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### today's hot line

#### Your Question ?

Some of the most frequently asked questions about the proposed Farmington Community Center are answered this week.

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#### Toys For Tots

Each year the Farmington Elks canvass the area seeking toys for the Goodfellows. See the details about this year's drive on

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#### The Mail Story

The story of Observerland's growth can be gauged in large part by the story of the mail—how it has grown, how new post offices got started, how techniques have changed. A man who has seen it all happen is Ernie Henry. His story, and some pictures of a big event in post office history, are today's feature.

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#### Parochiaid's Faces

There is more than one way to accomplish aid to parochial schools in Michigan, says the state lawmaker who heads the investigating committee. An exclusive Observer Newspapers interview with Sen. Anthony Stamm tells what the methods are—and what the worries aren't.

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#### Here's Bowling!

There may be an age gap in politics, but there's one activity that's enjoyed by young and old. That's bowling—and Observerland is one of the state's hotbeds of bowling enthusiasts. We've started a bowling column for you, and you can help keep it going by phoning high scores, outstanding feats or oddities to our Sports Department at 453-5500. The first column is in your paper today.

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### upcoming

"THIS IS THE WEEK That . . ." Don Hoenschell's popular editorial page column, will be back Wednesday, now that he's up and around again. And the Hoenschell touch is better than ever.

ARE YOU BEING cheated at the gas pump? It hasn't occurred here yet, according to local police, but it could. We'll show you in story and pictures how to avoid being defrauded. Watch 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.

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



DECORATIONS — Farmington Girl Scouts and their leaders went to work Wednesday afternoon and trimmed the tree in front of City Hall for Christmas.

### Scouts Trim Tree

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

If you think Farmington's official Christmas tree in front of City Hall looks beautiful, it's because 48 Girl Scouts supervised its trimming.

Carrying one, two, maybe three handmade ornaments, the Scouts were out 485 strong Wednesday afternoon, determined that the tree be as pretty as possible.

And it is.

SUPERVISED by numerous leaders and co-leaders and organized by Mrs. Alastair MacLennan, the girls came to City Hall directly from school.

They came by the carload. Mrs. Glen Howard drove 14 of them to City Hall and back home again.

After being greeted by Acting Mayor Howard Thayer they put their ornaments on the tree.

Lori Glatfelter had a Santa Claus made out of a paper cup and plate; Terry Kiefer had pine cones on a string; Peggy Ruth Mays had an aluminum foil star; Tammy Witt had a Santa Claus pine cone; Dawn Graves had a paper bell with bows; Grace Collins had a foil angel.

Barbie Hammond even brought a string of popcorn so the City Hall birds can have a merry Christmas.

That's just a few of the decorations.

The afternoon was finished off with some rousing renditions of traditional Christmas songs and carols, led by Mrs. Sally Mattmuller.

The day turned cold and 485 little girls went home with cold hands, but happy smiles for a happy occasion.

Goodfellow Area Teens Raise \$428

Farmington high school students have raised \$428 for the annual Farmington Goodfellows campaign and they enjoyed the project.

The money was raised by a Teen Goodfellow Dance held the night before Thanksgiving in Farmington High School.

This is the third year the teens have staged the dance to benefit the Goodfellows.

Sponsor of the dance was the Farmington High Student Council in cooperation with the Goodfellows.

## City, Township Tax Bills Up 15-20 Per Cent

By DAVID SARTIN

City of Farmington and Farmington Township residents are now being billed for 1968 property taxes and most residents have been hit for increases ranging from 15 to 20 per cent.

Although city and township tax rates have not increased over last year, residents are paying for increased property valuations and a four-mill levy approved by district voters last June.

Although the December taxes are collected to finance different county and local agencies,

the only increase in tax affecting city and township residents is the four-mill levy approved in June's school election.

Most of the 15 to 20 per cent increase in the tax bills is attributed to increase property valuations, according to statements from city and township officials.

City Manager John Dinan told The Enterprise & Observer assessments on city property had indicated a gross increment of 17.35 per cent over last year.

The assessed valuation, which is by law 50 per cent of market value, of city property for the 1968 tax rolls is \$39,515,520, up from \$33,672,190 for 1967.

The assessed valuation of township property for the 1968 tax rolls is \$177,313,800, up from \$59,582,975 for 1967.

However, township residents

will be paying taxes based on an equalized valuation of \$164,901,884 or 53 per cent of the assessed value.

The equalized valuation is up 37.7 per cent over last year's \$119,761,780.

Township residents were granted the seven per cent tax break when Oakland County officials determined that township assessors had over-valued township property.

City of Farmington residents' taxes are based on the full \$39,515,520 valuation because the city's equalization factor is 1.0.

Both City Manager John Dinan and Township Assessor Robert Homer warned against assuming that the per cent of increase of equalized valuations would indicate an across-the-board increase in tax bills.

