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Trash and garbage are being collected for the first time. (Photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Collection starts

# Papers, glass are recycled

FARMINGTON HILLS—As the new city refuse collection, which will include plans for recycling newspapers, begins in Farmington Hills this week, the voluntary newspaper recycling program, under the sponsorship of the Earth Alive organization will begin winding up its operation.

The "papermobile," which was headed by Mrs. Mary Johnston will be operating from its base at Dunckle Jr. High until Nov. 10, when it will close.

The papermobile began nearly two years ago by Earth Alive volunteers in response to their interest in ecology and the environment.

According to Mrs. Johnson the paper recycling project was intended as a temporary endeavor, until the city assumed responsibility for it. "It almost had to be temporary," she said. "No volunteer could ever hope to carry on something like that indefinitely."

THE GROUP started collecting the papers at shopping centers but eventually moved to a permanent location at Dunckle.

"The schools let us use the property at the school, because they too are interested in our environment," she said. "We in turn responded and reciprocated by donating money from the paper mobile to the schools for ecology projects."

Mrs. Johnson said the organization has begun distributing its funds from

the paper recycling project to the various ecological groups. In addition to the schools, money has been given to the Farmington Hills beautification committee, the Rouge Coalition Committee, a Dearborn based group studying the effect of channeling the Rouge river and a Detroit area ecology group.

While the papermobile was in operation papers could be left in a bin at Dunckle, where they would be transferred to a 20 ton trailer and brought to a recycling plant.

"The paper collection was pretty steady," Mrs. Johnson said. "We had a 20 ton trailer to haul the papers, and I would say it was full every three weeks."

The city will now be handling the paper recycling as part of its refuse collection program which began Tuesday.

THE HAULER for the city, CGW Services, has agreed to pickup newspapers which are bundled separately from the rest of the trash and deliver them to a section of the municipal parking lot, where they will be stored until they can be shipped to the recycling plant.

While moving away from paper recycling activities, Earth Alive will become more actively involved in the recycling of glass from the new recycling center in the municipal parking lot.

The city has furnished the site and a shelter at the southwest corner of the parking lot for the recycling center.

EARTH ALIVE eventually hopes to reimburse the city for the \$1,450 it has spent for the concrete and the shelter.

Earth Alive volunteers, under the direction of Nancy Kourjian and John Paterson will be handling the entire operation of the recycling center.

Volunteers will be at the center from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. beginning Saturday, Oct. 5.

Residents are asked to remove all metal from their bottles and leave them in bags or cartons at the center.

Although there are bins at the center, residents are asked not to put their glass in them.

The bins will be used by the volunteers when they separate the bottles into color groups.

The bottles will be hauled from the center to the Owens-Illinois Corporation in Charlotte, where they will be made into new bottles.

THE CITY'S first weekly city wide refuse collection began early Tuesday morning.

A schedule of the collection days for the individual areas has been published.

# Volunteers are staffing lunch program

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON—Although it is less than a month since the Farmington school board adopted a policy which would allow the elementary schools to establish a voluntary noon aide program, nearly one-third of the schools either have a program already in operation, or have set a starting date for their program.

One of the first schools to begin operating a voluntary program was Kenbrook Elementary.

Kenbrook parents, anticipating the boards action on the voluntary program, began developing their program before the board formally adopted the policy.

According to Kenbrook principal, Richard Close, approximately 100 mothers have volunteered to assist in the program.

THE MOTHERS will work for one hour, one day a month. Six parents will be at the school each day.

The volunteers have drawn up lists of substitutes, for mothers who find they cannot make it on the day they are scheduled.

The number of children staying for lunch at Kenbrook nearly doubled two days after the program began. Kenbrook is a school of walkers, therefore under the old policy, all of the children would have been required to walk home for lunch.

The first day the volunteer program went into effect, and the school was reopened for lunch time activity, 80 children stayed for lunch.

The second day the program was in effect nearly 150 children stayed.

Another school of all walkers, William Grace still has its volunteers program in the planning stages, so the children are still returning home for lunch each day.

Wm. Grace principal, Nick Abid said the present program with the children going home for lunch is working out very well in that school, but the parents are working on establishing some sort of voluntary program so children who wish to stay can.

CONTRARY TO what most people thought at first, the children are not having any trouble getting back to school at time, Abid says. "They come back more relaxed and

much calmer than they would have been, had they stayed in school. There is an awful lot of interaction on the play field during the lunch hour, which is not very relaxing for the child.

"By returning home the children have an opportunity to get away from the building for a while and to share some time with their parents."

The William Grace parents, Abid said are still determining exactly how their program should be set up, and what guidelines should be established.

When the board set the policy allowing the volunteer lunch program, it did not set up any rules governing the actual organization of the program itself within each school.

It did establish across the board rules governing approval by the administration, and establishing a framework from which the schools could work, but it did not say that each school had to be run in the same way.

Consequently, each of the schools is establishing a separate program, one which the parents think will best serve the particular needs of the children and parents in that school.

Parents at Shawasssee, Ten Mile, Woodcreek, Longacre, Wooddale and Alameda, are currently in the process of establishing a program for their particular schools. In each of the schools, the parents have had the initial meeting with the

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# Jaeger fund to be dissolved

FARMINGTON—A Farmington attorney, who was handling the reward fund for the Susan Jaeger kidnapping case has said the money will probably be returned to the known donors, and the remainder will be given to charity.

"Wherever possible we will return the money to the people who donated it," he said. "However, in some cases people sent money and did not include a return address. That money will probably be given to charity, either the Little Sisters of the Poor, or to ALSA."

The reward fund was established following the kidnapping of the seven year old Farmington girl in 1973. Approximately \$14,000 was offered for information leading to the conviction of the kidnapper or for information leading to the safe return of the little girl.

ON FRIDAY, Sept. 27, Montana authorities arrested a 25 year old Manhattan, Montana man and charged

him with the kidnapping and murder of Susan and of a 19 year old Montana resident, Sandra D. Smallagen, Sunday, David G. Meirhofer, confessed to killing the Jaeger girl and three other people, then later committed suicide.

Susan was kidnapped, June 25, 1973 from a tent, while camping with her family at Headwaters State Park near Three Forks, Montana.

On Feb. 9, 1974, Ms. Smallagen was reported missing in Montana. Montana authorities found an automobile and bones identified as those of Ms. Smallagen at a deserted ranch northeast of Three Falls.

A bone which appeared to be that of a young child was also found on the ranch.

MEIRHOFER LATER told Montana authorities where to find the remains of the Jaeger girl.

According to the F.B.I. Meirhofer was arrested on the basis of several phone calls which he made to the Jaeger residence.



Giant Squash

Mrs. Vivian LaCroix harvested this giant squash recently in her back yard garden. "It was so huge, I couldn't believe it," she said.

The area, in the southeast section of town, is noted for producing monster vegetables in the sandy soil. (Photo by Fran Evert)