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### today's hot line

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#### Our Fathers' Faith

The growth of any community is dependent in great degree upon the faith of its leaders. If faith alone counts, things look good for the Farmington area as optimistic previews of 1972 are given by City Mayor Wilbur Brotherton, Township Supervisor Earl Teepees and Chamber President John Anhalt.

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#### Center Lineup

The Farmington Community Center's offerings of classes and workshops continues to grow with more additions for the winter program. Registration will be taken Jan. 6, 7, 10, so check inside for a complete listing of what's available for you.

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#### Traditions Going?

The City of Farmington may become the first municipality in the state to eliminate entirely the practice of water meter readers having to check readings inside homes. A report is given inside on a plan to eliminate this necessity within four years.

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#### Sisters

You probably know of her two sisters, and now you'll want to meet a capable member of the Oakland Community College faculty. She's this week's Woman on the Go.

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#### Jazz At C'ville

Old-time jazz with a modern beat will be heard in Clarenceville's Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium this month. The box office is open now.

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## What Residents Can Expect In Farmington During 1972

By EMORY DANIELS

Futurology is not yet an exact science despite refinements given the art by H. G. Wells.

Anticipating what can be expected in Farmington during 1972 involves a less scientific method than used by Wells. Projections last year, for instance, were 63 per cent correct.

Projections for 1972 are based on current developments, trends and needs, and a guessimate of unpredictable human reactions.

THE STIRRINGS have already started to place another millage proposal on the ballot to relieve the financial plight of Farmington Schools.

The millage election probably will be held in March or April to avoid confusion caused by the political campaign of candidates running for trustee in June.

School officials are probably hopeful the millage will pass as the margin of defeat was smaller in August than in June. But the millage proposal will still have rough going because conditions have changed little since August.

The state continues to ignore the pressing need for financial reform and the economy remains in an unhealthy state. Schools need the money badly, and residents must prepare now for a lot of soul-searching before going to the polls.

### analysis

THE STATE Boundary Commission can be expected to call for a Farmington Township cityhood election in the spring.

Incorporation should pass by a wide margin, say 2-1.

Cityhood will not be the issue of the campaign but rather a debate between charter commission candidates on the form the new government should take. The form will not be decided until at least 1973 but the leader at this point is a city manager-weak mayor, seven-man council elected at large.

A PARK in the southeastern portion of Farmington Township might become a reality. A building and the land have been donated and use of state funds might see a recreation building established.

The Farmington Area YMCA will be constructing a recreational building which should be in use by the end of the year.

The Farmington Area Advisory Council has experienced success with its first drop-in center on Grand River and could be looking to the north to establish a second center.

The idea of a civic arena is not dead yet and plans could be announced in 1972 for a large indoor rink, possibly on the Orchard Ridge campus or elsewhere. The project could be a joint venture between city, township and schools or a private, commercial project—possibly headed by former professional hockey player.

THE CITY might enjoy the beginning stages of a face-lifting for the business section east of Farmington Rd. on the north side of Grand River.

The addition of parking space could prompt commercial development along that strip. If this development seems promising, the city might well begin considering a more refined development of the old village area with walkways through the historic district leading to and from municipal parking lots in commercial districts.

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DANIEL BYRNES has been promoted from sergeant to lieutenant, a new command position created in the City of Farmington Public Safety Department. He will be acting director during the period Director Robert Deadman serves as acting city manager. (Event photo)

### Byrnes Picked Acting Director

Sergeant Daniel Byrnes, 31, an eight-year police department veteran, will become the City of Farmington's acting director of public safety when Chief Robert Deadman takes over as acting city manager next month.

PRELIMINARY to assuming his new role, Byrnes was promoted Wednesday to the rank of lieutenant and placed in charge of the operations division, which handles patrolmen and traffic safety.

Byrnes was picked from among six public safety department members under consideration for the job, Deadman said.

Byrnes, all of whose police experience has been in Farmington, joined the force in 1963 and was a shift commander when promoted to lieutenant. He began as a patrolman and later was in charge of traffic safety.

BYRNES IS a director of the City of Farmington retirement board and a member of the Farmington Public Safety Officers Association.

He currently is enrolled in Oakland Community College's police administration program and has attended "numerous special classes in some phase of police and fire work," Deadman said. He is a graduate of Detroit Cooley High School.

Byrnes and his wife, Sandra, have three children: Daniel Jr., 11; Steven, 8; and Lance, 2. The two older boys attend 10 Mile Elementary School.

