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today's hot line what's inside

School Rental

The Farmington Board of Education has adopted a new policy for the rental of school buildings. Editor Sue Shaughnessy was at the meeting and outlines the policy.

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Flu Impact

Is there a flu epidemic in Farmington? While school absenteeism is slightly higher, officials won't say.

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Watch That Pump!

It hasn't been reported in Observerland yet, but there is a chance you could be cheated at the gasoline pump. With policy officials as guides, we took pictures of the right—and wrong—ways that pumps should look. It could save you money.

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Here's Bowling

What are your fellow bowlers up to? Our new bowling column scans the local scene for highlights of the people's favorite sport. (What are you up to, bowling-wise? If you have a good story, call our Sports Department at 483-3500.)

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TV, Briefly

No TV guide for that second set in the youngster's room? There is now—with the one-page TV guide in today's edition. You can scan a day's listings at a glance. No need to fumble through dozens of mini-magazine pages to find the program you want.

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'Urban Sound'

They make what's called an urban sound, but the young men in this popular band are suburbanites. The story of the Charley Musselwhite Blues Band is on today's Amusement Page—along with the news that three community theater groups are auditioning for new plays.

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upcoming

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE won't be caught unprepared if there's ever trouble on the campus. The board has given the administration full power to do whatever's necessary to keep classes in operation. The "why" of the story will be told in Wednesday'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.

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

500 Tax Bills Not Delivered

By DAVID SARTIN

At least 500 Farmington Township residents will not receive 1968 property tax bills and will face possible delinquent fines because the Farmington Township treasurer's office does not know the lot owners' addresses.

"If anyone has not received their tax bill, they should call the treasurer's office," said Mrs. Elise Avery, township treasurer.

Farmington Township Deputy

Center Drive Tops \$17,000

Less than \$3,000 short of the Dec. 20 goal.

That's the status of the Farmington Community Center Fund drive with the announcement Thursday that the committee has raised \$17,127.63.

The Goodenough family has pledged that if the committee raised \$20,000 by the Dec. 20 date they would contribute an additional \$5,000.

The family has previously offered the old family home on Farmington Road to house the community center if the funds can be raised.

With five days to go it looks as though the committee will meet the \$20,000 goal by Dec. 20.

WHAT's ultimately needed is a total of \$60,000 by the end of the year in order to open the doors of the Goodenough Home as Farmington's new Community Center.

This week the fund raising committee released the names of the business and industrial organizations in Farmington who have contributed.

Fred Harrison, a member

of the Board of Directors, said that this list was a partial one. An examination of the list shows that both large and small firms have participated in the drive.

LISTED AS contributors are: Archer Realty; Arrowsmith Tool & Die; Blakemey's Ranch House; Emil Coolidge Mortgage; Carter McCormick Pierce; Duncan Industries; Ekstrom Industries; Futurmill, Inc.; The Farmington Enterprise & Observer; The Farmington Sun Forum; First Federal Savings of Detroit; and Frank's Nursery Sales.

Others include: Green's Hamburgers; Gringle Realty; the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America; Harrison Enterprises; L & D Electric; Lear Siegler, Inc.; Star Cutter Company; Machus Red Fox and Northland-Oakland Medical Laboratories.

Additional firms are: Robertson Hardware Co.; Steel Tool & Die; Sanderson Real Estate; Sealester; Suburban Answering Service; Thayer Funeral Home; Thompson Brown Co.; and White House Valet.

Farmington Community Center BOX SCORE

Needed to Open the Doors: \$60,000.00
Received to Date: \$17,127.63
STILL TO GO: \$42,872.37

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.

Treasurer Mrs. Doris Carmack told The Enterprise & Observer that between 500 and 1,000 tax bills are now at the treasurer's office and as many more are expected to be returned from the post office.

"It's the property owners' responsibility to notify the township if they do not receive a tax bill," Mrs. Carmack said.

THE DEPUTY treasurer explained that undelivered bills will probably become delinquent because no one knows where to send the statements.

Mrs. Carmack said that unknown addresses are not a new problem, but that there are more this year than last.

"All the new homes and property owners and subdivisions have increased the number of unknown addresses," she said. Owners of one-third of the undelivered and returned bills will be located through land development and mortgage companies, she said.

Bills have been sent to more than 20,000 township property owners for \$8,596,591 in 1968 taxes.

Levies are based on a state-authorized equalized valuation of \$164,801,834, which is a gross increase of 37 per cent over 1967.

TOWNSHIP assessor Robert Romer said:

"Increased property valuations are not across-the-board but reflect a general adjustment of the current market value of the property and an index of the economy."

Delinquent taxes start at a flat four per cent and increase one-half of one per cent per month.

GOODFELLOWS PHONE NUMBER 474-3440

Farmington Goodfellows need your help in locating needy families in the area. Call the above number from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday if you know of someone who needs Goodfellow help.



WHEN THE GROUND BREAKS — For Farmington schools' Harry Stultz, this moment is the culmination of months of paper work and planning for the third new Harrison High School on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake Road and Middle Belt. Stultz is director of building and grounds for the Farmington School District. Planned opening date for the new school is September, 1970. (Photo by Evert)

School Building Program Under Direction Of Stultz

From building a \$40 million air base to building a high school is not really such a long step as Farmington schools' Harry Stultz has taken it.

