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Nurses And Machinists

Again this week, The Farmington Enterprise & Observer aims its spotlight on vocational education. Reporter Elizabeth Wissman tells of a new program being tried by Farmington Schools to train nurses, and Editor Emory Daniels presents a case study in machine shop.

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A Cool Escort

The 1969 Farmington Founders Festival queen may be escorted by an air-conditioned police car. The new equipment on the squad cars, information on how to become a queen, and a picture of a scout band packing for the National Jamboree combine for a full page of varied news.

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Guide For Newcomers

If you are a new resident and want to know what's going on in Farmington, a feature you will want to read habitually is the Farmington Community Calendar, found this week on Page 5A. If you are brand new, your name may be in one of our social items found throughout this issue.

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The New Boards

After a lot of early fuss about electing chairmen and setting salaries, the boards of supervisors in Wayne and Oakland Counties have been pretty quiet. What have they been doing? Are they making any efforts to modernize county government? Two Observer Newspaper writers interviewed the board chairmen and got the inside story.

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Manifesto Commentary

The Rev. Lester Kinsolving's column gives a different slant on the controversial document that church groups and governmental bodies are examining.

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Concerto & Comedy

Violinist Emily Mutter Austin proved last week she can handle comedy on the recital stage. Next Wednesday she'll show how she handles a Mozart concerto. Here's a closeup picture of one of suburbia's finest musicians.

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upcoming

A GREAT PLACE to take the kids is Nankin Mills Nature Center. A summertime treat will be covered in story and pictures in next Sunday's edition.

"Everything sold the same day the ad appeared."

... said Mrs. Blackman of Farmington. Mrs. Blackman is just one of the many people who have sold, traded or bought through the Observer Classified Want Ads.

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The Farmington

ENTERPRISE & OBSERVER

Push For New Post Office In City, Township Sub-Station

by HOWARD KOHN

If the city gets a new post office, the township deserves at least a substitution, argues the Farmington Board of Commerce.

But Farmington's postmaster, Henry Trombley, doesn't agree.

"If I had my way, I'd keep everything in one building," Trombley explains. "It's easier and cheaper ... and gives customers quicker service on their complaints."

THE BOARD of Commerce has been pressuring Rep. Jack McDonald (R-19th District) to secure federal funds for a mini-post office as a township adjunct

to the main one.

"People in the northern end of the township have to drive four or five miles just to mail a package," points out Barb Benya, board executive secretary.

The focus for Farmington's booming population is in the northern section of the township. Citizen complaints and McDonald's intervention finally convinced Trombley to set up a sub-station on an experimental basis.

The station opened last week in Arnold's Drugs, Farmington and 12 Mile, behind a small counter. Every regular service, except for international mail orders, is being provided. But Trombley admits it is not

equipped to handle a steady volume of customers.

"Anyway it's subject to fold up at anytime," he says. "Frankly, I don't think it's that necessary."

Although McDonald helped clear federal approval for the substitution at Arnold's Drugs, he didn't garner any federal money. So the station is also in jeopardy for financial reasons.

McDONALD will concentrate his efforts on completing proposed plans for a modern post office in downtown Farmington. Present plans would abandon the condemned building on Slocum and locate a new one on Farmington, east of the Hunt

& Fish Club.

"Our quarters are badly cramped," Trombley offers. "We're renting an old garage for storage and there's not enough room for parking."

The post office has an option on a 150,000-square foot plot with 260 feet of frontage on Farmington, bounded by Hunt & Fish Club, Glen Aquatic Club and Allia Lane. Some of the land is owned by the C.R. Kelly family of Farmington, the rest by the city.

Only local formalities now stand in the way before an architectural plan is given to the city council, according to John Dinan, Trombley and the Board of Commerce all agree on the need to maintain a down-

town post office.

"It draws people downtown and benefits the merchants," Dinan argues.

"It helps downtown keep its identity," Mrs. Benya notes.

"It keeps things centralized," Trombley says.

Trombley is quick to add, however, that he's open to other suggestions and invites the public to "come forward and discuss their feelings about a new office."

