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## today's hot line

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## what's inside

### Hair Committee

The question of whether athletes in Farmington Schools should be subject to special dress codes is still in committee but is scheduled to reach the board at its next public meeting on Dec. 21.

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### Old & New

The Farmington Democratic Club has a new executive board member, 15 years old; principals in Farmington Schools do not have a new union as yet; the school board has an old auditor; and the new Chatham supermarket is going to build a new sidewalk. Today's inside pages will tell you what's new in Farmington.

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### Peel's Farmington

Lee Peel's long awaited pictorial history of Farmington has been released and may be purchased by Christmas shoppers. Emory Daniels, also a history enthusiast, critiques the book as a historical work.

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### Hawks Lose Again

Harrison's eagles are supposed to be the top Farmington team . . . but they lost another. Read about the game in today's sport section.

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**DECORATE CENTER TREE** — Farmington Brownie Troops 10 and 97 of Alameda Elementary School recently decorated the Farmington Community Center's Christmas tree which was donated by the Farmington Kiwanis Club. All decorations are treats for birds — suet balls, peanut butter, pine cones, and cranberry-popcorn garlands. The tree, illuminated at night, can be seen on the north side of the Center from Farmington Rd. (Evert photo)

## Baptists Building Senior Housing

By MARTHA MAHAN  
The first occupants have taken up residence in Farmington's new home for retirees, the Detroit Baptist Manor on 13 Mile Road.

A half dozen moved in the last week in November and the manager, the Rev. Joseph Bogar, has begun filling the 101 units from a list of 280 applicants.

"There's such a tremendous need," he said.

APPLICANTS have come from Detroit and the

metropolitan area and from as far away as Florida and California.

"I've even been offered bribes," he laughed.

The Detroit Association of American Baptist Churches sponsored the FHA financed, \$1.7 million "turnkey" construction.

The church hopes to build more dwelling units on the 30 acres it owns on the rolling land lying between Orchard Lake and Middle Belt Rds.

The Rev. Bogar also wants to add a nursing care facility and a central dining room.

EACH DWELLING unit is self-contained, furnished with its own cooking facilities. They range in style from two-bedroom, to one-bedroom and utility apartments.

A laundry with coin-operated machines, a lounge, community room for games, cards and the like, library, sewing room, and wood-working and ceramics shops are built and soon will be in operation.

The units are unfurnished because "people feel more at home with their own possessions around them," Rev. Bogar believes.

Rents vary according to income and assets but are determined from a base of \$155 per month for two-bedroom, \$135 for one-bedroom and \$101 for efficiency units. The rent includes all utilities except telephone service.

The apartments are rented to those 62 or older. Because it was federally funded, there can be no discrimination on race or religious belief. However, the Rev. Bogar says applicants can be screened as to morals and character.

Rev. Bogar, who served parishes in Southgate, the Delray area of downriver Detroit and Canada, has had training in retirement living management at the University of Michigan.

HIS INTEREST was triggered, he said, when his own parents reached retirement age and faced some of the problems his tenants now confront. His parents now are deceased.

Many of his applicants are from blighted areas where they fear to leave the protection of their homes.

"It's pretty out here, away from the ugliness, and they feel comfortable and safe," Rev. Bogar said.

"The satisfaction is in doing for people, especially for those with problems. It wouldn't be as interesting if they all were wealthy."



**SENIOR HOUSING** — The Rev. Joseph Bogar, manager of the Baptist Manor apartments now under construction on 13 Mile, shows the kitchen appliances in the low-rental units for senior citizens. (Evert photo)

## Sex Instruction Starts In '72

Farmington Schools' new sex education program will be inaugurated in limited fashion with the start of the year's second semester.

Half of the district's seventh graders will be scheduled for the course, which will cover one unit of a multi-unit class in sociology, health or home economics, Joseph Nicita, director of secondary education, reported at Tuesday's board of education meeting.

worked out for December or early January, Nicita said, in which parents of all seventh graders slated for the course will be mailed letters informing them when films and materials to be used in the class may be viewed.

They also will hear an explanation of the course and may review study guidelines, he said. Parents wishing to remove their children from the sex education unit also will be advised of the alternate course of study to be offered.

A SCHEDULE is being

we are being watched and are not about to stray from the rigid guidelines laid down by the board of education," Nicita said. "As parents, you will know about the program before it starts."

