

today's hot line

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Behind The Scene

Farmington High School is preparing to present the musical "You Can't Take It With You" and Farmington Enterprise & Observer writer Liz Wissman and photographer Fran Evert go behind the scenes to prepare a first-hand report for you on the blood, sweat and tears of high school dramatics.

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Borrowing Ideas

It is time to decorate the home again for Christmas and ideas can be "borrowed" by visiting the homes open for the annual "Christmas Walk" sponsored by the Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington. A map showing the homes which can be visited is printed inside along with details of the tour.

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10% Budget Hike

Farmington Township has increased its operating budget by \$118,000 to meet the demands of the recent settlement with patrolmen. A report on where the money comes from is given inside along with the regular features of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer such as the Community Calendar, Socially Speaking, Local News and Kendallwood Comments.

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The Wider View

A charming lady brought the world of diplomacy to Farmington recently. The story is in the Women's Section.

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SHE WALKS, SHE TALKS, SHE COSTS MONEY



Wondering where you're going to get the cash for those special presents for those special little people in your life? Place an OBSERVER WANT AD today.

522-0900

Sexuality Instruction Ends; Urge Citizen Responsibility

By EMORY DANIELS

There is no longer a sex education program for seventh and eighth grade students in the Farmington community.

The human sexuality program which did exist, came to an abrupt end Monday night.

Announcement of the end

was made to the recipients of the human sexuality instruction — seventh and eighth grade students and their parents attending the human sexuality program in O.E. Dunckel Junior High sponsored by the Farmington Area YMCA.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT was made jointly by Dr. Edwin Blumberg and the Rev. Carl Kaltrieder, the duo

which serves as volunteer instructors for the program, the only formal sex education provided in Farmington.

Blumberg, a Farmington physician, has been a volunteer instructor for the past nine years. Kaltrieder, pastor of Antioch Lutheran Church here, has been a volunteer instructor for seven years.

Both firmly stated Monday night that they would no longer

be available to offer the program for junior high students and that Monday night's session would be the last one.

"This program is ended," Blumberg told parents at the end of the session. "This will be the last series of this kind of program. There will be no more human sexuality program as currently structured."

BLUMBERG TOLD the

audience of about 125, which has been an average turnout for the 'Y' sessions, that it was not an easy decision to make and both he and Kaltrieder had spent hours evaluating before deciding.

"We have put a great deal of ourselves into this program and the time has come for the community to accept the responsibility at this age level in the field of human sexuality."

The doctor said that two years ago it was realized the YMCA program would have to be replaced with a broader, total-community involvement effort.

"Towards this end, it was recommended two years ago that a program be implemented through the Farmington School District."

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Teachers' Contracts Ratified

The possibility of a teacher walkout in the Farmington School District has been averted by formal school board ratification of the faculty labor contract.

THE SCHOOL BOARD, meeting in special session Monday night, voted to ratify the 1970-71 master agreement with teachers and make it retroactive to the first day of school, Sept. 8.

All seven trustees were present at the special meeting which was held the day before the deadline given for ratification by the Farmington Education Association (FEA), sole bargaining agent for teachers here.

Last week, the FEA executive board announced it would recommend a walkout if the school board failed to ratify the contract by Dec. 1.

Roger Allen, FEA executive director, stated the contract would have to be ratified as agreed upon by the two negotiating teams and made retroactive to Sept. 8 or a walkout would be urged.

THE SCHOOL board met in study session and then invited the FEA officers in and with seven board members present called an official meeting to ratify.

State law provides school boards may hold an official meeting without 24-hour notice providing all seven trustees are present.

After convening the official meeting, the trustees voted 7-0 to ratify the contract "as is without qualification," meaning the contract was approved as agreed upon by the negotiating teams and as printed.



REVIEWS MATERIALS — Dr. Edwin Blumberg and the Rev. Carl Kaltrieder (right) review materials for the sex education program they direct for the Farmington Area YMCA, Monday night at Dunckel

Junior High, the two volunteer instructors announced this would be the last year they will be available to offer sex instruction for junior high students. (Evert photo)

Moms' Helper

Billie Battles Advises

This is the fifth in a series of articles written by Lynne Luther examining problems within Farmington Township's Section 36. The article in the weekend edition will be devoted to what is being planned in the way of housing for senior citizens.)

By LYNNE LUTHER

Detroit has its Mother Waddies and Section 36 in Farmington Township is just as vigorously represented in the personage of Mrs. Billie Battles.

Mrs. Battles is the new OEO supervisor for western Oakland County and has availed herself as a formidable ally for the group of mothers in Section 36 who have been holding meetings to seek solutions.

The mothers come from a neighborhood in Farmington Township which has the highest concentration of poverty-level families in western Oakland County. Billie often tells the mothers: "You need to go to meetings. We must prove there is poverty here. If enough people scream loud enough, we'll get some answers."

OVER 125 FAMILIES in the township have received aid from the OEO since its inception three years ago. OEO simply must," she adds in a note that lets everyone know she fully intends to fight.

THE OEO itself, Mrs. Battles explains, is an organization "working toward providing opportunities to persons in economic areas which need that opportunity."

"Our ultimate goal is to motivate people to become self-sufficient."

Community aid workers in specific areas identify the needs of the people in Section 36. These residents are directed to specific agencies which can give assistance. Among the agencies which get involved are those for old age assistance; blind aid; ADC; welfare; family services; children and family counseling; vocational rehabilitation; help for the physically or emotionally handicapped; pre-school programs such as Project Head Start; legal aid; and many more.

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ALL IN FAVOR of more aid to Farmington's needy families voted to work through Mrs. Billie Battles (far right), new supervisor of the Office of Economic Opportunity, west Oakland County, and Mrs. Penny Nelson (second from left), new OEO community

aid worker. Mrs. Betty Holbert (right), Mrs. Barbara Hoskins and Marie Fisher with 10-month-old daughter Julie Carol got together for a mothers' powwow on common problems of raising families in Farmington Township. (Evert photo)