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Floating Pool

An odd twist of nature befell some Farmington residents, making their backyard pool a temporary landmark. To find out what's going on down the street, turn to

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Community Calendar

What's the last day to register? Is your club holding a special meeting next week? The community calendar is the 'bulletin board' for special events in the Farmington area.

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Pricing Pattern

Realtors do quite a job collecting sale price information on houses in the metropolitan area, and their chart indicates a pattern . . . Meanwhile, a regional agency has adopted a transportation plan that has interesting mass transit implications for Observerland.

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New Emphasis

The promotion of one executive to job printing coordinator and the creation of new jobs for several others indicates the new emphasis Observer Newspapers is giving on service to the public. Here's the low-down.

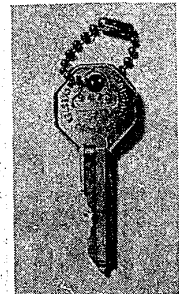
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Honors For Nurse

She's wife and mother and world traveler besides being recipient of one of Providence Hospital Nursing School's top awards. Meet her in the Women's Section.

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motorists

sometimes drive a car until it drops . . . and suddenly they must replace it. If this happens to you, don't panic . . . just turn to the OBSERVER WANT ADS to find many good used car values. Observerland's car dealers use the want ad section to regularly list the fine cars they have for sale. Whether you're just looking or are in dire need — shop the OBSERVER WANT ADS!

Perrin Heads Board

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

Farmington's Board of Education will be presided over during the coming year by Kenneth Perrin, who was elected during Wednesday's organizational meeting, but not without some dissent.

Perrin was elected by a 4-3 vote with board members Aldo Vagnozzi, Dr. Mervyn Ross and William Corliss opposing Perrin's election. After congratulating Perrin,

Vagnozzi moved for a unanimous vote for Perrin and the motion carried.

ROSS AND FORMER SECRETARY Ronald Emmitt were nominated for secretary at which time Vagnozzi said, "If Ross is not elected, it may unbalance the unity team" which the board apparently tried to agree upon prior to the meeting.

Emmitt was elected secretary

and then Ross was the only name placed in nomination for treasurer. Vagnozzi immediately called for a recess.

Upon returning from the recess, Ross said: "I had a secretary's speech prepared and I was groomed for secretary on occasion. For the sake of trying to develop some unity and increase communication among the board and members of the administration, I will accept the position."



KENNETH PERRIN



LIBRARIAN Susan Weibel demonstrates some reference materials to John Cossi of Farmington. (Evert photo)

Area Library Lends Number 1

By DAN McCOSH

What is going to be the first book title checked out of the new Farmington Public Library?

The question drew a few giggles from the staff of the new public edifice on 12 Mile Rd. near Orchard Lake.

They were busy getting the 20,000 book collection ready for July 5, the first day the public could actually check out books.

MRS. SUSAN WEIBEL, senior librarian, thought the best chance might be a best seller.

"A lot of people have looked at 'Wheels,' maybe that one. 'Maybe a children's book — a Charlie Brown book, they all go for that."

"Then again maybe it will be something really old, like Dickens . . . I really don't know."

Regardless, she was getting the stacks in order ant-

icipating a last-minute rush. Jill Locke, who works in the children's room, looked ruefully at the full stacks of "easy reader" books.

"They're all going to be gone," she said.

They anticipate such a rush on the library's collection, a limit of three fiction works per borrower will probably be imposed, Mrs. Weibel said.

"The old branch, in downtown Farmington, actually has more books right now," she said.

But the collection is expected to grow. Room for 100,000 books is built into the modern building, along with specialty rooms like the "quiet room" donated by the Farmington Rotary Club, and a room for showing movies.

THE LIBRARY has been in the works since 1961, when the Library Board of Trustees engaged consultants to plan an expansion of the old branch.

The 12 Mile Rd. site was purchased in 1963 and several years later a one-mill tax was approved by voters in the library district, which allowed the construction of the new facility.

It took four years between the selection of architects Tarapata - MacMahon Assoc. and the installation of equipment, completed in February this year.

The formal dedication June 11 was followed by special programs, most of which will end when books begin to circulate.

Mrs. Weibel said most of the special programs will begin in earnest in the fall, like a children's story hour, possibly even a movie program.

THE BUILDING has been "on display" for several weeks, a handsome concrete structure facing the Oakland branch.

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Man Has Heart Attack Driving

Donald J. Sellman, 54, of 28223 Bay Tree, Farmington, died Saturday afternoon in Southfield as a result of a heart attack suffered while driving. Sellman was driving off the northbound exit ramp of Northwestern Highway, between Evergreen and Lahser, Southfield Police report, when his car ran up the slope, through the fence, and across the service drive.

Rock Concert Is Scheduled

An outdoor rock concert is scheduled Friday, July 7, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Farmington Community Center, 2405 Farmington Rd. The concert is sponsored by the youth committee of the community center. Featured band is "Cesar's Children." Admission is \$1.



STORY HOUR -- Jill Locke read stories to children during the "open house" which recently ended, and expects to resume the readings in the fall. (Evert photo)

How Holko Is Changing Police Image

By LEONARD POGER

Ronald Holko moved up the road north from Westland to Farmington Township nine months ago to take charge of the police and fire departments as the community's first public safety director.

How has his presence in the township changed things among the 46-member police force?

ACCORDING TO the former Westland police inspector and his administrative secretary, Linda Harris, there has been a sharp improvement in the attitudes, morale, and the professional performance of the township police officers.

Holko, who was the number two man in the Westland police department since it was first organized nearly six years ago, came to Farmington Township in October with the purpose of instilling

professionalism among the men and upgrading their abilities through an organized training program.

In the past months, Holko has received comments from local businessmen about the noticeable improvement in the police department.

MISS LINDA HARRIS, Holko's administrative secretary, said that the biggest improvement she has seen is in the morale of the policemen.

"We have taken the police force from a rural department and made it into a modern, professional department," Holko quoted a local merchant recently.

Miss Harris, a six-year veteran of the department who intends to become a policewoman, stressed that the morale has improved since Holko arrived in town last fall.

In addition, there is a considerable improvement in the internal business of the department which leads to a more efficient operation of the police force.

The improvement in the police department by the former Westland officer is based on three elements which are needed to achieve any successful police force, Holko said.

THOSE THREE elements are that the township officials and officers themselves must want a successful department and the citizens and businessmen must encourage it.

"In Farmington Township, we have all three factors," the director said. "The township board hired me as a professional, and it accepts my recommendations."

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--Ronald Holko

