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## today's hot line

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### 2 For You

Two Farmington boys who won in the zone punt, pass and kick competition and an art auction to raise funds for the Farmington Library are but two of the news stories inside.

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### The Drummers

A number of persons are beating the drums against bussing for integration. But Daniels Den hears a different beat and reveals the rhythm. On the same page, four letters from our readers discuss a feast, a mudhole, a clean up and many faces.

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### Today Is Yours

A Saturday reading of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer is not complete without locating and enjoying such regular features for our readers as Wood Creek Farms, Local News, At the Center, and the Farmington Community Calendar.

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### At Schoolcraft

A combination that's fast becoming a favorite at Schoolcraft College is that of James Tocco, pianist, and Mario DiFiori, cellist. So it's good news they're planning another concert, even better that it's free.

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### Not Extinct

Sometimes you wonder if good movies, like desserts made of real whipped cream, are becoming extinct. Eureka! We've found one.

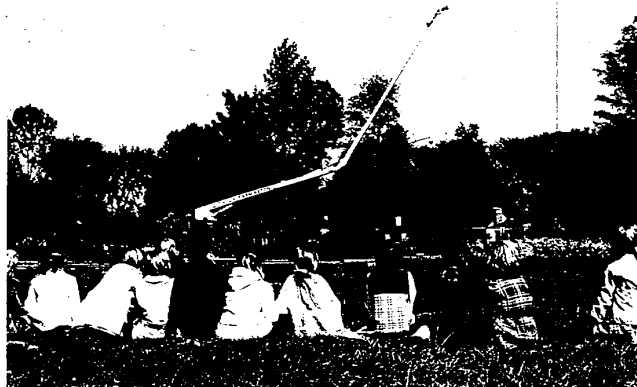
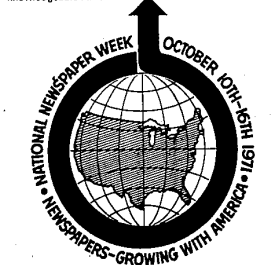
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## National Newspaper Week

October 10-16

Join with the Observer in saluting newspapers all across the nation for their active part in helping a growing America. In documenting the growing pains of a nation and in writing about its triumphs and its troubles, newspapers have helped Americans to understand and to prosper with their country. We salute them for their service in making a more knowledgeable America.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK was the occasion for this fire-fighting demonstration by the Farmington Department of Public Safety on the lawn at Longacre Elementary School, 34850

Arundel. Youngsters sat cross-legged and wide-eyed on the grounds at the school as the city's newest snorkel ladder fire truck shot spays of water into nearby trees. (Evert photo)

## Zoning Board To Hear College Plans Tuesday

A special meeting has been called for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, by the Farmington Township Zoning Board of Appeals to act on site plans for a small church college to be located near Nine Mile and Halstead.

Approval of building plans is being requested by Dr. Kenneth Armstrong, Farmington resident and president of the John Wesley College.

Armstrong heads the John Wesley Foundation, which wants to build a campus on a 70-acre site on Nine Mile bounded by I-96, a half-mile east of Halstead and half-mile west of Drake Rd.

LAST MONTH, the planning commission on a 4-1/2 split vote recommended to the ZBA approval of the building plans.

Last week, the ZBA con-

sidered the proposal for 90 minutes before adjourning and rescheduling discussion on the project for a special meeting.

At the last ZBA meeting, Dr. Armstrong made his presentation and was followed by Robert Wickham, a resident of Heather Hills

THE PROPERTY in question is zoned residential, but under township ordinances an educational facility can be located there without rezoning providing site plans are approved by the zoning board.

Armstrong plans to build dormitories for housing of single students and provide on-campus classes in moral

values, church music, Biblical history and philosophy, Christian education, theology, youth work and the art of delivering sermons.

Students enrolled and living on the campus would take one or two classes a week at the college and then commute to a nearby state university or community college to take academic courses toward a degree.

Armstrong, former pastor of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, says about 200 students will be living on campus when the facilities are available.

The college has already hired eight full-time faculty members, has enrolled students for its fall term and is holding classes at nearby Presbyterian churches.

THIS PAST year, the foundation purchased Owosso College. The small church college, in operation since 1909, was in financial difficulty and nearing bankruptcy when purchased by the foundation.

Discussion was held among planning commissioners as to the foundation's financial backing and its personnel, but such talk was labeled "irrelevant" by Commissioner William Jarratt.

Jarratt said consideration should be whether the college fit in with the township's master plan and not whether the college could make a go of it.

