



Computer champs

Cranbrook High School placed third in the Oakland County Regional League computer competition, held April 30. The team earned \$100 for the school's computer department. Pictured are

(left to right) Dan Tobocman, John Bardsley, coach Richard Lamb, Mike Kaplan and Scott Berk.

Misunderstanding forces woman out

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be due, Egle investigated refinancing the home on a conventional mortgage. But she couldn't qualify.

"I cannot qualify. I am an independent contractor. And the payments would have been way too high," Egle said.

Since her problems began Egle has had two offers on the house, but the owners refused to sell it again on a land contract, she said.

Egle said that she contacted one of the area realty associations and was told she should have contacted them sooner and she should have hired an attorney to help her with her real estate dealings.

Although Egle says she contacted an attorney, she found him to be less than helpful and charged her \$140 for his time.

Whether Egle is one of the few or one of the many who forfeit a land contract is anyone's guess.

Land contracts are not required to be recorded, said an Oakland County Register of Deeds spokesman. While deeds must be registered with the county, sellers do not transfer the deed until the person buying the house on land contract has completed payment.

"I haven't noticed any marked increase," said Judge Schaeffer, about any noticeable increase in land con-

tract forfeitures coming through her court.

Much of the reason for the seemingly lower forfeitures, according to real estate officials, is that conventional mortgages are more readily available today.

"Land contracts have become somewhat passe at this point," said Robert Craver, president of the West-

ern Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors and Metro MLS (a multi-listing company).

Land contracts were popular several years ago when interest rates were high for conventional home mortgages, Craver said. In 1982, land contracts represented more than 50 percent of all housing sales, he said.

Trustee candidates debate the issues

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date will be given an opportunity to respond to each question.

At the AAUW's candidates night, each of the 14 candidates will give a three-minute presentation discussing their qualifications, reasons for seeking a seat on the Farmington School Board and issues facing the school district. Candidates will also answer the public's questions.

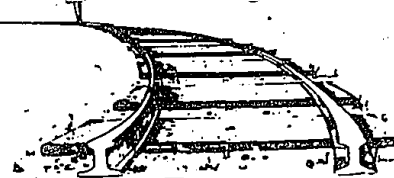
The candidates are Donald C. Allen, Joan Brown, J. Thomas Buck, Jack

Cotton, Helen Ditzhazy, Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Patricia Gliback, Maxine Harwin, Michael King, Rick Knauer, Marty Krohner, Jean Moran, Sara Lee Wollard and Albert Zolton.

The two candidates with the highest number of votes at the polls will be the winners.

This election represents the first time the school district has had two seats on the school board open without incumbents seeking re-election. This is also the first time the district has had as many candidates seeking election.

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