

### today's hot line

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#### 2 Hopefuls

The August primary election is nearer than you may realize. Tuesday, June 20, is the filing deadline for candidates seeking local, county and state offices. Already, two men have announced their candidacies for county commissioner.

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#### Many Like Tennis

Tennis is growing in popularity in the Farmington area, as evidenced by the turnout for the Jaycees Junior Tennis program and the demand for tennis classes that has prompted the Farmington Community Center to add sessions.

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#### A Unique Tutor

A high school student has been volunteering her time this past term in an unusual effort to motivate elementary pupils to become more creative. A report on these efforts is given inside along with Daniel's Den comments about Supervisor Earl Teeples, Judge Stephen Roth and the recent school board vote.

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#### Bus Routes

What kinds of routes would Observer-land school buses travel if Federal Judge Roth's integration order stands? We've mapped out the "clusters" accepted by the judge.

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#### School's Out

And it's time for Vacation Bible Schools to begin in area churches. A lot are opening Monday, and you can locate the one in your neighborhood by checking our Church Section.

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# Farmington Schools Study How To Fight Busing Order

By EMORY DANIELS

Farmington Schools District's superintendent and attorney met Friday morning with heads of surrounding school districts to discuss appropriate actions to be taken to Federal Judge Stephen Roth's order on Wednesday.

Supt. Roderick J. Smith said Thursday the district would take legal action whenever it became necessary.

The district's attorney, Robert J. Kelly, is researching Roth's lengthy order to determine what advice will be given the school board on legal appeals to be made.

JUDGE ROTH ruled Wednesday that Detroit schools would be integrated with suburbs in the metropolitan area with cross-district busing accomplishing a mix of about 25 per cent black in each school attendance area involved.

The plan Roth adopted was the NAACP "cluster" plan, which combines 53 suburban school districts in the tri-county area with Detroit schools attendance areas.

The plan "pairs" suburban districts with Detroit schools attendance area to create new cluster attendance areas. The court order fails to provide for redistricting, but this may be the

result when, and if, the plan is implemented by State Supt. of Schools John Porter.

Roth has ordered Dr. Porter to implement the plan and, at the same time, appointed a nine-member commission to advise him within 45 days on the feasibility of implementation and whether any alterations in the suggested clusters are needed.

FARMINGTON and Clarenceville public schools are paired with the Redford High and Cadillac Junior High attendance areas in Detroit under the plan approved by Roth.

Dr. Smith is assuming the school board's position remains the same as before Wednesday—that the district will take whatever legal action that seems necessary at an appropriate time.

Smith, like many others, is wondering what effect Roth's ruling will have as a matter of law in view of the U.S. Congress 18-month moratorium on busing to achieve racial balance which is expected to be signed soon by President Nixon.

The superintendent had not yet read the complete court order Thursday and was unsure "whom it ordered to do what." Once the order is analyzed, he adds, the district will be better able to decide what appeals should be made and what legal proceedings would best be followed.

"We don't intend to let someone else fight our battle," stressed Smith, "but we also wish to avoid a duplication of efforts among school districts in the lawsuit."

KELLY'S position is, "Since when can a court find you guilty when you are not part of the trial?" Smith said.

"How can we be ordered to do something without first having the chance to be heard? These are the basic concepts of justice upon which our legal appeals will be based," said Smith.

Smith was critical of the fact that Roth appointed only one suburban representative on his nine-member commission with the remaining members coming from Detroit.

He also stressed it was his personal opinion that it was very improbable that any cross-district busing would be implemented in the fall of 1972.

As support for that argument, he points to the congressional moratorium and the 4th Circuit

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### Charter Commission Operating

The Farmington Township Charter Commission has completed most of its organization business and is holding meetings now to discuss actual charter provisions.

The commission will meet every Tuesday beginning at 9 p.m. in the police conference room at the Farmington Township Hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. All commission meetings are open to the public.

Commissioners have elected Robert McConnell president, Robert Clarke as vice president, and Floyd Cairns as secretary.

