## Screen of trees chopped down

By DIANE HUBEL Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osgood returned home from vacation on May 28 and found that the majority of the trees which separate their backyard from the east side of the Warner Junior High School playground had been chopped down. The trees in the Osgood's backyard along with many of the trees

in their neighbors home had inadvertently been citi down by the Farmington school administration.

The only thing that saved all the trees along that side of the school from meeting a similar fate was the presence of school Supt. Marinus Van Ameyde. Van Ameyde went to the site immediately upon

hearing what was happening and stopped the demolition.

The trees which actually stand on school grounds are the only barrier which separate the backyards of the people living along that section of Knottingham Knoll Rd. from the school yard.

The school administration and

The school administration and the residents have had an unwritten agreement for years that the trees would not be cut down according to Van Ameyde:

HE SAID he is investigating to find out who gave the orders to do the cutting in this case but as yet has not found out who gave the original order.

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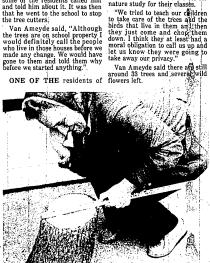
Van Ameyde said he did not find out about the action himself until some of the residents called him and told him about it. It was then that he went to the school to stop the tree cutters.

Knottingham Knoll Mrs. Maria Runk said she was "just sike" when she saw the trees were being chopped down.
"We tried to get the men to stop while we made calls about it," she said, "but they wouldn't stop they just kept on cutting. These down the most gorgeous trees too, the really old ones.

I counted 30 rings in one tree they cut down. Where can we ever find a tree to replace that one?"

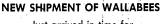
find a tree to replace that one?"
Mrs. Runk said the residents
had been taking care of the trees
for years. Since the trees fooked
off their yards from the funior
High it offered them some? "have
in their backyards.

She said many of the teachers in
the school would use the trees for
nature study for their classes.
"We tried to teach would have



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