Director of building and grounds for the Farmington School District, Stultz has just supervised ground-breaking for Harrison High School, his third school building since he came to work for the district in Jan., 1947. He was also in charge of construction for Forest Elementary and Power Junior High.

He is presently also directing operations for the additions to North Farmington and Farmington High Schools and last week supervised beginning construction on the new resource center at William Grace.

He is also in charge of the placement of the district's 10 portable classroom units.

STULTZ came to Farmington from Bedford Mass., where he was an Air Force colonel doing much the same type of work he does now.

He served five years in the Air Force during World War

II and left the service for five years, during which he became a certified member of the American Institute of Architecture in Virginia, North Carolina and Florida. He recently added Michigan to the list.

For 15 years prior to re-entering civilian life, Stultz supervised construction of Air Force facilities around the world. After three years in Japan, he spent three in Nancy, France, with the Joint Construction Agency.

It was during his tour of duty in France that he was involved in the \$40 million project. "School construction is not much different," says Stultz, "except that now I wear a civilian suit."

STULTZ lives with his wife and four daughters in Farmington. He hopes that ground will soon be broken for his new home in Independence Commons, but he's letting someone else take care of those building problems.

He has enough to supervise for the schools.

Already a committee is scouting ideas for the fifth junior high school, and a name contest is under way for the 19th elementary school to be located in Woodcreek Farms.

Treasurer Sets Tax Pay Hours

Farmington Township Treasurer Elise Avery has announced a special Saturday opening of her office for the payment of tax bills.

The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21. Regular hours of the office are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mrs. Avery urged any property owner who has not received a statement to contact her office at GR 4-5115.

The treasurer's office will be closed Dec. 25 and 26, but will be open Friday, Dec. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

School Is Tough Work For Tots

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Hitching her size one penny loafers on the edge of her chair, smothering her stylish mini-skirt and all three-and-a-half feet of her concentrated on making her point, Miss Karen Parmelee summed up a school bus:

"It's a real bumpy thing," Bruce Allaben concurred. "Once we turned a corner and there was a real big guttery sticking out of the road and we ran over it. School bumpy's bumpy, yeth, they are bumpy."

Karen is 6.

At the age of 7, Bruce has superior knowledge but no front teeth.

The tots were two of six pupils at Farmington's Alameda School who wriggled their way through an interview with

school matters in general like blackboards, books, studies and the policy of an apple for the teacher.

THEY WERE from Mrs. Kathleen Stone's first-grade room and Mrs. Jeanne Marshall's and Beverly Sherrill's second-grade rooms.

Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parmelee, 32350 Glenview, Farmington, and Bruce, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Allaben, 33500 Biddestone Lane, also had thoughts on school lunches.

"I get stuck on their seaweed," asserted Karen. (Seaweed, we were told, is spinach).

"I can't eat the corn very good," said Bruce, sticking his tongue out the space where his front teeth are missing.

Ricky Rodriguez, natty in a white ski sweater, giggled. "I'm

a Bugs Bunny -- like the cooked carrots."

(Ricky thought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paas, 31925 Alameda, might be surprised to learn this).

It was the consensus of the experts that the hardest part of going to school is NOT reading, writing and "rhythmic" -- it's taking your boots and leggings off.

With a troubled brow, Lynn Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, 34518 Quaker Valley, opined, "Boots are just terrible -- when your mother isn't there, you have to pull 'n pull 'n pull."

KIM VESEY and Martin Rucker chimed in together. "That's not the hardest thing -- it's hardest not to lose your mittens. Giggles from Ricky -- 'My mit-

tens have hooks, so I don't lose 'em."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rucker, 31681 Dohany, Martin decided it was time to lighten things up with a song: "Chickadee, chickadee, crany crow," he warbled. "I went to the well to wash my milk. When I came back, my chickens were gone. What time is it, o'clock -- 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12."

Ricky giggled.

Kim, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vesey, 31521 Stamen Circle, mortified, "That's a silly song. You didn't learn that in school."

TO AVOID all-out mayhem, the subject was changed.

What about taking apies to the teacher?

"Everybody gives their apple to the teacher at lunchtime," proffered Bruce.

"And their oranges and their bananas and all the stuff they don't want to eat," agreed Lynn. "She gets lots."

"Once I gave the teacher a candy bar," said Ricky with a magnanimous giggle.

"Parents will be surprised to learn this."

"It's a goodie to give to me," said Martin.

Again to avoid mayhem, the subject was changed.

WHEN IS the best time of year to go to school?

Lynn said, "In the winter-time 'cause the buses can't come down our street and we get to slide down the hill."

Bruce disagreed. "Going to school anytime is hard. The best thing about school is when you have to write just two sentences. I don't like that. When it's a lot of sentences

it's all right -- not when it's just teeny weeny bits of sentences."

Ricky giggled.

And he said, "I know what a blackboard is. It's something that you learn from and is fun to write on. If you're good the teacher lets you rub the writing out."

He giggled.

Finally the squirmy assemblage left the subjects of schools completely because Lynn and Bruce introduced a more important topic for conversation -- comic books and pets as they relate to one another.

Karen said sadly, "I got none 'cause I'm Margie. But I like comic books."

Bruce said happily, "My sister has two Jewbals -- that's like a mouse you pick up by the tail."

Ricky giggled.



KIM VESEY



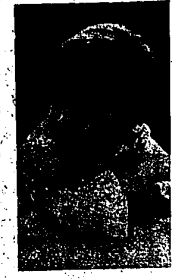
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