

## OBSERVATION POINT

## The Center Is Up To You

By Philip H. Power



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

Spearheading 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 businessmen 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 formation 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 the 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)

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.

## Vandals Damage Township Home

It took 10 years of planning, collecting and buying to furnish a Farmington Township brick, mason's home, and it appears that it took very little time Monday for vandals to destroy most of it.

"We've worked for what little we have in our home, and now it looks like it's all gone," said Mrs. William Oliphant, while viewing her spray painted living room and kitchen at 23600 Middle Belt.

VANDALS broke into the home sometime during the day Monday and spray-painted the walls, carpet, furniture, pictures, bookcases, tables, chairs, lamps and more than two dozen assorted knickknacks.

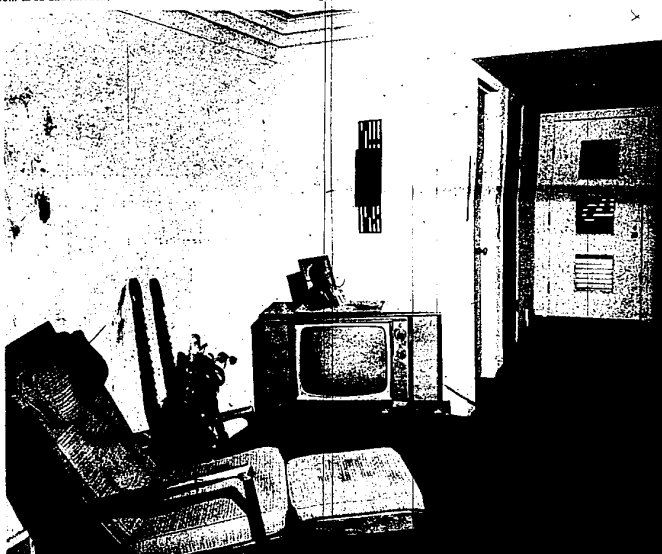
Steel gray-colored paint could be seen blotched and stained over the entire living room area and kitchen.

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 flowing tail spread across the carpet.

ITEMS sprayed included two end tables, a coffee table, a 6-foot sofa, an upholstered chair, a wooden frame chair, table lamps, a bookcase and 50 books, plants, mirrors, draperies, a religious figure and assorted decorator 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.



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

## Salvador Fence Disturbs Resident

EDITOR:

It is a sad thing I read, and a sick 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 our subdivision did not get a half measure of work, done 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,"

lets face it—if a child were abducted behind the fence—could the police drive through to protect it? No. The school bus (tax 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 classroom as the child from the township—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 it. You citizens want others to be law-abiding citizens and yet are you above the law?

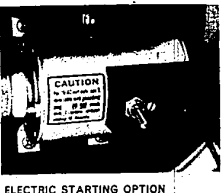
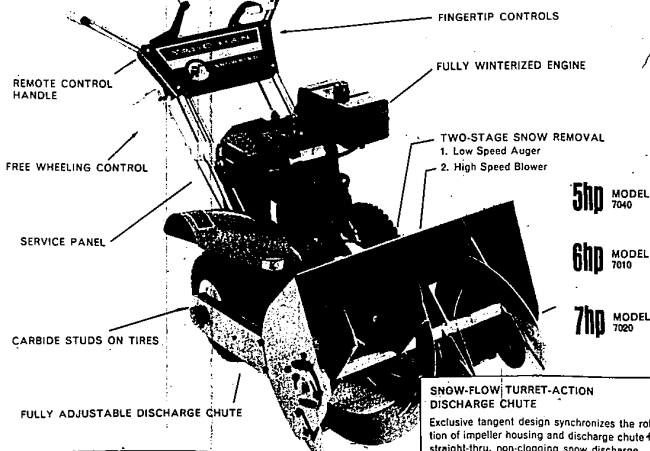
Now I am confused—what is an American citizen—one with power—or one who takes the law into his own hands and demands—? Doesn't that ring a familiar bell to you—who is the better person—in God's eyes?

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.

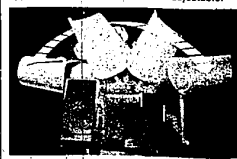
I try to be a good neighbor, GEORGE STRELCEK

(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.)

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By EMILY ORR

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMann of Peppermill just came home on Oct. 30 after a 13-day trip 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 Letters, also of Peppermill, had guests from out of town. They were Dick's folks 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 worthy cause. The girls were Patti Kopicko, Gail Kouris, Julie Weber, Sharon Ehlers, Peggy Slade, Ann Handley, Cindy Laitikow and Jayne Murphy.

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

girls are Charisse, Kathy, Cindy and Corinne.

This is a must. Our lamp post at the entrance of Kipling at 12 Mile and Peppermill was in need of repair. Mrs. Virginia Webber'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 here are some very important dates. On Tuesday, Nov. 19, there will be two open houses, one sponsored by the Woodside PTA in the Woodside School and one at O.E. Dunkel 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 Mero of Green Willow was hostess to the St. Anthony-St. Gerald Circle in her home last Tuesday, Nov. 12. This group of girls entertains 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 a dollar gift can do so by calling Mrs. Mero, GR 4-7833, or other members of the group.

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

Grad Class  
Offered  
Teachers

"Supervision of Student Teaching," a graduate course for teachers, will be jointly offered by Eastern and Central Michigan Universities beginning Dec. 3.

Applicable to all areas of instruction, the sessions will run through Jan. 28, meeting once a week from 7 to 9 p.m. in Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, Tuition is \$50.

Requirement for enrollment is two years of teaching experience. The course gives credit for two semester hours and will be limited to 25 students.

Those who plan to enroll may preregister by calling Dr. James Davidson, student teaching coordinator, 474-9266.

## Faux Appointed

Donald E. Faux, 3161 River-ton, Farmington, has been appointed manager of operations in the commercial banking division of Comco Co., Birmingham-based management consulting firm.

He will be responsible for the analysis of operational functions of client banks and the continuing effectiveness of their activities.

Briar Hill  
NEWS

A CERTAIN GENTLEMAN in our area—who shall be nameless—recently put 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 he may be asked to take down his flag pole!

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

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

CONSISTENT  
The Tigers had a winning record against every opponent in 1968.