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today's hot line

New Courses

Farmington High School students will be offered new history courses next September. Staff writer David Sartin explains the new program on Page 7A

About That Fence

After much debate the fence blocking Salvatore Street has gone back up. For our editorial comments see Page 5A

Director At Work

Kaye Britton is known as a "strong" director, in community theater circles, but she also allows actors room for interpretation. The amazing story of how she acts as a sort of traffic cop and supreme artist is told in story and pictures — and it's suburbia's own kind of tale. Page 1B

What They Spent

State law requires that candidates file reports of their campaign expenses and contributions. The daily papers and the broadcasters never look at them in detail — but we did, and today we have the first in a continuing series of reports Page 8A

Up For Honors

An Observerland football player is a prime candidate for little All-American honors at Eastern Michigan University. We have story and picture. Page 3B

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up coming

MANY PAPERS TRY to cover suburban sports, but no one gets as many details as Observer Sports Editor George Maskin and his crew, or takes as many local pictures as Chief Photographer Vince Witke and his staff. Now that basketball season is upon us, watch the sports pages next Wednesday.



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

The Gift Spotter in the West-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!

Yule's True Meaning In Goodfellow Basket

An estimated 150 families a year. That's cold statistic, but translate it into the happy face of kids at Christmas and you have some idea about why the Farmington Goodfellows are so dedicated to their annual task.

This year's Goodfellow drive is currently underway with the sale of a special Goodfellow edition of The Farmington Enterprise & Observer scheduled for Friday, Dec. 13. Goodfellow chairman Richard Tupper estimates that 150 baskets and toys have been delivered to needy families in Farmington each year for the past 12 years which is as far back as the detailed records go.

HOW DO the Goodfellows find needy families?

According to Tupper, the public and private schools are contact for referrals and many come from private citizens. Because of this the Goodfellows annually establish a number to take calls about the families.

This year the Farmington Board of Commerce will conduct the service. The phone number is 474-3440.

Once the names are received two-man teams from the Jaycees and the Exchange Club conduct investigations. Each family is visited for information on their eligibility and the number in the family along with the ages

and sizes of the children.

Many of the families that are referred receive help and from the annual 200 referrals about 150 families are helped each year.

Once the number of families is determined, the Goodfellows determine on a pro-rata basis the allocation of the funds.

The funds come from the newspaper sale and from contributions by the businessmen in town.

INCLUDED in the Goodfellow assistance is food, toys for the children, dresses and gift certificates. This year, the certificates will be drawn on the new Federal's store in Farmington.

Members of the Exchange Club sponsored the first paper drive in 1938. Prior to that time, the drive was financed through a community fund solicitation.

The original project was under the general direction of Art Lamb.

Harley Walters, a long-time member of the Exchange Club, says that the real credit for the success of the Goodfellows over the years goes to the churches, fraternal organizations, the governmental bodies and the service clubs of Farmington.

Anyway that you want to spread the credit around, the Farmington Goodfellows have an enviable record to their name.



TOWNSHIP HALL — Construction officials said Wednesday that a completion date for this township addition is unknown. The original date was set for Jan. 1, but a two-month labor strike has made township officials say they may not be able to move into the new expanded facility until late winter. (Evert photo)

Area Studies Completed, Finished Reports Due

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

The Michigan State University-conducted, area-wide study on governmental alternatives should "be in the hands of the elected officials before Christmas."

That's the report of Future Farmington Area Study (FFASC) Committee Chairman John Richardson, following a meeting (Tuesday) representatives from MSU, the city, township and the two villages.

Commissioned in January, the study is financed by the city, township and two villages with the Farmington Jaycees

picking up the tab for the remainder of the cost.

IN ADDITION to the analysis being conducted by the MSU Institute of Community Development, Farmington Township officials have contracted for a study on the pros and cons of incorporation and consolidation and the impact of these steps on the people of the township.

Hired for this \$2,500 project is Donald M. Oakes, a private management consultant from Grand Rapids.

The MSU study has been commissioned by the FFASC, which is composed of representatives

of the Farmington Board of Commerce, the Jaycees and the Farmington League of Women.

The MSU study proposal declared that it would seek to determine whether "an efficiency and economy will accrue to the Farmington Area (all four governmental entities) by reorganizing local government and intergovernmental arrangements and to identify those factors which have a bearing on the question."

Copies of the MSU report will be released to the elected officials before being made public.

At the present time, MSU is engaged in the mechanics of preparing and printing the report. Tuesday's meeting was simply to check the accuracy of some of the figures used in the report.

FARMINGTON Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall told The Enterprise & Observer that he understood that the Oakes study was completed.

The two reports are expected to be released about the same time.

During a joint meeting of the city council and township board, it was agreed a procedure be established for the release of both reports.

"It was agreed the Oakes report would not be released before the MSU report," Hall said, "but I don't think that there was an agreement the two would be released simultaneously."

The governmental bodies have all agreed to a moratorium on any activities toward change in the existing governmental structures for a period of six months after the release of the reports. This moratorium is designed to provide the residents with time to study the reports before making any decision.