

Wanted: 45 Citizens For Advisory Council

FARMINGTON Demonstrated constructive interest in Farmington schools will be chief requirement for appointment to the initial Citizens Advisory Council 45 persons including students.

Expected to get underway in the next few weeks, the council will be formed from a list of candidates to be reviewed by the board's public relations committee.

THE BOARD of Education

voted approval in its public meeting Monday when the public relations committee outlined the council's objectives and the procedures for forming it.

Board secretary Mrs. Kathryn Stirling presented the report of the committee which also includes vice president Kenneth Perrin and trustee Aldo Vagnozzi.

The council will meet as a whole four times a year—February, May, August and November. Its operations will be mainly in subcommittees on curriculum, finance, public relations and building. Experts in specific areas of study, including students, will be on the subcommittees and will expand the council's number of advisors from time to time.

A council of 23-45 persons was recommended "to advance public education, to foster and promote an understanding of the benefits of public education, and to do its utmost to help perpetuate the basic ideals of the American way of life."

SOME STUDENTS will be included on the council and the question of residency for adult members as requirement was sidestepped.

"We would hope a non-resident who works with our schools would not be excluded," the committee said.

Appointees will come from persons recommended by school principals, by superintendents and board members, and by organizations such as Parent Teacher Assns. and band booster clubs. Interested individuals may also apply to the superintendent's office.

Each of the 19 elementary school principals may recommend two persons and the four junior high school principals may name four with one of them a student.

Five persons including a student may be named for the council's list by each of the three high school principals, according to the procedure adopted by the board.

This could result in a majority of student membership on the board's advisory council. But since formation of a subcommittee on finance is a priority, it is expected that fiscal experts and persuaders will be prominent on the initial council.

Teachers and students will be needed on various committees, but the most immediate problem we're facing is longer-term financial planning," board president John Washburn said.

FUNCTIONS of the council will be:

- To obtain and publicize facts about the problems of public education as they relate to administration, teachers, pupils, parents and taxpayers.

- To encourage citizens to participate in guiding the school administration by acting as fact-finders to keep the Board of Education informed of community thinking on educational matters.

- To cooperate with other civic, professional, cultural and parent teacher organizations to extend and correlate their work for school improvement, and mobilize public support of efforts by the school board to provide an improved educational system.



GREASE FIRE -- A fire struck the new Biff's restaurant at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington Township at about 4 p.m. Dec. 8. Three trucks from stations 2 and 4 responded to the fire which

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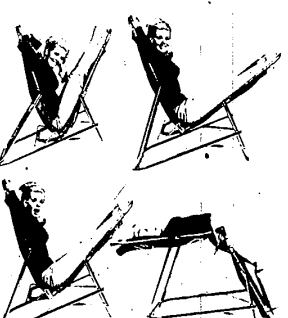
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THE STATE DOG law, Yakes says, reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person to kill or injure, or attempt to kill or injure any dog running at large."

All dogs must be confined at all times on the premises of its owner or custodian except when under the reasonable control of the owner. Reasonable control means the dog shall be wearing a collar or harness.

Residents may sign a complaint with police if any dog six months or older is found running loose without a license between Jan. 10 and June 15.

Residents may sign a complaint at any time a dog, licensed or unlicensed, has destroyed property or habitually trespasses in a damaging way.

COMPLAINTS MAY also be signed any time a dog has attacked or bitten a person or if a dog shows vicious habits or molests passersbys on the public highways.

A complaint may also be signed if a dog, wearing a license tag, is found running at large.

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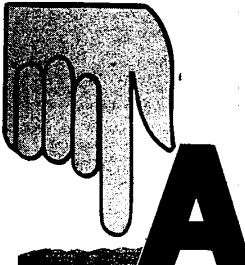
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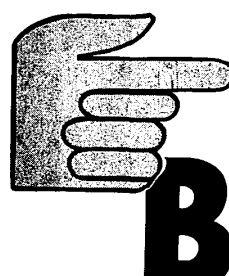
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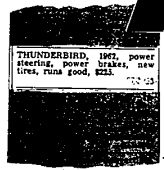
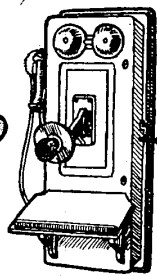
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