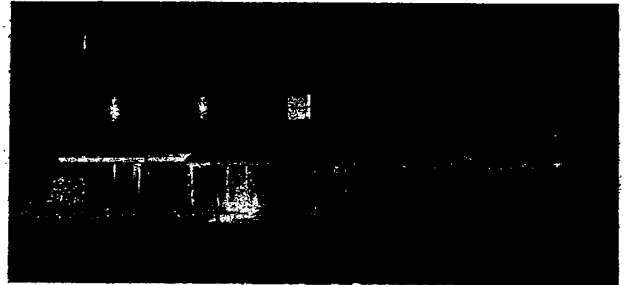
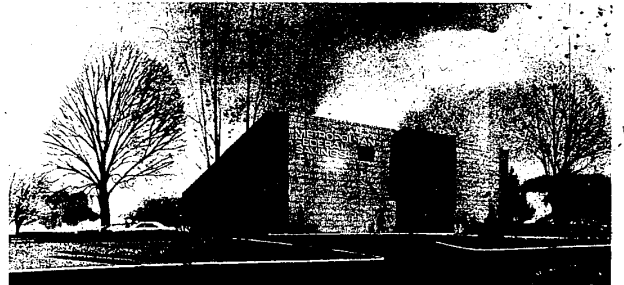




SANTA'S HELPERS — Children in classes for the deaf at Farmington's Wood Creek Elementary School presented a Christmas program for their classmates and parents during the holiday season. Participating in the dramatic proceedings by working in Santa's toy shop were (from left): Tammy Shovan, Ronnie LeVeque and Marlene Hamer. (Evert photo)



KIMBERLY — The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Burns of 30341 Pipers Lane, Farmington Township, was first place winner in the Kimberly Christmas-decoration contest sponsored by Thompson-Brown Co. the subdivision's developer. (Ralph Evert photo)



NEW BANK — Construction is under way on the two-story office building planned by Metropolitan Federal Savings and Loan Association of Detroit for Middle Belt and Northwestern Highway in Farmington Township.

Metropolitan Federal Locating In Township

FARMINGTON building in Farmington Township at Middle Belt and Northwestern Highway. Total cost of the building and equipment is estimated at \$1 million by Roger C. Richards, association president.

Richards presided over groundbreaking ceremonies held recently at the site and attended by Earl Teeples, township supervisor; Floyd Cairns, township clerk; Philip M. Fisher, Metropolitan vice president; Victor Miller, Farmington branch office manager; and Philmore A. Legmon, Metropolitan vice president.

THE 20,000 square foot building will include Metropolitan's Farmington branch office and will offer the full range of association services.

The natural wooded surroundings of the 4.5 acre site will be preserved with extensive landscaping of the 8-car parking area, says Richards, and entrance-mail lanes leading to Middle Belt and Northwestern.

Landscaping will also enhance the two entrance plazas and inside there will be two two-story high entrance lobbies, each featuring

natural light wells, open stairways and glass. This will provide a light, airy environment for handsome live trees and other unusual plantings in the lobby areas, adds Richards.

THE BRANCH office will occupy half the first floor and will be a departure from the traditional financial institution interior design. A shiny, polished chrome railing will highlight the carpeted lobby, and a brushed stainless steel vault door will contrast with a display of second color used within the vault itself.

The branch office will also feature safe deposit boxes and drive-up windows. Both floors of the building will have glass windows running the full length of each office area.

Color scheme will be off-whites, beige tones and bronze polished plate glass set in bronze frames providing an earthy atmosphere.

The building is scheduled to be completed in July 1971. Architect and interior designer is Sanford Rosen of Rosen-Neumann Associates.

MOMENTOUS MOMENT — Receipt of a certificate of graduation is always a memorable occasion, no less for Linda Tilley, who receives one from Don Howell, Farmington's director of adult education, after the necessary credits have been earned in that department. (Evert photo)

Classrooms Move Out-of-Doors

FARMINGTON School moved outdoors for 58 Shiawassee School fifth and sixth graders last week.

With parents as drivers and counselors, they set out on Sunday from the school headed for Proud Lake Recreation Area. Their objective was a three-day experiment in outdoor education.

"It's a natural extension of the school classroom into the larger classroom of the out-of-doors," explained Principal Ron Jackson.

"It provides an opportunity for boys and girls to see with their own eyes, to touch with their own hands things they have read about, in short, to become active rather than passive learners. In addition, it will bring them into closer contact with the natural wonders of our earth."

Curriculum for the camping period includes classes in geology and land formations, soil, animals and their habits, ornithology, deciduous and coniferous trees, and survival.

