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## today's hot line

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The City of Farmington hopes to have better lighted streets and more parking spaces for shoppers. Those hopes are leading to a land swap with downtown merchants to get more parking plus a fountain and an arrangement being worked out with Detroit Edison.

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The Zig Band Era may not have arrived yet, but bands are providing big entertainment for Farmington residents. The Farmington Community Concert Band is preparing for its first pops concert, "Tops in Pops," and Alma College is sending its Scottish Band to Farmington. Both concerts are free.

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A group of women in Plymouth are learning their grandmothers' art of quilting — but they're doing it with a 1972 flair. The story is on our Women's Page.

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## FOCUS: Suburbia

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ARTS CALENDAR — The Farmington Community Arts Council calendar is off the press and early copies were presented to Mrs. Shirley Hatfield, (right) president of the Farmington Soroptimists, by Theodore Striewski, Farmington artist and Arts Council president. In the background are Sue McCallum (left) and Marlowe Belanger. (Evert photo)

## Calendar Lists All Art Events

Nearly a year after its conception, the Farmington Community Arts Council is off the presses and being distributed in the Farmington area.

The calendar lists activities for January through March of the more than 100 active organizations in the Farmington area.

IN MARCH, the Farmington Arts Council will be mailing stickers with similar information for the next several months.

The calendar can be hung on the wall from the top or side, kept in a loose-leaf notebook, or placed standing up on a counter.

Working committees were assigned in production, distribution and layout. A work schedule was distributed and the volunteer staff began its work.

ONE OF the events this month is "Exposures to the Arts." It begins March 21 in Farmington Senior High

The idea was then sold to community-minded sponsors who advertised in the calendar as a service to the community.

The calendar became a reality with the help of Alexander Hamilton, Inc., Metropolitan Bank of Farmington, O'Green Ford, McCabe Funeral Home, Roger Peck Chevrolet and Top of the Tee Golf range.

The volunteer staff was comprised of: Roland Sharette, advisor to the Michigan Arts Council; Mrs. Belanger, Farmington Arts Council activities chairman; Sue McCallum, general chairman; Shirley Hatfield, Pat Hamlin and Zelma Loyd.

The calendars, which have large numbered spaces for easy write-in notes, are now being mailed to organizational members and business and industries in Farmington. A supply is also being kept in the Farmington Community Center.

ONE OF the events this month is "Exposures to the Arts." It begins March 21 in Farmington Senior High

under the sponsorship of the Farmington Arts Council and Farmington School District adult education department.

This is a comprehensive eight-week summary of what the arts are about.

The Arts Council also sponsors the series "Frontiers in the Arts" jointly with the Community Center. This series has brought to Farmington such personalities as the Dorothy Ashby Trio, Dan Gerber and an Igbo Art exhibit.

Sharette, deputy director of the Michigan Council for the Arts, was instrumental in organizing the council in Farmington. Recently, the Council sent Mrs. Belanger to a meeting in Pontiac to discuss establishing an Oakland County Arts Council.

A steering committee elected includes: Mrs. Belanger, Farmington; Marcy Gross, Iona Wiseman and C. Allen Harlan, Southfield; John Peterson of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy Council; Mary Veasey and Bob Putnam of Pontiac.

## Villagers Voting For Last Time?

Residents of Wood Creek Farms in Farmington Township will be going to the polls Monday, March 13, to elect village officers — possibly for the last time.

Candidates will be elected for two-year terms, and by 1974 the village could be eliminated as a form of government through the process of incorporating Farmington Township into a home rule city.

The village election on March 13 will be followed by the cityhood vote on May 16, if township residents vote "yes" on incorporation. May 16, chances are a charter will be passed and cityhood effective before the next village election on March 11, 1974.

THE FACT that this might be the last millage election, however, seems to be overshadowed by the controversy over the village council's decision to rezone from residential to commercial the property on Northwestern Highway known as Outlot D.

One slate of candidates has reportedly pledged themselves to overturning that rezoning decision if elected. The incumbents voting for the rezoning seem to be standing by that position while other challengers are attempting to remain neutral on this issue.

Thus, the rezoning issue is centered on the council race which will see the two top vote-getters serving for two-year terms.

Incumbents seeking reelection are William Ortmann and Alvin Albertsen. Ortmann is defending the council's 3-2 vote to rezone while Albertsen is running on a slate with David Goldman, who was village attorney until resigning after the council vote in January to rezone Outlot D.

Village President William Smolek says that if Albertsen and Goldman are elected, the rezoning would, probably be reversed by a 3-1 vote. The

president votes only in case of a tie.

The other council candidates are Norman Kreider and John Anhut. Kreider had served 10 years on the village council, including six years as president. Anhut is owner of Botsford Inn in Farmington Township and president of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

OTHER OFFICES to be decided on the ballot are clerk, treasurer and assessor. The incumbents are running unopposed for these positions. Running for clerk is Mrs. Alice Toth, and Frank Kiger is running for treasurer. George Troutt is running for village assessor.

The election has sparked quite a bit of interest with about 450 villagers registered to vote, highest in the village's history.

Villagers will be voting in Woodcreek Elementary School of Farmington Schools at 28400 Harwich Dr.