NICITA AND Board President Richard Peters also expressed regret to the parents of a student at Dunck Junior High where, he said, the principal failed to satisfy a health teacher that the Family Life Education program was being substituted for previously taught

## Smith Explains A Bussing Plan

By MARTHA MAHAN  
Farmington School Supt. Roderick Smith has confirmed that current State Board of Education thinking in the Detroit school integration case includes a plan to abolish all local districts in Oakland-Wayne-Macomb counties and their combination either into one huge "super" district or into eight equal districts.

But he emphasized that these concepts, as well as others the state board is considering for submission to Federal Judge Stephen J. Roth, are not final proposals and are subject to modification and revision.

At the same time, however, he said there is no present indication that the state will consult with local districts for their views or suggestions in drawing up integration plans which Judge Roth has said must be presented to him by Feb. 3.

FOUR PLANS now being studied for submission to Judge Roth and an alternative to one of them were outlined to Oakland County's local superintendents Monday by Dr. William J. Emerson, Oakland intermediate district superintendent.

Emerson and superintendents of the other county intermediate districts heard the plans earlier at a meeting with State Supt. John W. Porter.

Emerson reported that the state's No. 1 proposal, Dr. Smith said, would be a Detroit board plan for desegregation within the city. His second would be Detroit board plans modified by unspecified state criteria for integration.

As described by Emerson, would call for bussing of students from Detroit to the suburbs only without bussing from suburbs to Detroit.

CREATION of a single tri-county school district would gather 800,000 children into the one massive district, Dr. Smith said, and probably would mean its division into several smaller regions.

"It is probably fair to suggest that since the Legislature gave instructions for Detroit to decentralize its 200,000-student district, it is hardly likely it would see one district of 800,000 students' under a single central board, the Farmington superintendent commented.

A modification of the tri-

### How To Get Gun Permits

Farmington Township residents may now register weapons or purchase permits at the township police station at 31555 W. 11 Mile Rd.

Registrations and permit applications will be issued from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

This service is being provided to save residents the time and inconvenience of traveling to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Pontiac.

county plan would abolish all present local districts and create eight new districts of pie-wedge shape, each with a separate board of education and each of approximately 100,000 students.

THE PLANS were presented to the superintendents "totally without detail," Dr. Smith said. "They were given merely as skeleton or foreplans as the state board supposedly has them under consideration at this time."

The proposals "have not been reduced to writing at least as far as distribution is concerned," Dr. Smith said.

Meanwhile, members of the Detroit metropolitan area League of Women Voters have begun a study of integration and bussing and have placed some materials on the subject of in the West Bloomfield Township library on Orchard Lake Road. The material is for use within the library only.

Representatives from the West Bloomfield-Farmington area league are Mrs. William Haase, who will serve on the housing subcommittee. Other subcommittees will study, alternate plans of integration, court decisions and effects of integration plans.

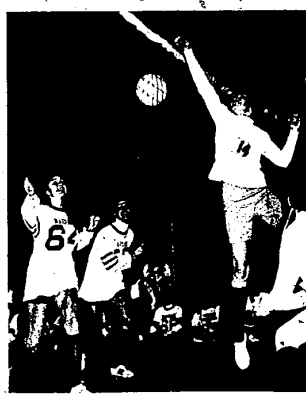
In addition, ONI offices will be closed on the two Fridays preceding each holiday — Dec. 24 and 31. The main office at 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, and the Southfield office at 20099 W. 12 Mile will thus be closed from Thursday at 5 p.m. until Monday at 9 a.m. for each holiday weekend.

A trend has been developing in the metropolitan area to suspend publication on such holidays, Power noted.

Deadlines for the editions of Dec. 22 and 29 will be the normal Wednesday edition deadlines: Monday at noon for women's and church news, Monday at the close of business for general news, and Tuesday at 11 a.m. for classified advertising.



**FOR THE GIRLS** — A popular sport for high school girls in Farmington is volleyball, as evidenced by the above spirited play in a match between Harrison and North Farmington. Mrs. Frances Emch coaches the girls at North Farmington and Miss Jill Turley coaches the Harrison players. Miss Turley comments that competitive sports are on the upswing with girls from all grades participating. (Fran Evert photos)



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