

# Should City Sign Law Be Changed?

By STEVE BARNABY

FARMINGTON Are Farmington City sign ordinances fair?

This will be the question that members of the Farmington City Council will consider in upcoming study sessions.

Councilman John Richardson feels that the ordinance, in its present form, is unfair to new businesses because it prohibits them from erecting the same type of overhanging signs that older businesses now have.

RICHARDSON SAID there are numerous violations that are going unenforced, which he feels causes bitter feelings. "I am not for having an ordinance that isn't enforced. New businesses must have the same opportunity that older businesses have. I can't see having a double standard," he said.

Maintaining that he doesn't want to see the ordinance lose its punch, he warns that a test case in court could make the ordinance completely ineffective.

NEW ATTENTION was brought to the 1971 city sign ordinance when Jerry's Book Store appeared before the council to request a new sign. It was at this meeting that Richardson proposed a new study of the ordinance.

He emphasized that a move to make the sign ordinance fair would require the cooperation of the city, businesses and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

"I wouldn't like to see lower restrictions but would much prefer a suitable arrangement where everyone would have to conform," he said.

Another disadvantage in the ordinance that Richardson cites is that the old type signs in the central business district cannot be maintained properly because of the risk of violating the ordinance.

Under the ordinance, if the owner of an old type sign alters it in any way, it would violate the ordinance requiring the owner to take the sign down.

## Mesenbring In 'Who's Who'

FARMINGTON David Mesenbring, son of Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Mesenbring, 28722 Farmington Road, Farmington, has been named to the 1972-73 listing of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

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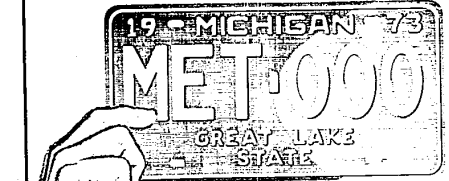
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## Harrison Names 'Most Valuable'

FARMINGTON Mike Thorne and trainer Dave Barringer.

Those receiving second letters were: Mark Bentivolio, Bryan Collins, Joe McCarthy, Sam Pink, Don Siekas, Lou Waack and trainers Roger Montforten and Dave Moreau.

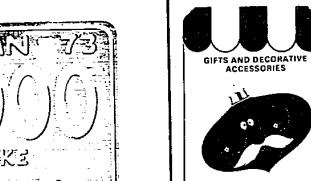
Receiving first letters were: Brian Albertsen, Mike Crudele, Len Deluca, Tim Hammer, Jim Harkin, Jeff Hochner, Jim Katterman, Bob Newsom, Mark Nichols, Mike Nichols, Mike Perrone, Pat Rogers, Mike Sweeney, Tim Turney, Dave Wallington, Chuck Yarber and statistician Mark Hulman.

Cheerleaders honored were: Carol Albertson, Cheryl Fletcher, Claudia Kalmey, Myda Korkigian, Donna Krasnewich, Cathy Semack, Barb Thibodeau and Janine Toffanetti.

## Christmas Lighting To Go On

FARMINGTON The Christmas Tree in front of Farmington City Hall will blaze with lights and decorations after a decoration spree and lighting ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The annual event, where local girl scouts decorate the tree and the lights are turned on, officially kicks off the Christmas season in Farmington.



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# MACLD Wins State Contest

FARMINGTON Farmington returned home heaped with awards from a recent state meeting of the Michigan Assn. of Children With Learning Disabilities (MACLD) at Flint.

The Farmington chapter was presented with the outstanding chapter award.

Mrs. Harold "Dingy" Sharp, coordinator of the Bucket Brigade for Farmington public schools, was honored for her outstanding work with the MACLD Bucket Brigade throughout the state.

And Mrs. Ronald Ringquist, past president of the Farmington chapter, was recognized as an outstanding member of MACLD for her organizational efforts for the upcoming 10th international ACLD convention to be held at Cobo Hall March 14-17.

REPRESENTATIVES of 27 Michigan chapters gathered at Flint to honor citizens and members for outstanding contributions to children and to education.

The Farmington chapter was cited for three such contributions. The first is a special, after-school gym class being held for the third year at Eagle School under the direction of James Glasgow of Glengarda School, Windsor. The chapter also has initiated a summer camp program for the child who does not fit into the usual camping experience. It is scheduled again for three weeks during August of next year.

A pilot swim program also was begun this fall for learning disabled children of all ages under the direction of Robert Clarke of Farmington.

Mrs. Sharp was credited with spread of the Bucket Brigade program of volunteer tutoring over 60 school districts in Michigan, 24 states and four foreign countries. The Bucket Brigade is also managed and distributed for the State by the Farmington Chapter.

IT IS AN individual tutorial program aimed at helping children in the schools with minimal learning problems. It is presently in its second year in 13 of the 18 Farmington elementary schools.

Mrs. Ringquist, as coordinator of the international convention, has been working more than a year with committees throughout the state to insure its success.

Top national and international speakers will contribute to a program formulated for people of all disciplines: education, medicine, psychology, social work, legislation and, especially, parents.

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