Clarke and Cairns have been appointed members of an administrative subcommittee, Clarke appointed chairman of the finance subcommittee, and Fred Fairfield chairman of the public relations subcommittee.

The commission has held three meetings to date to complete organizational details and adopt rules of procedure. The June 13 meeting was the first chance for commissioners to begin discussing the substance of what the charter should contain.



KITTY BOOM -- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Esty of Parklane, Farmington, are faced with the problem of a Siamese kitten population boom. Mary gave birth to seven kittens recently, and the kittens are beginning to get a bit too frisky, using Mrs. Esty's macramé wall hanging for a rope ladder. The father, Krishna, is reported to be a purebred Unitarian and Mary a converted Catholic. (Fran Evert photo)

### Action Delayed On Warrants In Plane Crash

By EMORY DANIELS

Any decision on whether to issue criminal warrants against the pilot and instructor of the plane which crashed June 6 into Farmer Jack supermarket in the City of Farmington will be delayed pending further investigation by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA).

Lt. Daniel Byrnes, acting public safety director for the City of Farmington, expects the FAA will determine within two weeks whether the crash resulted from engine failure.

The FAA is investigating now to determine whether to eliminate the possibility of mechanical failure, Byrnes explains.

"The FAA investigators are the experts on this and will handle most testimony on what actually occurred before it is known for certain whether we have criminal charges here."

Byrnes said his department will delay making any final decisions on requesting warrants until the FAA completes its initial investigation.

A quick repair was made on the roof of the supermarket which was open for business Thursday morning. Damage was estimated between least two months, he con-

tinued, but information on what caused the crash will be passed on to Farmington police before the hearing.

Byrnes adds that the pilot had a license to fly for several years but lacked a multi-engine license, and that is why the instructor was flying with him June 6.

The instructor, Mike Markovich, 30, of Southfield, is listed in "fair condition" with severe back injuries in Providence Hospital Southfield. Bernard Sloan, 24, of Plymouth, a passenger in the plane, also suffered a back injury.

The pilot, David Dalpin, 37, of Livonia, and another passenger, Donald Vassell, 43, of Livonia, are listed in serious condition in St. Mary Hospital Livonia.

ONE OF the persons riding in the plane claims Byrnes is all wrong in his assumptions and criticizes him for so quickly attributing cause of crash to pilot error.

The passenger, however, will delay making any final comments except to add that it was impossible for a plane to go into a tailspin and then crash nose-first.

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# Ted Cunio Resigns Job Here As Special Education Director

A director of special education in the Farmington School District for the past three years will soon take a position in the Bloomfield Hills School District as the director of elementary education.

Dr. Theodore Cunio, who recently received his doctorate from Wayne State University in curriculum development, joined the special education department after spending nine years in general education.

DURING the first eight years of his career, Cunio worked as a secondary and elementary teacher.

From there he moved into counseling and guidance. As a school psychologist during his ninth year, Cunio made the move into special education.

The drummers beating out the message to cut school administrators in Farmington might change their tune if they examined more closely the system's productivity. So says Asst. Supt. Marinus Van Ameyde in an impromptu speech reported on page 5A.

"We made quite an effort to provide a working relationship between regular school programs and special education programs for those with learning problems," said Dr. Cunio emphasizing the teamwork involved during the last three years.

"That's the bias I have coming from general education into special education," he continued.

IN ACCEPTING his resignation, the school board also offered Cunio its congratulations on his doctorate as well as his new appointment.

Now Cunio is returning to the field of general education effective July 1 and interviews are under way to find his replacement.

Deadline for applying for the position was last week, and Marinus Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent for instruction, said: "We have more applicants than we can see."

Interviews have also been under way since early May for an additional principal on both the junior high and elementary levels.

ALTHOUGH the unnamed fifth junior high will require a principal when it is completed, Van Ameyde emphasized that the new principal who will be hired may not be assigned to the new school.

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