### Tax Money Pegged

Farmington area property owners have been assessed for approximately \$10,074,626 in real estate and personal property taxes.

City of Farmington taxpayers have been assessed \$1,759,626, based on 44.53 mills. This includes school and county taxes, but not for the city operation. A total of 10 mills will be levied in June for this purpose.

Farmington Township taxpayers have been assessed approximately \$8,315,000, based on 50.74 mills.

The 50.74 mills paid by township residents includes:

- 3.23 mills for operating township government, or \$32.30 if equalized valuation has been set at \$10,000. (In all instances below)

- 1.5 mills for the Farmington Library, or \$15.00

- 36.83 mills for Farmington Public Schools, or \$368.30

- 5.68 mills for county government, or \$56.80

- 1.51 mills for Oakland County Community College, or \$15.10

- 1.98 mills for Oakland County Intermediate School, which includes county-wide vocational education, special education and other projects, or \$19.80

The 44.53 mills paid by City of Farmington residents includes:

- 36.83 mills for Farmington Public Schools, or \$368.30

- 5.70 mills for county government, or \$57.

- 1.98 mills for Oakland County Intermediate Schools, or \$19.80.

## Goodfellows Sell Papers Dec. 13

Rain, sleet or snow, Farmington Goodfellows will be out selling their newspapers Friday, Dec. 13.

The annual paper sale assumes "No Farmington child without a Christmas." The Goodfellows get 80 per cent of their Christmas funds from the sale.

This year baskets will be delivered to 150 needy Farmington families. The baskets carry foodstuffs, toys, dresses, food and clothing certificates and such perishables as bread, which are added at the last minute so they will be fresh.

The Farmington Exchange Club was the founding father of the annual paper sale. As long ago as 1938, before there was a paper sale, Exchange Club members collected funds and toys for those in need.

Five charter Exchange Club members who are still doing their part for happy holidays for everybody are Earl Vivier, Harrison Johnson, John Clark, Curtis Hall and Art Lamb.

The club's newest member, Paul Bibeau, of the law firm of Brennan and Opeisby, has also been put into service.

The newspaper sale doesn't end the work for Christmas for the Goodfellows.

All the gift certificates and food have to be purchased, clothing has to be matched up to families, private donations, have to be totaled, the Elks Club has to bring its toys for tots around and everything has to be packed ready for delivery.

Deliveries will be made by the Exchange Club and Farmington High School Varsity Club on Dec. 21.

### Farmington Community Center BOX SCORE

Needed to Open the Doors: \$60,000.00  
Received to Date: \$13,102.63  
STILL TO GO: \$46,897.37

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.

## County Officials Plan TB Tests For Students

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Oakland County Health Department officials have scheduled a program of tuberculosis tests for the week of Dec. 16 for all students at Farmington High School. Parental permission is required for the test.

The tests were scheduled following the entry of a Farmington High student into the county's TB sanitarium.

A spokesman for the health department said that the tests would be conducted by the Southeast Michigan TB Detection Project.

Letters will be sent to all parents this week (Dec. 9) requesting permission.

County officials emphasized that this case is the first one reported from Farmington for the year 1968 in any age group.

In 1967 there were three TB cases reported from Farmington and in 1964 the number was 12.

County-wide the case load for those years was 61 and 120.

Officials credited the decrease to the preventive treatment program instituted at the end of 1965.

At that time the county public health service began a program of administering a preventive pill, isoniazid, to all students and school personnel who registered positive reactions to tuberculin tests.

A positive reaction to the test means that there is an

allergic reaction to the injection of the bacteria and indicates that a person has at one time or another encountered the germ and been infected.

Further diagnosis by chest x-ray and medical examination is required however, to determine whether the disease is in the active stage.

Tuberculin tests are conducted every two years in the schools. Farmington High students were tested last year and this Dec. 16 tests were specially scheduled.

A PUBLIC health bulletin lists some pertinent information about tuberculosis. It is communicable and can be contracted by anyone. Cause of the disease is the lodging of a tiny germ in the lung.

According to the report, the germ is readily killed by heat, drying, sunshine and ultraviolet light. The disease is not inherited and can be treated successfully.

Available evidence suggests that the germs which may have settled on linen furniture, books and floors do not cause a significant infection hazard.

Early symptoms of TB are seldom recognized by the individual. They may include excessive fatigue, fever, loss of appetite, loss of weight, coughing plus blood-spitting and night sweats.



FOR A GOOD CAUSE — Among the many guests at the gala benefit dinner dance for the proposed Farmington Community Center in Glen Oaks Country Club Thursday evening were (from the left) Fred Harrison, David Mills and Mrs. George Schemm, daughter of Luman Goodenough, whose family has offered their childhood home to Farmington for use as a community center. (See story and additional pictures on page 6B)

(Photo by Evert)