The youngsters are taught by personnel who are not only experts in their fields, but also skilled and knowledgeable in working with youth.

Besides the academics involved, social aspects are of equal importance. Possibly for the first time, children will be on their own, expected to make a bed, set a table, help serve meals and clean up afterward. Learning opportunities for living and working together are limitless.

The Outdoor Center at Proud Lake is used year around by such school groups. It has two dormitories each sleeping 60 students, and a large dining area.



THIS WAY TO PROUD LAKE — Mrs. A. J. Richmond receives directions from Shiawassee School principal, Ron Jackson, on how to reach the Proud Lake Recreation Area. As driver and counselor, she accompanied 58 fifth and sixth graders to the camp grounds last week for an experiment in outdoor education. (Evert photo)



SONG IN THEIR HEARTS — Four members of North Farmington High School choir entered the state-wide competition, and four were accepted to the State of Michigan Choral. (From left) Jerri Górell, Dave Anderson, Joyce Kainz, and James Smith will perform in concert with the honors group on two separate occasions during the school year. (Evert photo)

Hail Pistons In 1971

By the time you read this column, 1971 will already be here. But it's still being written the year before which makes it not too late to include sports predictions for the new year, or at least only a day late.

OTHER SPACE in today's paper is devoted to predictions on what's upcoming for Farmington city, township and schools. For what they're worth, my sports predictions follow.

The San Francisco 49ers will be the big winner in the Super Bowl later this month. The Detroit Red Wings will not even get a chance for the Stanley Cup and the Detroit Pistons will make it to the playoffs but get knocked off by the New York Knicks.

The Lions in the college draft will concentrate on defensive linemen and backs and offensive pass receivers. Bill Munson will be traded and Mel Triplett and Chuck Hughes will be released.

The Tigers will finish no better than fourth place. The team has a chance for third if they trade Norm Cash, Bill Freehan, Willie Horton and Micky Lolich.

Cassius Clay will become heavyweight boxing champion and The Sheik will retain his Detroit version of the U.S. heavyweight wrestling crown.

THE ONLY coaching change foreseen is with the Red Wings as Ned Harkness is apt to be replaced by interim coach Sid Abel.

At the end of the hockey season, Alex Delvecchio will announce his retirement and Gordie Howe will announce he'll play one more season but only one more.

Howie Yonzy will rejoin the Red Wings and Bob Lanier will be named NBA Rookie of the Year. If Steve Mix is given more playing time at forward, the Pistons could knock off the Knicks in the playoffs and go all the way.

If the Tigers leave Jerry Robertson in the minors and rehire Billy Hitchcock as third base coach they might even finish in second place. The only way they could finish first, however, is to make a wholesale trade for the Baltimore Orioles — team for team.

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Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

THE TIGERS are not only a year older but have made too few changes to offer any hope. The team has too many prima donnas who are willing to draw on large salaries without putting up their best playing efforts.

The fans have waited too long for Cash, Freehan and Horton to reach their potential as explosive hitters or for Lolich to win 20 games. A number of Tigers have had "good" seasons but have not played their best.

Billy Martin won't prove aggressive enough to light a fire under the old pros and the players with six-seven years on the team are far in abundance.

Basketball will cause excitement in Detroit, U-D notwithstanding, and the Pistons stand the best chance to bring a title to Detroit in 1971. Which proves F.T. Wayne can turn out something more than just drafts.

The Lions are not that far away from putting it all together for a championship. The Red Wings, however, are growing old and there is not an abundant supply of hockey players waiting in the wings to replenish the team.

Readers Tell Complaint

EDITOR: I take exception to your articles in referring to my home and neighborhood as a slum area of depressed people.

I find my neighbors to be hard-working, non-complaining, self-supporting, and proud of their accomplishments, all done on their own sacrificing many material luxuries in order to raise and educate their families.

Why do you feel that I should help these people? God helps those who help themselves. I'm tired of supporting their laziness and something-for-nothing attitude through OEO welfare and ADC.

There are exceptions to the rule but not that many in this area.

HOW MUCH does it cost to give a child a bath, to sew buttons on their clothes, to tie their shoes? What am I supposed to do for them, clean their yards and homes? What has being poor got to do with being clean?

I do not mind helping a man or woman that is willing to help themselves, even if it means helping them move their mattresses and junk to the road for the annual trash cleanup which takes place twice a year free of charge. How long have they been asking for help, six months, one or two years or longer? I can see where older people should have assistance now as they have earned the right through hard work.

I cannot see a young man or woman expecting the same respect that I would give a man that has earned his place in the sun. There are many elderly people and retired couples living on fixed incomes in our area whose homes are well kept and maintained.

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