## Citizens Join To Boost Tax

CBS stands for a national television network but locally is short for a committee organized to urge Farmington residents to vote "yes" on the April 24 millage question of Farmington Schools.

"Citizens for Better Schools" is the group. It will be directed by Richard Crudele.

Crudele is familiar to many as the co-chairman along with Robert Chesley of the successful citizens campaign last fall to raise \$50,000 to fund all extra-curricular activities.

PERSONS interested in working with the committee may attend a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, March 13, in the Board of Education offices on Shiawassee just west of Power Rd.

Discussing the two millage defeats in 1971, Crudele says: "We are convinced that a large, 'grass roots' citizen involvement is the route to go this time."

"We cannot afford to allow our children to suffer as a result of an inferior educational program. Therefore, we — meaning the citizens of our community — must be the moving force to get the message across to our neighbors and friends."

Crudele says members of the committee has carefully studied the present budget of the school district and projections of enrollment, revenue and expenditures for 1972-73.

"As a group of interested and concerned citizens, we must be a part of the solution, not just the problem."

THE COMMITTEE is working closely with the Farmington Council of PTAs which presently is conducting an intensive registration drive.

The PTA Council is working closely with the Round Table, the group consisting of student representatives from each high school and administrators and teachers. The Round Table student members are urging 18-year-olds at the high schools to register to vote and to support the millage.

The district is asking 3.5 new operating mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) for one year. For a home valued at \$30,000 and assessed at \$15,000, the extra tax would be \$22.50 a year or less than \$1.50 per month.

To vote in the April 24 millage election, residents must register by Friday, March 24. Persons should register, according to their place of residence, either at the Farmington City Hall at 23600 Liberty or at Farmington Township Hall at 31555 W. 11 Mile.

City residents may register any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with City Clerk Elizabeth Brines.

Special hours for Farmington Township residents to register are: March 13 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and March 18 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration hours at West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4460 Orchard Lake Rd., are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays; 9 to 5 on March 18; and 7 to 8 p.m. on March 21.

CITIZENS FOR Better Schools is also selling decorative candles to raise the funds to run the millage information campaign.

Co-chairman of the candle sale are Ralph N. Chapman and Paul Barber.

"Both citizens and board members have asked for a halt in the continuing erosion of the present education program," comments Chapman.

This refers to expanding

class sizes, dwindling supplies of instructional materials, drastic cuts in building, equipment maintenance and reduced elementary education offerings, Chapman adds.

"We may be watching a fine school district die a slow death. Rumor, half-truths and distortions can help it die. It's easy to tear things down, to be critical these days."

"WE THOUGHT it would be better to be for something like better education of our children," continues Chapman. "to find out the details, the facts behind the rumors, and get that information to

you in a millage information campaign."

"So buy a candle, but two if you will, and help light the way to a better educational opportunity for our children. Let's shine a little light on a better future for our children. If we don't do it, it won't get done."

The candles are being sold initially through the elementary schools and will be displayed in local banks and at the Board of Education offices on Shiawassee.

Purchases may also be made by contacting Chapman at 25253 Arden Park Drive, Farmington.



EXPERIENCE TEACHES — Linda Young, a junior at Harrison High, styles the hair of Rhona Lossing, (seated) a junior from North Farmington High. The girls are part of a cosmetology class which attends Virginia Farrell Beauty School three hours a day. Kathy Bailey, (right) a senior at Farmington Senior High, demonstrates wig styling before a general clerical class. (Evert photo)

## Town & Gown Fuse To Learn

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

Farmington Schools may not only graduate good secretaries this year, but they may be better looking, too.

Recently two special classes joined together for a hair styling demonstration when cosmetology students styled hair and applied makeup to novice secretaries.

THE SECRETARIES were all members of the general clerical class which participates in work orientation experiences. Students expand their classroom experience by observing and working in business offices.

In addition to learning good secretarial skills, the apprentice secretaries study grooming, hairstyling, makeup, getting along with people, preparing job applications and handling job interviews.

While cosmetology students worked with the secretaries, teacher Doris Anglin answered questions and gave advice to the students.

Cosmetology students spend about three hours each day in the Virginia Farrell Beauty School in preparation for the cosmetology licensing examination. The students, mostly juniors, have completed about 300 hours of the 1,500-hour program.

"We are very impressed with the high quality of in-

struction our students are receiving at Virginia Farrell," said Earl Baumunk, director of vocational education.

"This is the first time Farmington Public Schools have contracted with a private agency for the purpose of preparing high school students with job entry skills prior to graduation."

BAUMUNK ADDED that the National Cosmetology Accrediting Association ranks Virginia Farrell graduates among the top five per cent in the nation.

At the end of their senior year, cosmetology students will be prepared to take the state licensing exam, and girls in the clerical class will be assisted in seeking a job at the end of the school year by Sue Martyka, class teacher and coordinator.

Both classes, new to Farmington Schools this year, are part of a federally funded program which stresses vocational education in the high school.

A course being offered in machine shop is operating under a similar program, and next year additional job skill programs are scheduled for auto mechanics, nursing, retailing and welding.

Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington high schools all contribute students to participate in these programs.