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Pilot Makes Good

A pilot program initiated by Farmington Schools has survived and will be expanded beginning next fall. Details are given inside on the new approach to help students learn office work experiences.

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More On Chariots

Letters to the editor in today's edition include one from a proud member of the John Birch Society who discusses the propriety of taking a chariot ride and a mother who feels school trustees are little lambs being led astray on sex education.

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Still Time To Give

The Farmington Community Center is counting on you to help meet this year's need of \$35,000 to continue operating the Center. A convenient coupon blank can be found inside to make easier your decision to donate. There's still time left.

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How They Voted

Everyone talks about youth, but how did your state legislators actually vote on the constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 18? We checked up.

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Confusion

A judge has told the Schoolcraft College board to come up with a reappointment plan. A state legislator has introduced his own bill — and the result may be confusion for college district voters. Kathy Moran sums it up.

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And so will we!
Thank you.
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Township Creates Position Of Public Safety Director

By EMORY DANIELS

Farmington Township has created the position of director of public safety to administer its police and fire departments.

The director, once hired, will assume command of the police force now led by Police Chief Irving Yakes.

The township board Monday night adopted a resolution creating the director's job and instructed its attorney to write the necessary ordinance changes.

The director will be an administrator only for both departments with the functions of each continuing to be separated. The fire department will remain on a volunteer basis.

The police chief will be placed under the command of the director of public safety who will be responsible directly to the board of trustees.

Presently, the township supervisor is police commissioner and the police chief answers directly to the supervisor.

Vote to create the directorship was 5-0 with trustees David Stader and Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer absent.

IN A PREPARED statement, Supervisor Earl Teeples commented the township

has grown rapidly and must guide this growth and constantly plan for the future.

The board sees "the need for efficient, adequate services along with that growth," he said. "People require services. We intend to provide it."

"Our police and fire departments have grown from almost nothing 20 years ago to active, well-staffed and equipped services. We are rightfully proud of our progress in these services."

"As we review the last 20 years, and look ahead to the next 20, we must, at various points along the way, make changes. We must strike out in a progressive, thoughtful manner."

THE BOARD'S police and fire committee spent considerable time reviewing operations of both departments, Teeples explained, and studied personnel, equipment, functions, cost and progress "with a view to the providing of an efficient, over-all safety and security service."

The township's growth cycle has reached the point, Teeples added, "where we should recruit and install a well qualified, full-time director of public safety."

"He should be conversant with both police and fire operations."

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TOP CITIZEN — Charles Schulkins (center) was honored recently as "citizen of the year" by Farmington Elks Lodge 1986 for the many hours he has donated each year to sort and fill baskets for the Farmington Goodfellows. Shown

with Schulkins are James Harris (left), past district deputy and grand exalted ruler for the Farmington Elks, and James Brodel, past exalted ruler. (Evert photo)

4 School Trustees Targets Of Recall

By MARTHA MAHAN

A petition drive for recall of four Farmington Board of Education trustees is under way. It is led by a group opposed to sex education in the schools — and calling itself Farmington Parents for a Responsible School Board.

Targets of the recall are Trustees Ronald W. Emmitt, Gary L. Lichtman, Richard H. Peters and Aldo Vagnozzi.

Left untouched by the movement are Board President John M. Washburn III, Kenneth F. Perrin and Mrs. Kathryn Stirling.

ALL SEVEN voted in favor of a sex education curriculum programmed to begin in the public schools this fall.

Dr. Donald J. Kenney, chairman of the ad hoc committee, told a meeting of about 150 persons Monday night that the decision to direct the recall against only four was made for these reasons:

1. Washburn's term expires July 1 and recall efforts against him would be purposeless. However, if Washburn decides to seek reelection, the group will run a candidate against him and "I will actively campaign against him," Kenney said.
2. There is need to retain some experience on the board.
3. Replacement of four members would create a majority vote which could "reverse some decisions" made by the present board.
4. The "political reality" that "one or two strong vote getters" among the recall targets might swing the community to retaining all seven board members.

RECALL EFFORTS against Perrin were withheld because "he has given indications of disapproval of sex education and voted for it because the others were and he was 'wishy-washy,'" according to David Gayner,

the recall group's vice chairman.

No explanation was given as to why Mrs. Stirling was not included in the recall attempt.

Neither Perrin nor Mrs. Stirling was immediately available for comment. Washburn was away from the area.

About 5,000 signatures will be needed on each of the four recall petitions, the sponsors estimated, but "it would be nice to have 10,000 to boost the morale of the good guys," Gayner commented.

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"wipe out the entire school board" would be "probably rather extreme" and "unnecessarily harsh," he said. Replacing four members would provide an "opportunity to change direction and change some decisions."

"We had to decide who really seemed most dedicated to social change, to sex education and to fostering minority understanding, which parents probably should do anyway," Kenney told his audience. "We had to look at political realities and who had the strongest backing in the community. It was a practical judgment."

Kenney described sex education as "the first salvo in an all-out attack on the family" as a unit and "creeping proletarianism lapping at the door of the family nationwide."

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GENERATION SPOOF—Algis Griucius and Greg Rollet provide comic relief for a fashion show recently staged in Shawwassee School of Farmington School District. The show was the culmination of a series of grooming classes directed by a model-parent, Mrs. Marie Bowers, for fifth and sixth grade girls. (Evert photo)



IN THE FASHION SPOTLIGHT — Roberta Belanger illustrates the peasant trend in youthful fashions at the Shawwassee Elementary School style show. With her is Mrs. Marie Bowers who staged the show as a grand finale to a course in grooming which she as a parent and a model offered to fifth and sixth grade girls after school hours. (Evert photo)