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All banks will be closed in the Farmington area on Friday, Feb. 12, because of Lincoln's birthday and on Monday, Feb. 15, to observe Washington's birthday. Normal banking hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

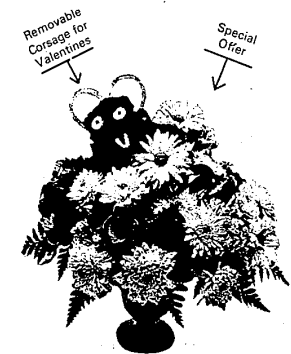
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Detroit Councilman David Eberhard will be the guest speaker at the Monday, Feb. 15, meeting of Flanders Elementary PTA at 8 p.m. in the Flanders School in Farmington.

Rev. Eberhard will focus his speech on minority understanding and will express the concerns and frustrations of all mankind.

Eberhard is pastor of the Riverside Lutheran Church in Detroit and a graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

He is also president of the Riverside Civic Fund, Inc. for the lower east side of Detroit.

Eberhard was elected Detroit Councilman in 1969 and has been acclaimed in national publications for his endeavors to promote solutions to urban problems.

He was selected among the five Outstanding Young Men of Michigan in 1968 and named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1970.

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Three Earn CMU Degrees
Three Farmington residents were among 1,650 students awarded degrees at the end of the fall semester at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

The three and the degrees earned are: Joseph Chilcutt of 28833 Ojastin, bachelor of science in education; Cheryl Frederick of 35718 Forestville, bachelor of science in education; and Norman Stanisewski of 37138 Jefferson Ct., master of arts.

Mixer Missing
A portable cement mixer, valued at \$800, was taken from in front of the main gate of the Detroit Race Course, Middle Belt at Schoolcraft, over the weekend.

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Second Hearing Is March 8 On Proposed Regional Mall

Another full house is expected for the next public hearing on the desirability of locating an enclosed commercial mall in Farmington Township.

The Jan. 25 public hearing held by the Farmington Township was adjourned and will be reopened on Thursday, March 4, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at North Farmington High School.

THE TOWNSHIP'S planning commission is considering a request to rezone some 300 acres at 13 Mile Rd. between Halstead and Haggerty Rds. to allow the proposed regional mall.

The developers claim the center will be the size of Northland Center and will contain four major department stores as well as many smaller retail shops.

Proponents is the HTK Corp. which consists of the Homart Development Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sears & Roebuck Co.; A.

Students Visit Quebec
Twenty-six language orientation students from East Junior High in Farmington recently went on a trip to the city of Quebec, Canada, to hear French spoken fluently.

The students and their four chaperones stopped in Windsor, Toronto, and Montreal before reaching Quebec City on Dec. 28 and settled in their rooms in the Chateau Frontenac.

A tour of the city was taken the first day with stops along upper Quebec at the shops, parks, churches and the only synagogue in the city. Then a tour was taken of lower Quebec with visits to more shops and penny arcades.

The next day a tour was taken of the Isle of Orleans with its snow-covered farm houses and churches in an 1800 setting.

That afternoon included a luncheon at a French restaurant and then the 24-hour journey back to Farmington. The cost per person was \$87 with transportation by train and bus, meals, hotel accommodations and two tours.

Evaluating Intersection Improvements
Stuart R. Perkins, director of technical services for the Traffic Improvement Assn. of Oakland County (TIA), will be a featured speaker at the 20th annual meeting of the Highway Research Board in Washington, D.C.

Perkins will address the national group of engineers and scientists on "A New Concept in Evaluating Intersection Improvements," a procedure he developed to identify the accident potential existing at given road intersections.

A resident of White Lake Township, Perkins co-authored the research technique with Joseph I. Harris while both were employed at General Motors Corp. Harris is employed by TIA as a safety analyst consultant.

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Alfred Taubmann of Taubmann Co., of Southfield; and Richard Kughn of Taubmann's.

At the last hearing, a team of consulting experts hired by Taubmann's told Farmington Township residents the background leading to the firm's decision to select the 13 Mile site.

GENE RICHARDSON, who did the market feasibility study, said the market area for the center extends 12 miles to the east, 15 miles to the west, 12 miles to the north and 15 miles to the south.

Within this trade area, he added, will be a population of 330,000 in 1975 and almost 400,000 in 1980. The area will furnish \$395 per customer to buy in the center in 1975 and \$457 per customer in 1980, he said.

"The market area will still exist if the center is in the middle of this area or near the freeways," Richardson said, adding that it could be moved to another site and still be profitable.

Marty Blackman, the traffic engineer, said projections show that the freeways would handle 50 per cent of the traffic to the center. This estimate includes traffic flows on the proposed I-275 (Haggerty Rd.) expressway and extension of Northwest Highway.

Blackman said 13 and 14 Mile Rds. must be widened to four-lane thoroughfares if the center does not locate. If it does, 13 Mile must become a six-lane road near the center.

Without the center considered, Blackman stated, Oakland County projects a traffic flow of 25,000 cars a day on 13 Mile Rd. by 1990.

THOMAS BROWN, planner for Taubmann, noted the proposed site is now zoned single-family residential but is surrounded by vacant, undeveloped farm land.

Two-thirds of the 310-acre site drains north to an outlet to the Minnow Pond storm drain, he added, and the other third drains south to the Seely Drain.

The area which will be directly influenced by the center, Brown continued, is the five square miles surrounding the site. This primary influence area will ultimately house between 15,000-20,000 persons, he added.

DOUGLAS MANN, commission chairman, commented that HTK Corp. approached the township in December 1969, and a number of meetings have been held over the past year between the developers and the planning commission.

Claude Coates, the township's planning consultant, stated the center could be built on the site and function adequately.

Coates said it appears the center would provide more in revenue to the township than it would cost the government in necessary services.

If the center is constructed, the township's tax revenues would be about 2 per cent higher than if the site is developed as a single-family.

Coates said. This estimate is based on future commercial, industrial and residential development which is projected between now and 1980.

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