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## Memorable Pictures

Farmington residents observed Memorial Day with a large parade and memorial ceremony. Photographer Ralph Evert captured the mood of the day with his lenses, and his pictorial report is provided inside.

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## Indians Visit

Six businessmen from India were in Farmington Memorial Day weekend as guests of the Rotary Club of Farmington. They were officially welcomed Tuesday by Mayor Wilbur Brotherton and gave their observations about this country.

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## New For City

The charter commission elected by Farmington Township residents May 16 was officially sworn in Thursday night. The commission will draft a charter for the proposed new City of Farmington Hills, and one new thing in that city will be a new theater with four mini-auditoriums in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park.

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## Handsome Campus

The Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College is getting a more attractive landscaping look. Meanwhile, a campus peace group is offering a summer seminar.

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## Falcons Flying High

Farmington High is putting it all together on the baseball diamond. The Falcons move into district semifinal action Saturday at Southfield at 10 a.m. against Garden City East and make their bid for the Les Anders championship at Ford Field in Livonia next Tuesday.

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# Board Weighs Alternatives To Avoid Academic Cutback

By EMORY DANIELS

There may be fewer additional academic cuts for Farmington Public Schools if anticipated revenues come through.

District administrators are attempting to project state aid increases to Farmington

schools to balance the academic budget without any further cuts from last year's offerings.

The "guesstimate" is that the district will get about \$250,000 more in total revenue in the fiscal year beginning July 1. It will require only \$200,000 in reductions in non-academic areas.

GIVEN A NUMBER of alternatives, the Farmington Board of Education has informally agreed to adjust the

1972 - 73 tentative budget to add \$250,000 to the revenue column -- thereby avoiding the necessity of laying off 23 secondary teachers and eliminating one full class

## background

period at both junior and senior high levels.

The board also seems ready to confirm the closing of Bond Elementary School and partial closing of Cloverdale Elementary School.

These closings are not primarily budgetary moves, explains Supt. Dr. Roderick J. Smith, but are consolidation moves aimed at providing efficiency and somewhat better educational opportunities for the affected pupils.

School trustees have been holding a number of meetings to decide the final budget and whether to proceed with closings of Bond and Cloverdale. Most of the informal decisions are expected to be confirmed at the June 6 board meeting.

DR. SMITH explains there are now three state aid proposals being considered -- one offered by the State Board of Education, one by Gov. Milliken and the third now on the floor of the Senate for debate.

The proposal which would provide the LEAST extra funds to Farmington Schools, the Senate proposal, would give the district an additional \$50,000.

The Senate proposal, however, would require the state to come up with an extra \$71 million and are being conservative when estimating what the state is actually capable of delivering.

WILLIAM PRISK, business manager, figures the state will only be able to deliver a third of what it is promising today in the bill with the lowest state aid formula.

And so Prisk has divided the \$750,000 Farmington School

District could get from the Senate proposal, as written today, by two-thirds and conservatively estimates the district will receive \$250,000 more when state aid formulas become final.

The one-third of the lowest present formula happens to match the \$250,000 which must be cut from secondary academic programs, if the board counts on revenues based on present state aid.

Over the past four years, state aid payments have either increased only slightly from one year to the next or remained almost level. When the preliminary budget was prepared for the Oakland County Allocation Board last March, Prisk estimated state aid payments for 1972-73 as about the same as 1971-72. He had a history to

anticipate moves coming from Lansing.

HOWEVER, on May 16, Michigan voters approved by an overwhelming margin State Proposition A to authorize the Legislature to conduct a state-wide lottery. The idea behind the lottery was to raise additional funds for education. Proponents had suggested the lottery would raise \$60 million in the first year. The governor's special advisor on the lottery, however, now estimates the lottery will raise only about \$24 million in the first year.

At this point, it is unknown whether all lottery income will be spent for education or if some will be channeled to other state programs.

On Monday, the State Senate voted 25-7 to approve a lottery bill and sent it to the House for action. At press time, exact details of the Senate bill were unknown, and it remains to be seen what

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## Kidney Donors Are Sought

The Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary has begun a community-wide project to obtain pledges for the Uniform Donor Program of the Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Mrs. Norbert Keller and Mrs. Arthur Dittmar, project co-chairmen, will help direct the program with the cooperation of the Michigan Kidney Foundation, a United Fund agency.

THE AUXILIARY is kicking off the project with a campaign to obtain donor pledges from among its members and from the Farmington Area Jaycees.

The auxiliary committee, which also includes Mrs. David Hammond, Mrs. Michael Love and Mrs. John Finerty, will be contacting hundreds of Farmington businesses, organizations and those in health-related fields to explain the program.

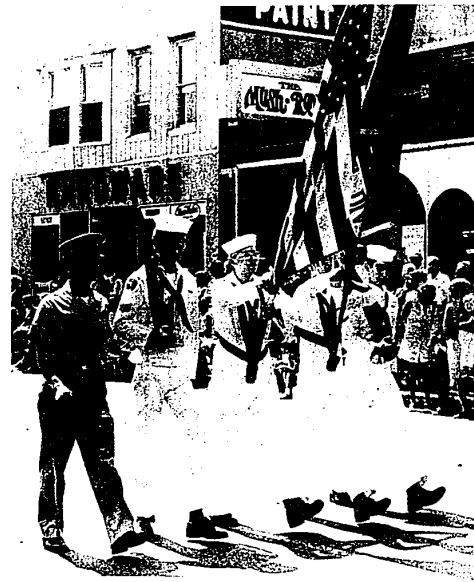
Posters displaying informational brochures in-

cluding the Uniform Donor Program will then be placed throughout the community to be available to Farmington area residents.

UNDER THE Uniform Anatomical Act now enacted in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, persons desiring to leave their kidneys or other organs of the body to save lives of others after their own deaths, may sign a new Uniform Donor card.

Dr. William J. Oliver, Michigan Kidney Foundation president, says the new pledge card complies with all legal requirements when carried on the person and is acceptable documentary proof of the prospective donor's intentions.

"Instead of many cards for a variety of purposes such as eyes, tissues, lungs, hearts and kidneys," says Dr. Oliver, "now there is one card which can be a gift of life for some man, woman or child."



HONOR GUARD — Leading off Monday's Memorial Day parade in Farmington was this honor guard supplied by the 9th Naval District headquarters at Great Lakes, Ill. (Evert photo)

## Memorial Day Past; Festival Parade's Next



FESTIVAL QUEEN — Miss Ruth Bowles, 1971 Farmington Founders Festival queen, was another of the beauty queens riding in Monday's Memorial Day parade in Farmington. Her presence was a reminder that the 1972 festival will be held July 27 - 29. (Evert photo)



NEW FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN — Robert Smith, chairman of the 1971 Farmington Founders Festival, passes the gavel of leadership to John Ogurek, general chairman for this year's festival. Meeting at the Botsford Inn to discuss plans for the 1972 Founders Festival are (from left) Robert Beauchamp, first vice-chairman; Ogurek; Smith; and John Anhut, president of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce which annually sponsors the festival. (Evert photo)