



## OBSERVATION POINT

# The Center Is Up To You

By Philip H. Power

A search for \$60,000 has opened in Farmington.

Sparking the drive is the desire to see the Goodenough Mansion on Farmington Rd. open its doors as the new Farmington Community Center.

It's a great idea, but it won't come true without your help.

Some 12,000 homes in Farmington have been contacted in the drive. The business men and merchants have also been asked to support the drive.

Now it's up to you.

Do you want a center? Do you want a central location for meetings? Do you want the members of groups for all age groups and interests in Farmington?

Do you want a spot for cultural activities—including art, lectures, puppetry and films?

If your answer to any one of these questions is yes—the Community Center fund drive deserves your support.

I believe people want a center. I think the Farmington community deserves a center. It's one of the finest, most rapidly growing communities in Michigan; and for it to have no community center would be a shame.

Farmington currently has no central point through which the community can pull together. The proposed center would provide one.

In the future, with population of the community double or triple what it is now, just think of the needs for a center.

So really the time is ripe. The generous offer by the Goodenough family will not be repeated; homes like theirs do not exist in the area.

The Goodenough Mansion is a substantial asset to the community right now. But in 10 years time, it will be priceless, simply because there would be no way of duplicating it.

There's a lot of talk in Farmington about heritage and a history of the area. I suspect that the fact Farmington has been around for a long time drew many of the new residents to the area.

Here's a unique opportunity to blend the heritage with the needs of the modern day. The facility has been offered to Farmington and all that's needed is the cash to finance the operation.

With this in mind the committee is selling annual memberships.

The cost:

• Individual—\$5;

- Family—\$15 (and that includes all the children living at home);
- Sustaining—\$50;
- Patron—\$250.

Whether or not the Farmington Community Center ever becomes a reality is now up to John Q. Citizen. Often the question is asked, "What can the average citizen do?"

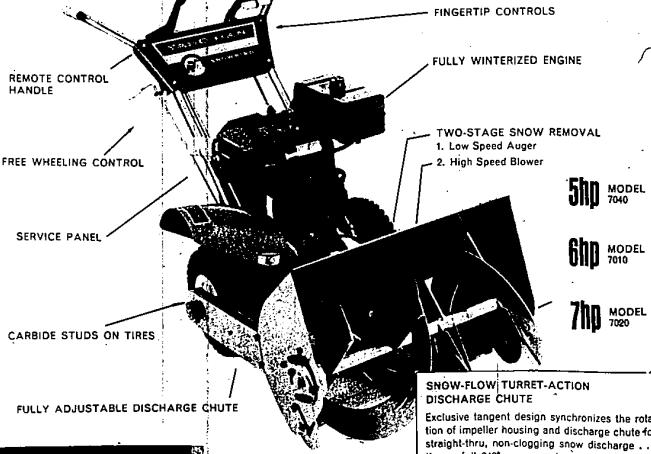
Here's your answer.



OPEN THE DOOR — The gate on Farmington Road is all set to open for the Farmington Community Center provided that operating expenses for the first year are raised by the middle of December. (Evert Photo)

## YARD-MAN

**SNOW-BIRD IS PACKED WITH FEATURES**  
that make the snow fly like the birds!



**SPRAY PAINT**

—Someone broke into William Oiphant's home at 23600 Middle Belt, Farmington Township Monday and painted two rooms

of furnishings. The only unpainted item pictured is the photographers case in front of the television. (Evert photo)

**Kendallwood** *By EMILY ORR*  
474-7499 **Komments**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMann of Peppermill just came home from Oct. 30 after a 13-day vacation in Bermuda. They stayed in the Princess Hotel for one week and the Castle Harbor Hotel for six days. They did a lot of swimming, fishing, motor scootering, etc.

The Dick Leiters, also of Peppermill, had guests from out of town. They were Dick's wife, who stayed for about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Tinsley had guests from Bad Axe, Mich. Ward Tinsley and his family spent a few days and, if you all remember, the weather was ideal for having guests.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to a group of girls in Kendallwood who decided not to go trick or treating but to collect for UNICEF. They did very well, to the tune of \$30 for this year. The girls are: Patti Konzko, Linda Konzko, Julie Weber, Sharon Shire, Peggy Dale, Ann Hundley, Cindy Letzikow and Jayne Munphy.

We have some new neighbors on Bayberry wharf from the West. They are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Letzikow. And their family numbers six. The four

girls are Charisse, Kathy, Cindy and Corrine.

This is a must. Our lamp post at the entrance of K-1 at 12 Mile and Peppermill was in need of repair. Mrs. Virginia Weber's father, Mr. Lynn heard of the problem, and while visiting his daughter one day, performed the needed repair. All the residents of Kendallwood say "thank you."

**GET OUT** that calendar, for there are some very important dates. On Tuesday, Nov. 19, there will be two open houses, one sponsored by the Wooddale PTA in the Wooddale School and one at O.E. Dunciel Junior High. Times are planned so that if folks have children in both schools they will be able to attend the two affairs in one evening.

Cathleen Marie of Green Willow was hostess to the St. Anthony-St. Gerald Circle in her home last Tuesday, Nov. 12. This group of girls entertain the patients at the Northville Hospital every other month and they are planning a Christmas party for some ladies in one of the wards in the hospital.

