



Business Manager William Prisk kept the tallies as the school millage went down to defeat (Photographed by Ralph Evert)

## Board makes budget cuts

FARMINGTON—With the 1974-75 school year opening in three weeks, the Farmington Board of Education will meet Tuesday, Aug. 6 to consider budget cuts.

The cuts will be necessary to offset the \$1,750,000 revenue loss resulting from voter rejection of the four additional school mills.

The meeting, which is open to the

public, is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the administration building, 33500 Shawassaw.

The revenue loss will affect the budget approved in April for over \$21,000,000.

"We will be discussing necessary cuts in personnel and programs," Superintendent M. Van Arneyde said. "Improvements won't be made and

we will have to cut into existing programs.

"We have an obligation to do the best with the money available for the boys and girls of the school district," he said.

Also at the Tuesday night meeting, a date is to be set for a public hearing on the budget. The hearing is expected to be held in late September.

## Oakland contests bias charge

ROCHESTER — For the first time in its history, Oakland University has been charged with sex discrimination by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

A former woman employee of Meadow Brook Theatre charged that she was underpaid because of her sex in a complaint filed in 1970.

Formal charges were issued by

the Civil Rights Commission July 22 after investigation.

Oakland officials denied the charge immediately. The university will contest the charge at a special hearing before the Civil Rights Commission.

The woman left the University in 1972, said Jim Llewellyn, manager of news services and publications.

The university was given 15 days

to respond to the charge by the Civil Rights Commission. Once the response is filed, a hearing date will be set. Attorney Jim Howlett of Birmingham will represent the university, Llewellyn said.

"A couple" charges of sex discrimination have been filed against the university in the past, Llewellyn said, but were settled before reaching the stages of formal complaint and hearing.

# Scouts raise park money

By W. W. EDGAR

WESTLAND—The Nankin Mills Nature Center, a popular stop along the Hines Parkway in western Wayne County, is an official state historical site, but visitors would never know it.

Unlike other designated historical sites, the center doesn't have the familiar blue and gold metal sign telling visitors of the historical significance and providing a thumbnail sketch of the center's background.

But there is a reason.

THE DESTINATION made two years ago doesn't include an estimated \$500 to pay for the sign.

If Farmington Girl Scout Troop 177 of Gill Elementary School has its way, something will be done to publicly designate the center as an important historical site.

Following a recent visit to the center, on Ann Arbor Trail near Farmington Road in Westland, the girls decided that the historical sign should be put up.

Under guidance from adult leader Mrs. R. F. Barber, the troop donated \$25 to the nature center in the hope the money will generate more interest to pay for the marker.

The center, more than 100 years old and formerly owned by the Ford Motor Co. as a small parts manufacturing plant in the post World War I period.

is owned by the Wayne County Road Commission.

The commission prohibits its employees from taking part in fund-raising campaigns.

THE FARMINGTON girl scouts started the campaign after hearing that the nature center's staff isn't allowed to solicit money.

They hope other organizations those

groups have benefited, from nature center trips will also donate funds.

At one point, the center's staff was about to return the \$25 because of the road commission policy on donations. But there was a change of heart and the money will be retained in the hope that other donations will be made to publicly honor the center's historical significance and make it even more of a popular attraction.

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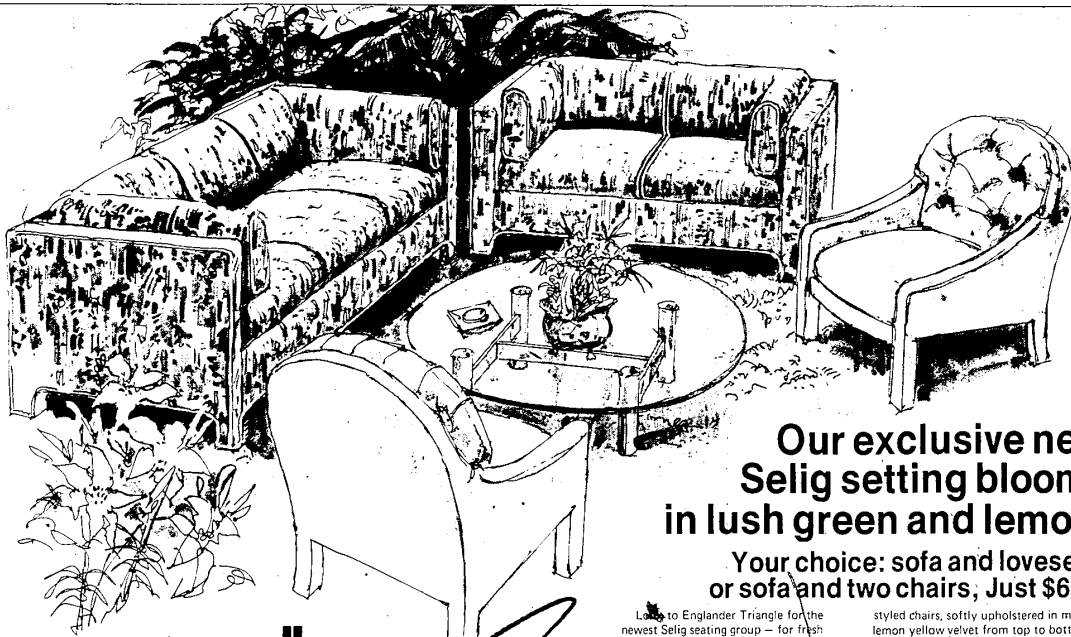


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