McDonald reports he will wait until a location is confirmed before continuing his fight for federal funds, both for the new office and for a maxi-substation.



WINTER IN SUMMER -- Proof that an elm tree can make as good a Christmas tree as any pine tree is this elm decorated by Farmington area Girl Scouts at their "Christmas in July" celebration last week. Helping to decorate the tree were (from left) Vickie Whiteford, Beth Haessly and Valerie Dolecki. (Event photo)



SECRETS -- John Moritz found Santa had come to Farmington last week. Even though it's July not December. The jolly gent was at the Girl Scouts "Christmas in July" celebration. (Don't tell John, but that's Polly Star- to und... the beard!) (Event photo)

Kuhn Replies

The reply was long in coming but Sen. George W. Kuhn (R-14th) has finally answered the City of Farmington's letter regarding a lack of communication between his office and city hall.

The city council was dismayed that they had adopted a number of resolutions and sent them to Kuhn and Rep. Raymond Baker for support but received no answers or acknowledgments.

BAKER SENT his views on the resolution and apologized for the communication breakdown but no word was heard from the Birmingham senator. Finally, the letter came. First, Kuhn commented on Farmington's opposition to a domed stadium in Southfield. "I strongly support your views in opposing a domed stadium for the City of Southfield and the City of Southfield does also."

The council had passed a resolution urging legislation to allow a library building authority. The legislation would allow the Farmington District Library to form an authority, if that step became necessary, to build a new library in the township.

Kuhn promised to initiate the legislation for introduction during the January 1970 session.

"YOUR RESOLUTION requesting installation of a signal light at Powers and Grand Rivers is, I believe, a county problem unless the crossroad is considered state controlled. Of this I am not sure."

The council also sent a resolution to Kuhn regarding the property assessment practices.



WITH A DIFFERENCE -- A different kind of red-nosed Rudolph attended the Girl Scouts "Christmas in July" in Farmington last week. Carole Wolf peeks over a twiggly Rudolph's antler. (Event photo)

Man - Buyer Await Sale

By EMORY DANIELS

Everyone has had their say and on July 21 the Farmington City Council is expected to make a decision on rezoning request which Gary Jackson wants to sell his home.

Jackson wants to sell a two-bedroom home on Farmington Rd., which his family has owned. Because of multiple zoning to the north, Jackson has been unable to sell his property for residential use through a conventional mortgage.

Because surrounding zoning precludes selling the home for residential use, Jackson has asked the city to rezone his parcel for office use.

GILBERT WILLIS, a manufacturer's representative from Wixom, has made a formal purchase offer of \$30,500 pending approval of the rezoning.

At a recent council public hearing, Willis said he and another salesman would use the Jackson home as is for an office building.

Jackson owns the south half of Lot 17 in Farmington Little Farms Subdivision. His lot is 100-by-400. The north half of Lot 17 is zoned multiple and further north is the Kensington Manor apartments.

On the planning commission level, petitions were submitted from 95 per cent of the neighboring residents stating opposition to the rezoning. The commission recommended denial but the council may take a different course of action.

HENRY SIDOR, president of the Farmington Oaks homeowners association, says residents want the Jackson parcel to remain residential and charged a change to office use would be spot zoning.

Jackson made the ultimate threat by suggesting he might ask for his parcel to be rezoned to multiple should the office use be denied.

Robert Alloway, a resident, argued that the fact Jackson's property is not salable is not adequate justification for rezoning.

City Manager John Dinan explained that Lots 5, 6 and the north half of Lot 7 were rezoned to multiple to act as a buffer between industrial and residential.

COUNCILMAN Fred Siebert was quite vocal in arguing Jackson's lot should be rezoned, possibly an indication that the council will approve the rezoning July 21.

Siebert said when Lots 5 and 6 were rezoned multiple in 1967 for Kensington Manor he recommended that Jackson's parcel be zoned multiple also.

"It is my conviction that Mr. Jackson's property will never be merchandised as residential," said Siebert, "and I don't agree that a change to office use would be spot zoning."

Siebert explained that the RO office classification was non-commercial and non-industrial intended for heavily trafficked

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