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If you like "things"...
the kind of things that most young people like... things like cameras and wheels and sound... then you'll enjoy making it a habit of reading the Observer. You'll find the things you like... at the price you want to pay!

10 Mile Arm Street Route Is Approved

"It's the path of least resistance." Township Clerk Floyd Cairns said dryly as the township board approved a street-level route avoiding most of the "Quakerstown Valley" for the last big sanitary sewer construction project in the township.
The board adopted a resolution Monday citing a preference for a route up Farmington Rd. to 11 Mile Rd., then west on street right of way to the Rouge arm west of Quakerstown.

Chamber Looking For Best Citizen

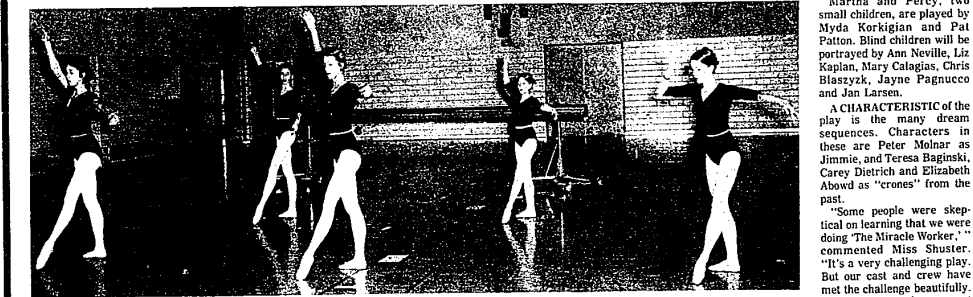
The Farmington Chamber of Commerce announces that nominations are now open for the "citizen of the year" award.
The emphasis is one service rendered to the community. There are no limitations on the nominees age, sex or residency.
Nominations may be made by any individual, organization or institution by Jan. 1, 1973 and mailed to Ed Lane, executive director, Farmington Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 15, Farmington Mich. 48024.



MIRACLE AT WORK — Maureen McDevitt as teacher Annie Sullivan (front row, left) tries to communicate with her deaf, blind, mute charge, Helen Keller, portrayed by Pam Burton, in the Harrison High School production of "The Miracle Worker." At the rear, the Kellers, enacted by Tom Belian and Sue Frontczak, look on. (Evert photo)

'The Miracle Worker' To Play At Harrison

The Harrison High School drama department will present the challenging story of Helen Keller, "The Miracle Worker," Dec. 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.
teacher, Annie Sullivan, is the department's third major production this year and employs the most extensive set ever used at Harrison.
Bonnie Shuster, senior, is directing the play with Francine Victor as production assistant and David Abowd as stage manager. Barbara Haas is advisor.



FARMINGTON ARTS Council is sponsoring a series of lectures and demonstrations of art for junior high students in the Farmington area. One of the first of the series was a performance of the Suburban Ballet Company in the Power Junior High gymnasium. (Evert photo)

State Housing Financing Reviewed

Some encouraging words from the Michigan State Housing Authority were heard by the Farmington Township Board Monday night from Don Fallon, from the MSHA, and Leo Sklar, representing the Fairwood Corp., a developer interested in building senior citizen housing in Farmington.
The township is considering building a project with MSHA funds under the "limited dividend" program, which means the developer also will manage the project.
Although the township also has an application in with the Federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the township housing commission recently decided it had little chance to qualify for a HUD program.
The housing commission is made up of township board members Margaret Schaeffer and Frederick Lichtman were reappointed Monday night.
FAIRWOOD CORP. has "made a proposal" to the township, Sklar said, to build a 200-250 unit senior citizens development.
The corporation intends to go full time into the business of developing "limited dividend" projects, hoping to complete four to five a year in various parts of the state, he said.
"Limited dividend" is a method of limiting the profits of a developer, who then assumes the responsibility of managing a project after it is completed, for the life of the 40-year mortgage, Fallon told the board.
The state agency gets money to finance the projects by selling bonds.
The developer puts up 10 per cent "risk money," and his profit is limited to 10 per cent of the project total, returned at a maximum rate of six per cent of the profit.
QUESTIONS FROM the township board centered mainly around whether the township would be able to give township residents priority in rentals.
"The original concept," Lichtman said, "was to have a senior citizen residence for Farmington residents, and secondly for parents of residents who would want to move here."
Sklar was vague about the details of his "proposal" to the township, saying his smallest and the largest sizes that could be managed economically.
High rise is preferable, because it is much easier for the elderly to get around, he said.
Projected rents, under interest-subsidy and direct subsidy programs, would be low enough for a person on "social security and a small pension" to live on, from \$125 per month or less, Fallon said.