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## today's hot line

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### Re-Routing Sewer

Farmington Township has authorized a study on possible alternate routes for the 10 Mile Sewer Arm and, after a spirited discussion and split vote, decided how cost for the study would be paid.

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### Text Precedence

The new textbooks for social studies adopted recently by Farmington Schools have some precedence of use. The series is in use now in some 35 other school districts in Michigan.

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### Church Progress

One of this area's biggest churches is burning a mortgage and breaking ground for more building Sunday. You can read about it on our Church Page.

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### First in a Century

The first religious meeting of its kind in more than a hundred years took place in Farmington last weekend, and our photographs were on hand to record the event. The pictures are on our Church Page.

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### Wedding Belles

Lots of diamonds are sparkling in our communities and we're printing a full page of engagement announcements so you can meet their wearers.

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### Jackpot

If you're a movie-goer, you're sure to find a film to your liking in the Observer area this week. No fewer than 14 offerings are listed in our regular From The Balcony feature. It also tells you what to expect in the film and how they are rated.

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### BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY VACATION

If the vacation you've planned for months is about to happen, the people at your hometown newspaper hope that you have a great one. And when you are taking care of those last minute details, don't forget to let your Observer carrier know when you are leaving and when you plan to return. Or simply dial 261-3800 and we'll make sure that your Observer is temporarily stopped.



**CYPRESS WATER PIPE** — A section of cypress water pipe was found recently while excavating for the new paving on Shiawassee between Grand River and Farmington Rds. The wooden pipe was buried about five feet, was assembled with tongue and groove joints

and banded and tarred. Wooden water pipes have been found on streets in the Old Village area in the city. Showing sections of the pipe are David L. Jones (left), director of public services, and John Overfield, a city employe for the past 13 years. (Evert photo)

## Plan Massive Rouge Cleanup

The City of Farmington Beautification Committee and National Bank of Detroit are co-sponsoring a major cleanup of the Rouge River within Farmington city limits on Sept. 11 and 18, announces Mrs. Carol Kurth, beautification committee chairman.

The project on the two Saturdays is under the direction of Lou Hollow, loan officer of the NBD branch at Alta Loma and Farmington Rds., and Mrs. Joan Barbrick of the beautification committee.

**SURVEYS** of the river were completed in July, and plans are well under way for the cleanup.

The project will be a community-wide effort, and all organizations wanting to participate may contact Jim Pogue, manpower chairman.

Local merchants are also invited to participate in the cleanup, says Mrs. Kurth. Hand equipment such as rakes, shovels, industrial gloves and chain saws are needed and donors may contact Bernie Dickman, equipment chairman.

**RESIDENTS** living along the river are being urged to refrain from placing lawn clippings down the banks of the river.

Survey results indicate that clippings are definitely contributing to the generally poor conditions existing in the river and along the banks.

It is hoped once the project is completed, concludes Mrs. Kurth, the flow of water will be vastly improved and fish habitat will increase, and many of the bank erosion problems will be corrected.



**FASCINATED** — Kelly Cutter is fascinated by the painting of Raggedy Ann done by Mrs. Alice Nicols of Farmington. The painting was one of many exhibited in the art show on the city hall lawn Saturday as part of the Festival. (Evert photo)

## RIGHTS:

### Defined For Pupils, Parents

Parent and student rights BOTH resolutions regarding involved the Farmington rights were approved Board of Education Tuesday, unanimously by the six trustees present. Mrs. Betty

Discussion of the former Brennan was absent on centered on ways to im- placement parent rights to give or deny consent for their children to attend sex education classes.

**THE LATTER** involved a board decision to reserve its right to search student lockers and another to ban academic punishment for breaches of discipline.

A motion by Trustee Ronald Emmitt to require a consent slip from parents before children could attend sex classes was withdrawn to give the administration time to research the question.

Emmitt acted after a motion to refer the matter to the board's curriculum committee lost on a tie vote.

Earlier, Trustee Aldo Vagnozzi had suggested that parents be sent written invitations to attend previews of films and materials to be used in the sex classes and be provided with forms where they could indicate a desire to withdraw their children from the classes if they chose.

## Permit Not Given -- Hand

Farmington District Judge Michael Hand said he has issued no permits to board of education recall workers to establish booths in public places for the purpose of collecting signatures on recall petitions.

For one thing, said the judge, he has no authority to issue such permits.

**PERMISSION** can be granted only by the local police department or administrative division, such as clerk or city manager, Judge Hand explained. The court has no jurisdiction.

Some recall workers have been quoted as claiming they had such written permits from the judge.

Judge Hand said he had even gone so far as to telephone police departments and

local administrators of both the city and township to disclaim having issued permits after learning of the recall workers' claims.

"I TOLD THEM no way had I issued any permits," Hand said. "I don't have the power." He made the call, Hand said, "lest there be any misunderstanding."

"I've had calls from people on both sides of the fence," Hand went on, "but I've told them there's nothing before me to decide. "If there is any question of civil rights, that would go to Circuit Court. It can't be resolved in my court. They would have to take any application for an injunction or declaratory judgment to Circuit Court, unless it was a breach of the peace."



**DEDICATE MAPLE** — A bronze plaque has been located at the site of Farmington's historic maple on Gill Rd. and states the tree is believed to be the oldest tree in Farmington.

The sugar maple has been estimated to be 320 years old and once used as an Indian landmark. (Evert photo)



**1971 QUEEN** — Miss Ruth Bowles, crowned 1971 festival queen Thursday night, has her banner pinned on by Miss Marcia Albrecht (right), runnerup of the 1970 Festival Queen Pageant. (Evert photo)