Originally, the foundation planned to build on some 53 acres but has since added 17 acres. The campus will be located at the far end of heavily wooded tract and the building architecture will be old English. Dormitories are planned at the front of the site near Nine Mile.

The present entrance will be moved to the west, away from adjacent Heather Hills subdivision, and re-routed over a scenic lake already on the property. A greenbelt buffer of trees and shrubs is planned to separate the campus from Heather Hills.

Commissioner David Stader commented he felt the development was "primarily a living function," and Armstrong adds that this "living-learning" situation is an integral part of the college's approach.

The township's planning consultant has said the traffic from commuting students could be a hazard for a nearby elementary school and he feels it would have an effect on future development of a nearby 80-acre site zoned residential. The consultant recommended denial.

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## Probation Plan Being Considered

By MARTHA MAHAN

A widely used sentencing method which allows a first offender to earn dismissal of a charge against him is being adopted by Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand to replace the controversial prisoner work program.

The accused must petition for the program. The judge will not order it on his own. And the terms are tough.

BESIDES JOINING a work detail each Saturday for a number of weeks, the offender pays the cost of his supervision, insurance and administration of the program.

He must abide by terms of conduct laid down by the judge. And violation of those terms or commission of another offense means forfeiture of all the payments, all the work and likely a jail term.

The sentencing program, known as adult term of adjustment, got its start in Royal Oak and is presently used in Livonia, Southfield and many other localities in and beyond Michigan.

The opportunity is not given to everyone. One must have no prior criminal record, and must pay for any property damage or personal injuries, and show evidence of remorse and sincerity.

IF A DEFENDANT asks for and is granted placement in the work program, he can either plead guilty or stand mute to the charge.

The judge then takes the matter under advisement for a period running as long as a year or more. If, at the end of that time, the offender has met all his responsibilities, the charge is dismissed, so that there is no criminal record to haunt him.

Lack of criminal record can be a matter of major concern for a youthful first offender. A criminal record, even of a misdemeanor offense, can be a hindrance to employment, entering the armed forces, in a profession, in procuring a bond needed for work and in many other ways.

Work assigned under the program includes such tasks as raking leaves, washing municipal building windows, clearing areas of debris, and so on.

Unlike the former program,

offenders will not be used to perform chores around police headquarters.

JUDGE HAND dismissed concerns voiced by some township board members that his earlier program had left the township open to liability and accusations of imposing involuntary servitude.

He said he had received an opinion from the township attorney before starting the program three years ago that the township's regular liability insurance covered workman offenders.

"The work program, in the six years it has operated in the city, has cost just \$6," Judge Hand said. "One fellow cut his finger and we took him to a doctor who bandaged it up and charged \$6."

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## Pedestrian Injured

A 14-year-old Farmington Township girl was injured seriously Wednesday night when struck by a car on 13 Mile Rd.

Debbie McNichol, 14, of 29621 Fernhill, Farmington Township, was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment of a possible skull fracture.

The second girl involved in the car-pedestrian accident, Barbara Norwalk, 14, of 29524 Colony Circle, Farmington Township, complained of a leg injury but was able to walk and was not hospitalized.

The accident took place at about 7:20 p.m. Oct. 13 on 13 Mile about 300 feet west of Orchard Lake Rd. Police say the two girls were hit by a car driven by Robert L. Cave, 47 of 28734 Oak Point Dr., Farmington.

A witness reports both girls walked in front of Cave's vehicle, giving him no chance to stop in time. The case is still under investigation by police, but no violation has been issued.

## Ordinances Enforced

The new supervisor of Farmington Township's building and zoning department is starting something new -- enforcement of the township's building ordinances.

From now on, Charles Newing says, tickets requiring court appearances will be served on violators of ordinances requiring certificates of occupancy or adherence to the building code.

Newing said he "got to reading the ordinances" after he assumed his new job Aug. 1. "and wondered why they hadn't been enforced." So he decided to start.

He issued what he called a "pre-warning" of his intentions, to put builders, homeowners and others affected on notice.

Tickets can be issued to either builder, occupant or both, Newing said, depending on circumstances. "If a builder tells a homeowner, for instance, that he's through now and the homeowner moves in, that could be a builder violation," he explained.

"On the other hand, if the owner moved in without the builder's knowledge, that's the owner's violation."

It will be impossible to go back through the past and pick out all the violators, Newing said, but from now on both owner and builder can expect sharper enforcement.



STUDYING WILDFLOWERS brings a science course on plants nearer to Ann Miller of 23734 Warner. Mrs. Carolyn McQuiggan (center) explains the different parts of a flower found in a field near Ten Mile Elementary School. (Evert photo)