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## today's hot line

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## what's inside

### No Bills Monday

An important annual event is about to spring, and Mrs. Phillip McHugh poses inside to let you know what it's all about. After discovering what the event is, check the same page for the reason why you won't be getting any bills in the mail Monday.

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### Dealer Needs You

Uncle Sam is always in need of able bodied young men, but a car dealer is interested in discovering able bodied younger men who can punt, pass or kick. Find registration information below today's listings in the Farmington Community Calendar.

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### Insights

George Maskin discusses the State Board of Education's attempt to take over high school athletics... W.W. Edgar's "In the Pocket" tells how smoke cancelled a bowling match... Outdoors writer Lem Messee heard about a lake where the trout are biting, but down deep.

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### Aftermath

The strike at Oakland Community College is over, but some students are angry at college trustees and want to recall two. But in reply, one trustee says his hands are tied.

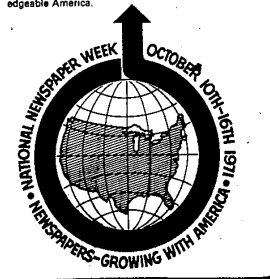
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## National Newspaper Week

October 10-16

Join with the Observer in saluting newspapers all across the country for their part in helping the growth of America. Newspapers provide a center of information, including news of current events and an exchange of ideas. They endeavor to promote public awareness and the understanding of today's complex problems. They are important in the making of a more knowledgeable America.



PRODUCED LOCALLY — The above 10-color press which can print anything from candy wrappers or band-aids to fertilizer bags or

wallpaper is manufactured in Farmington by a Southfield resident. (Evert photo)

### 'Made In Farmington'

## A Better Moustrap Can Save Small Firms

By EMORY DANIELS

The American dream is that a man with a product and the ingenuity to mass produce and sell can reap large profits in our free enterprise economy. Some say this is only a dream because the small businessman cannot compete with large corporations and only bigness reaps the harvest.

Herbert Nagel, Farmington industrialist and Southfield resident, knows better and has established that the small industry cannot only compete with the magnates but do so on an international scale.

NAGEL AND his mother,

### Harrison High, Eagle Having Open Houses

Open houses are scheduled shortly at both Harrison High School and Eagle Elementary School. Parents and students are invited.

The open house at Farmington's newest high school, Harrison, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27, beginning with orientation for parents of new students in the auditorium from 7:15-7:30 p.m. Classrooms will be open from 7:30-9 p.m. so parents can see facilities of the new school plus exhibits and demonstrations by teachers and departments.

Lewis Schulman, principal, members of the school's administrative staff and faculty members will be on hand to chat with interested parents and students. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Eagle Elementary School's annual open house takes place Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Children as well as parents are invited and parents will have a chance to see the work of their children on display, meet with other parents and talk to the school staff.

Refreshments will be served in each room.

Kathleen, own and operate Wolverine Flexographic Manufacturing Co. at 20774 Chesley Dr. in Farmington. The firm manufactures and sells, nationally and across the world, presses to print a wide range of products from wrapping paper, candy bar wrappers, fertilizer bags, bandages, turkey wrappings and wallpaper.

Last year, the firm sold 69 presses weighing a total of four tons and averages a total annual sales of about \$2 million. Just recently, it delivered a 10-color, multi-purpose press to the Chase Packing Co.'s California plant for \$175,000.

The firm's beginnings are traced back to Herbert Nagel's father, Richard, who came over to the United States from Germany with a small bagging machine.

About 30 years ago, the senior Nagel began designing and producing printing presses to fit the bagging machine. Soon, Wolverine Flexographic began producing presses and has refined its product until it has grown today to the HLRE (Hydraulic Line Racene) model recently sold to Chase Packing.

THE HLRE stands about 12 feet high and stretches some 65 feet long. The model designed for Chase can print 400-feet of polyethylene sheets a minute or about 150 fertilizer bags a minute.

A large roll of polyethylene sheets are fed into the press which can print three colors at the same time on the front and back sides or six colors on one side.

A special alcohol ink is used for fast drying and fusing of the ink to the polyethylene. The image to be printed on the fertilizer bags is on a raised-ink, rubber mat. The printed sheets, or web, come out onto a rewinder machine which (like a fisherman's spinning wheel) draws the sheets back into a roll.

The roll is then fed into a bagging machine which cuts and seals the sheets into in-

dividual bags to be filled later with fertilizer.

The press has an automatic flying splicer which allows a new roll of polyethylene to be fed into the press as the expiring roll empties without stopping the press.

THE SAME press that prints fertilizer bags, however, can also print gift-wrapping foil, produce bags, shopping bags, litter bags, garment bags, trunk liners for cars, colophong containers, candy bar wrappers, drinking cups, wallpaper and bank money-rolls.

