

# The Changing Face Of Farmington



THERE ONCE was a 96-year-old house on this vacant lot. The landmark was razed recently. Dr. M. E. Whitehead, the last owner, said that the house had been owned mostly

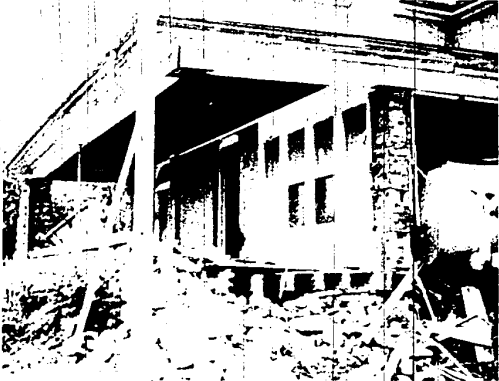
by doctors. The picture shows a bulldozer standing where the front room used to be.



REMODELING WAS DONE on the recently razed house sometime in the early 1900's. The front porch was changed to cover the front of the house and the brick veneer finish was replaced by stucco. In the last two years the house became run-down. The barn had been condemned for three years. The 96-year-old landmark was razed to make use of the land sometime in the future.

## Whitehead House

In 1871 a man built a house on the corner of Warner Street and Grand River. Another man has torn down, demolished, and completely obliterated the first man's creation. Through the years this landmark of Farmington's has been owned by a succession of doctors. A doctor named Hocum set up practice there in 1898. Dr. J. W. Norton bought it in 1931 and remained in the home until 1943. Its last owner was Dr. M. E. Whitehead. He lived there from 1943 until 1965. Originally the house sported a gingerbread look with a brick veneer finish. Around 1948 it was remodeled with a new porch and stucco finish. Like many of Farmington's old homes this house has succumbed to modern progress.



LAST MONDAY the house was torn apart. The picture shows the front porch being demolished. Monday night there was only a pile of bricks left on the site. With modern equipment even an old well-built house like this one can be destroyed in a few hours.



ANOTHER OF FARMINGTON'S landmarks has been torn down. The house located on the corner of Warner and Grand River is pictured here as it looked in 1891. Many doctors lived and operated their offices in the house. The family standing on the porch is unidentified. The last owner, Dr. M. E. Whitehead, sold the house in 1965.

## Learning and Fun Centers Save Wear

Tape recordings, slide and motion pictures, educational TV, FM radio—all the newer learning techniques of high schools and universities will soon be moving into the home, according to many educators. Dr. Sidney Kraus, Educational Consultant to Insulation Board Institute, notes that few homes are ready for these new tools created by the educational revolution. "In the very near future, in fact it is already happening in many communities, the student will be taking home tapes, films and other learning tools for use in the home," Kraus said.

## No Eaves? Place Trellis At Roof

Many of the houses built in the late '40s and early '50s were designed with flat roofs and no projecting roof eaves. In some cases, the house looks like it's rising its lid and overall proportions don't seem quite right. An inexpensive remedy is to build a trellis at the roof line where it substitutes for eaves. An open pattern like aggregate works well and is easy to create with fir or cedar lumber. Supporting posts can be attractive, too. If handled as a sort of border for a path around the house or for a deep foundation planting.

## Team Wins Little League All-Star Game

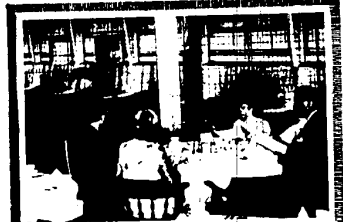
South Farmington's Little League team closed their season last Saturday with the All Star Minor and Major League games at the city park. The events were originally planned as part of the Founders Festival, but were not rescheduled since several of the team members and managers had already planned vacations for the end of the season. In the first game, the National League All Stars left the American Leaguers behind, with a score of 20 to 5. The Major League All Star game was a closer contest, with the talent divided between Team 1, managed by Paul Fortson, and Team 2, managed by Bill Rence. The score was tied early in the game, and the tie was not broken until the last half of the eighth inning, when a hit and three walked batters forced in the final run for Team 1. C. E. Smith, public relations officer for Farmington's Little League, said that generally this was a "better year" for the city's leaguers. He pointed out that there would continue to be a need to develop more good pitchers, particularly for tournament play.

## "SUMMER TIPS"

If more women are staying well-coiffed all summer long this year, it's probably because they've discovered hairpieces. Women have learned to use the variety of hairpieces to supplement and shorten their summer hair-styling problems. The wiglet or fell is a quick answer to a patron's request for a spur-of-the-minute coiffure change, or for repairing the damage of a day at the beach. But the most important role of hair goods is in extending the stylist's artistry, allowing women the prospect of new versatility in their coiffure. Its power to fulfill the universal desire to look different gives the hairpiece instant glamour as a beauty aid in the eyes of women of all ages.

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## Activities Set For Football

The tentative schedule of activity for the Junior Football program has been announced. The rally will be Aug. 9 at North Farmington High School beginning at 7:30 p.m. Registration for the program will be Aug. 12 and 19 at both Farmington Junior High and Rood School. Hours of registration are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Aug. 19 the Dad's Club will meet at the Blue Lantern beginning at 8:30 p.m. The first game of the season will be Sept. 9 at Farmington High School when the North Farmington team meets the South Farmington eleven.

## Signs Contract

Mrs. Georgia Gelger, of 24322 Washington Court, Farmington, has signed a contract to teach in the Livonia Public School system this fall. Mrs. Gelger holds a B.S. degree from St. Clair State University and will teach Home Economics in one of the systems junior high schools.

## Joins Association

Harrison Enterprises, specialty advertising distributor of Farmington, has been accepted for membership in the Specialty Advertising Association. Fred E. Harrison is owner of Harrison Enterprises.

CHICAGO FIRE The great Chicago fire, which occurred Oct. 8-10, 1871, destroyed 17,430 buildings and did an estimated \$175 million in damage, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

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