Anyone interested in donating to the cause can do so by calling Mrs. Mero, GR 4-7838, or other members of the group.

power--? or one who takes the law into his own hands and decides--? Doesn't that ring a familiar bell to you—who is the better person—in God's eyes?

Lets talk about "brutality" in the case of rioters, bleeps, police, or our own neighbors.

I am honestly sick of going to the PTA and other group meetings with people who want to be fenced in. No wonder, our children rebel. They are smarter than those adults who rather have them tied up and hide them from the world than face facts and the world, for the world will not wait for them and they will die by the wayside. What have they left behind? Ashes.

I hope some good citizens will join me in object and be individuals of good character and ask the council by phone or mail or group to remove this hideous, ridiculous, vindictive Berlin Wall so we may again go about our daily way of American life.

Ask yourself one more question. If the township and city join as one, what will be your excuse then? I for one have noticed much improvement in this area and hope he feels we were a part in helping them improve their roads while we needed them.

I try to be a good neighbor,  
**GEORGE STRELZUK**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter arrived after the Farmington City Council agreed that the barricade would have to be removed simply because every night a part of the fence was removed. Because the council expressed an interest in "hearing from the residents of the area," we are printing the letter.)

## Salvador Fence Disturbs Resident

EDITOR:

It is a sad thing I read, and to pick sight I see "The Salvador Barricade Is Back."

Those of you who know me may agree that when I worked for them to get the sewer in along Farmington Road and the curb along the same road—I did not specify that the job was only for the few people of the Meadows subdivision. This was done to save money for the whole community and to see to it that no subdivision did not get a full measure of work, and with misery to follow in the future.

"Love Thy Neighbor" is written in the Bible—how many of you can go to church and still be so small, to allow this fence to divide us, a race of God's people? HELLO! I say.

"The safety of the children," let face it—if a child were about to be hit the fence would be the place to stop him to protect it? No. The school bus (fix item), must now travel on Eight Mile Road (a heavy traveled road) to get around the barricade and endanger many lives—our so-called loved ones, (which are only the pawn, to get your point across, as are mine now also.)

You allow your children in the community to be children from the neighborhood—WHY?

You are represented by the same road commission that gave you sewers, curbs, and a good road on Farmington and yet (one little old fence) becomes a road of hate to the man who said—you did not get permission from the road commission to close. You citizens want others to be law-abiding citizens and yet are you above the law?

Now I am confused—what is an American citizen—one with

The Community Center will be formed not because the governmental officials want the facility. Whether or not you want the center and are willing to support it is the determining factor.

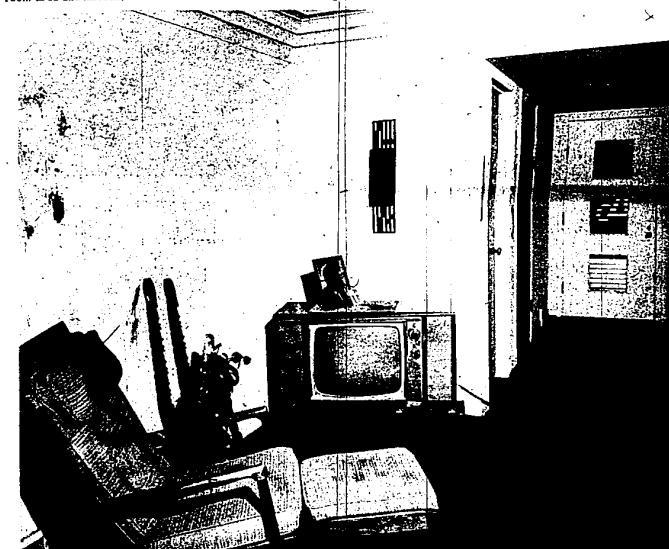
Checks for memberships should be made out to the Farmington Community Center Campaign. They can be mailed to P.O. Box 145, Farmington.

An obscene phrase was displayed in 1-foot high letters across the living room floor. The first word had been neatly printed and the last word appeared in script with a flow that spread across the carpet.

ITEMS included two end tables, a coffee table, a 6-foot sofa, an upholstered chair, a small four-chair table lamps, a bookcase and 60 books, plants, mirrors, draperies, a religious figure and assorted decor items.

In the kitchen, paint had been sprayed inside the refrigerator, on several tabletop appliances and over a wall telephone.

A few spray marks were found above 6-feet on the walls and one was found on the ceiling.



of furnishings. The only unpainted item pictured is the photographers case in front of the television. (Evert photo)

**Grad Class Offered Teachers**

**Briar Hill NEWS**

A CERTAIN GENTLEMAN in our area who shall be known hereafter set up a flag pole in his yard. This is fine, but so far he's had three demerits against him—his flag was flying at 9 p.m., one evening, another day it had slipped from the top and was flying at the bottom and lately it should have been at half-mast because of the death of a former Michigan governor. One more and may be asked to take down his flag pole!

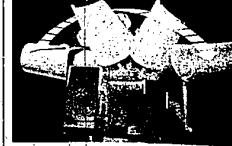
SHIRLEY O'NEIL of Ravenswood was scheduled for surgery this week at Ford Hospital. She may be there for several weeks so send those get-well cards.

Spotted several other college students home for the weekend—Ellen Gahagan from State and John MacLeod from Central and, as usual, every weekend you'll see our own son, John, from Michigan. Debbie, a Scotian, is the one she likes the University of Aberdeen, like the family she is staying with, but the food leaves a lot to be desired.

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