Six years ago, the firm moved to Farmington from the W. Chicago and Southfield Rd. area in Detroit. It moved into the Farmington plant, north of Eight Mile and east of Farmington Rd., and designs, manufactures, sells and maintains its product with 10 employees and five sales representatives.

Nine various models are built, but both stem from the HLRE and the CLRE (Cub Line Racene). "We named our firm Wolverine Flexographic because it is a Michigan firm

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ON TO WASHINGTON — Tuesday, Oct. 12, is the deadline to make reservations for the 19th District Day in Washington, D.C. sponsored by U.S. Rep. Jack McDonald (R-Farmington). The one-day briefing will feature talks from top cabinet officials including discussions on the wage-price freeze. Reservations for the \$90 per person conference can be made with the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. Paul Sculphorn (left) shows an agenda to John Anhut, president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. (Evert photo)

## 60 Calmly Discuss 'The Issue'

By MARTHA MAHAN

The Farmington Board of Education prefers to keep on top of developments, work out strategy and "be prepared to move at the right time with the right kind of intervention" rather than to adopt immediately a stand on the bussing controversy.

President Richard Peters explained the board's position to a quiet audience of about 60 persons at Tuesday's board meeting.

ANY ACTION likely will be in concert with other Oakland County districts, he said, whose collective strength would be greater than that of Farmington alone.

Meanwhile, an anti-bussing meeting has been scheduled for Clarenceville High School Monday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. to hear Mrs. Irene McCabe, Pontiac NAG spokesman, and a NAACP representative. Announcement was made by Mrs. Gertrude Walsh, co-chairman of Concerned Parents of Clarenceville.

Plans are reportedly underway also for a later NAG meeting in Farmington. Meanwhile, a parent group in southeast Farmington Township has "contingency leaders of Save Our Children (SOC), a Warren organization.

IN OTHER developments, U.S. Rep. McDonald (R-Farmington) has joined an effort to outlaw through a constitutional amendment the bussing of school children to achieve racial balance.

McDonald was among signers of a discharge petition to force the proposed amendment out of the House Judiciary Committee where it has been bottled up.

Meanwhile, the 19th District-Wayne Democratic organization adopted a resolution opposing bussing and "ategaphed the party's state central committee that any member favoring bussing did so on his own and not as a representative of the district.

A pro-bussing resolution passed anyway. Despite the swirl following U.S. District Judge Stephen Roth's decision in the Detroit segregation case, Tuesday night's board meeting was of calm.

ONE FATHER asked the board to send home with children a fact letter on the situation.

Parents are "confused," he said. "They're ripe for a Mrs. McCabe, ripe for an Oct. 25 boycott. If they know the facts, they're not going to be run like sheep."

The board agreed to consider the suggestion, but Peters commented that he didn't know whether the board "could do any better in informing the public than the responsible reporting in the press."

Another father cautioned that too little is yet known about the judge's action. "Farmington is not even spoken of at present," he said. "We're not even an interested

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## Chatham Reappeals

A site plan will be resubmitted to the Farmington Township Planning Commission on Oct. 14 for the proposed Chatham shopping center development at 11 Mile and Middle Belt Rds.

"Consideration of this revised site plan will be given at the Oct. 14 meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. It is a preliminary hearing, but the public may attend to hear the plans presented.

AT THE SAME preliminary hearing, commissioners will be presented the park landscaping plan for Colony Park West subdivision by developer Alfred Macksey Jr., of the Wellesley Development Corp. The commission will hold its public hearing beginning 8 p.m. Oct. 28, and one item will be the resubmission of a site plan for a Burger King on Lot Four of Oakland Hills Orchards.

Also on the agenda is a state central committee that any member favoring bussing did so on his own and not as a representative of the district.

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Partitions are Leon Siegel and Leo Eagle of Kinder Investments. The commission meets in Farmington Township Hall at 31555 W. 11 Mile, just west of Orchard Lake Rd.

## Community Band Opens At Center

An open air concert will open the season this year for the Farmington Community Concert Band.

The band will open its 1971-72 season on Sunday, Oct. 17, by making its first appearance at the Farmington Community Center presenting a program entitled "Autumn Interlude."

The musicians will perform on the center grounds, a setting chosen because it will provide a natural amphitheater. The concert, which will include selections for all tastes, will begin at 4 p.m., and admission is free.

Under the direction of Paul Barber, this musical organization has grown to 75 pieces and in the past 12 months has appeared 12 times in public including the Oakland Community College commencement, Farmington Pounders Festival and the Michigan State Fair.

Last summer, as a pilot project, the band presented outdoor concerts at various elementary schools in the four sections of the Farmington area to introduce the band to neighborhood children.

Barber, band instructor at Harrison High School, was named "outstanding young man of the year" for 1971 by the Farmington Jaycees.

The band is sponsored by the Farmington Exchange Club in cooperation with Farmington Schools, city and township and Oakland Community College.