at 474-6113.



VISITORS — Mrs. Shirley Berger (far right), of the campaign committee for the Farmington Community Center, talks to some of the 1,000 persons who visited the proposed center at the Goodenough mansion during an open house Sunday. The committee received offers of free repair services and supplies from many who toured the home.