

### today's hot line

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A reader noticed the lack of uniforms for the Farmington High Band in the Memorial Day Parade and has some comments in a letter to the editor.

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What is it like patrolling the township with a policeman? A reporter talked to a few recently to give a picture of day-to-day routine of the township police.

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Some of the changes in wordings in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer get close scrutiny from our religion columnist today. Read Religion Update in our Church Section.

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#### Music Schools

Two Oberverland colleges, Schoolcraft and Duns Scotus, will have an added dimension this summer as they host summer music schools. The accent is on classical music, but students find the schools are fun too.

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#### Fifes And Drums

Three performances in three days kept the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps busy over Memorial Day weekend. Members of the group are hoping their summer will be almost that crowded... but not quite.

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## Thornton Withdraws From Board Contest

Hartley Thornton has withdrawn from the school board race.

He made the announcement Thursday, saying job commitments made it impossible to devote full time to the school job if elected.

Thornton was one of six candidates for the two seats currently held by Kenneth Perrin and Aldo Vagnozzi, to be decided June 11.

The rest of the field included Perrin, Rev. Hugh Stewart, Gary Lichtman and Emma Makinen.

"I recently found out I will be starting a new program this summer and will have no time for school work," Thornton said.

He is a naturalist working with the State Dept. of Natural Resources.

"I wouldn't be there half the time," he added.

Making the announcement will not remove his name from the ballot, according to Byron Oliver, administrative aide in charge of the election.

In withdrawing from the race, Thornton indicated he will be supporting other candidates in the race, but declined to say who.

"I will be making that announcement soon," he added.



HARTLEY THORNTON



**IS IT A BUG?** —That's the question puzzling three-year-old Carolyn Pfluke at the PTA sponsored Clothesline Art Show held at Highmeadow School. Carolyn visited the exhibit with her parents, the David Pflukes. The show demonstrated approximately 50 different ways that children at Highmeadow had expressed themselves in art during the year. (Photo by Fran Evert)

## 3 Candidates Debut Before The Democrats

By DAN MCCOSH

The debut of the Farmington school board candidates before the Farmington Democratic Club Wednesday lacked the expected adversariness, and resulted in similar positions for the three candidates who attended.

Rev. Hugh Stewart, Mrs. Emma Makinen and Gary Lichtman agreed the board should be more aloof from the day-to-day administration of the district.

Board President Kenneth Perrin and Carl Licht, generally recognized as the more conservative of the candidates, did not attend the meeting.

The meeting was chaired

by Aldo Vagnozzi, a board trustee who did not run for reelection.

"The board has been dabbling in day-to-day administration," Stewart said.

The other two echoed his position that the board should dictate policy, not interfere with the administration.

Mrs. Makinen went even further when the question of youth involvement came up.

"The district is the board's responsibility; the students can only give advice," she said.

This contrasted with Lichtman: "Eight, nine, 10 and 12-year-olds are highly cognizant of what is going on in the schools."

The inevitable busing question had all three candidates saying (a) they were opposed, personally and philosophically; and (b) they would enforce the law in the event of a decision ordering busing; none would resign or refuse the order.

Then Mrs. Makinen, after relating she moved to her present home to be within walking distance of the schools, said: "We have to have a plan in case the order comes through, just like a tornado drill."

"This is one of the reasons I ran. I feel it is the board's responsibility to begin looking at this — the safety of the children must be guaranteed."

No radical changes in curriculum were proposed, although all three favored further study of the extended school year.

Lichtman proposed a mandatory review of the textbooks every five years.

Lichtman was also the object of one of the few pointed questions at the meeting, when he was asked "what does he have to offer now," referring to his resignation from the board in 1971.

"Five more years experience," he said. He emphasized the time spent on the intermediate school board, where he is currently president, and added he had attended every school board meeting since his resignation.

## Funding For Water Project Approved

The Farmington Township Board has reversed its position on financing the first portion of the Northwest Pressure District, assuring construction beginning this summer on the new water line.

The board approved transferring funds from other water-sewer accounts totaling \$101,300 to help finance the \$532,000 project.

Planned is a T-shaped line from Eight Mile north to Nine Mile, with branches along Nine Mile one half

mile east and about a mile west.

It is the first section of a \$3.5 million project which will eventually bring water to the whole northwest portion of the township.

The project was nearly killed when one of four developers who have sizeable land holdings in the area backed out of contributing to the construction cost.

The developers' money was to finance the portion of the water main serving their property and also act as

"front money" for the remainder of the project, making payments on bonds until tap fees began coming in quarterly to make the payment schedule, according to Township Clerk Floyd Cairns.

The board's action, in effect, picked up the developers' share. Cairns said the board will consider an ordinance at the next meeting which would make all the tap fees for the project due when the first tap is made.



**REWARDED** — Edward Pasco, manager of the Farmington AAA office, presents a check for \$200 to Donald J. Crippen for recovering his own car after a theft. (Evert photo)

## Stolen Car Bounces Back

Donald Crippen, Farmington, had his car stolen in front of his house and shortly afterward received a settlement from his insurance company.

That was the end of it, until five months later a co-worker at a print shop on East Grand Blvd. in Detroit pointed across the street and said: "Isn't that your car?"

An argument ensued when a man showed up to drive the car away, but Crippen's detailed description to a policeman who arrived during the argument was enough to convince the officer he had himself a car thief.

The Farmington branch of AAA rewarded Crippen with \$200, which goes to the person who recovers stolen property.

Ed Pasco, manager of the AAA office, said this is the

first time he has given the reward to the same person who made the claim.

## Queen of Ball Title Sought By Miss Dow

A blue-green eyed freshman from Farmington, Elizabeth E. Dow, is competing for the title of queen of the 1973 Military Ball at Michigan Technological University.

The 18-year-old liberal arts major is sponsored by the Air Force ROTC pistol team. Seven other coeds also are contending for the title.

The Farmington entrant is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence F. Dow, 33405 Huntleigh Drive.



**NORTH FARMINGTON'S** multiple reading team captured fourth place in the state finals meet this year. Team members are (from left), Chris Arvidson, Bryan Blair, Cindy Lels-

telko, Tom Good, Cheryl McCormick, Craig Miller and Joy Flehman. (Photo by Craig Newman)

### FOCUS: Suburbia



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