## Tilley Organizing Against Clusters

Robert Tilley, 43, of 23835 Drake, is organizing a one-man campaign to oppose rezoning allowing a cluster housing development to locate on 22 acres adjacent to his residence in the City of Farmington.

He will appear with petitions and verbal arguments at the Jan. 10 hearing of the city planning commission. Standard Construction Co. is asking to rezone property across from Tilley from residential to cluster housing.

"I am going to get this turned down for my kids' sake," promises Tilley. "I

promised them a home in the country and they'll have one."

TILLEY, a quiet, mannered person, is aroused because he feels that cluster housing "is a cheap way to get in multiples."

He hopes to prove to commissioners that the property owned by Bruce Polozoker of Standard Construction can and should be developed into single-family homes.

In addition to his arguments on the wisdom of rezoning, Tilley will also be presenting petitions signed by some 500 homeowners from subdivisions throughout the city, such as Bel-Aire, Woodcroft, Chatham Hills, Drake

Heights, Warner Farms and Alta Loma.

THE PETITIONS were circulated by Tilley, his wife and children.

"We don't have a committee or any formal structure. Just my wife and I who feel this land should remain residential and will fight to keep it that way."

The commission and city council owe an obligation to private citizens to protect their interests, argues Tilley, and should not be interested in developing property solely for tax base improvements.

"I was born here and have lived in the community for 43 years. The community is changing and losing its small-town image with all the apartments being added. We want to fight to save what is left of that small town image."

## Council Tables Drake Paving

Plans to asphalt Drake Rd. received a setback Monday night when residents to be affected staunchly opposed the improvement and vehemently said so to the Farmington City Council.

Of those present, only one resident of Drake Heights subdivision spoke in favor of the asphalt paving. Leading the opposition were Robert Tilley and Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan of Drake Rd. and Albert Holm, president of the Drake Heights homeowners association, who spoke as an individual.

bonding capacity. Dinan said, if Drake were a major road, the improvement would be financed through gas and weight tax rebates from the state without special assessment on residents.

Dinan told residents that traffic counts will not justify Drake being a major road for at least five years and it would be too great a risk to wait for reclassification. The asphalt improvement would have a 20-year life, he added, and give immediate relief to the road which is impassable in the spring.

THE HEARING on necessity was closed and decision tabled so councilmen could seek out the opinions of residents not present at the hearing, particularly those in Drake Heights.

Councilman John Allen, who made the tabling motion, also felt final action should not be taken until the full council was present. Councilmen John Richardson and Ralph Yoder were absent Monday night.

City Manager John Dinan said plans call for seven-inch deep-strength asphalt on a 22-foot wide roadway with a total cost of about \$40,000.

The city would assume 25 per cent of the project cost, explained Dinan, with homeowners along Drake being assessed about \$7 per front foot.

A YEAR ago, the council planned to pave Drake but was unable to get the state to classify the street as a major road.

Paving bids were taken but the project cost came in about \$150,000 over the city's

POLOZOKER wants the cluster zoning for 22 acres he owns on the west side of Drake north of Freedom Dr.

He hopes to build 90 housing units including 65 two-bedroom and 25 three-bedroom units or a total of 205 bedrooms. Prices would range from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The city council Nov. 1 adopted the cluster housing ordinance which provides for attached, single-family homes arranged in clusters.

### YFU Youth Need Homes

Several Farmington homes are needed for South American students arriving to stay several months in this area under the Youth For Understanding program.

The students will attend local schools while living with families here. Families who might be able to share their home with a South American student are asked to contact Mrs. Wesley Orr, of 28508 Farmington Road.



January means many things to many people. It means winter sports, winter sales and the beginning of a brand, spanking new year. Read about the sports, the sales and what your friends and neighbors are planning for 1972 in today's Observer.



CENTER BENEFIT -- Hope Nahstoll (left) and Diana Brown are among the stars in the Farmington Players' production of "The Chalk Garden," a comedy drama. The opening night on Jan. 14 will be a benefit for the Farmington Community Center with tickets being sold for \$5 per person. (Event photo)

## Comedy To Aid Center

An opening night performance by the Farmington Players with a champagne afterglow is planned Jan. 14 as a benefit for the Farmington Community Center.

Tickets at \$5 per person are available at the Center on Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds. Tickets include the performance in the Players Barn and the afterglow to be held in the Center.

The performance of "The Chalk Garden," a comedy drama, promises to be extremely humorous. Stars of the production are Hope Nahstoll, Diane Brown and "Zackie" Lee.

Mrs. Nahstoll has been on the board of directors of the Farmington Community Center since its beginning. She and husband George are the two remaining charter members of the Farmington Players, now in its 19th year.