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Parking & Paving

Merchants on the north side of Grand River in downtown Farmington are going to get 28 extra parking spaces, and residents living along Drake in the city might have an asphalt paved street before summer ends. These improvements received council attention Monday night.

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Starting Early

A pilot program has been conducted by Farmington School District to determine the interests of young children in careers. The first career day was held for elementary youngsters recently in Shiawassee Elementary School.

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Project For Deaf

Two Farmington children are among a group of 39 pupils participating in a project to discover efficient ways of educating the young with mild hearing loss. A report is given inside on the project being undertaken by Oakland Schools.

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If you're a theater buff, the opportunities are great this weekend. Oakland Community College students are offering five plays, all one-acts, at the Orchard Ridge campus, and the Plymouth Theatre Guild is presenting a comedy.

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Gift Spotter
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If you have a long list of gifts to get this Christmas, save your feet and start early by reading the Observer Gift Spotter. It's a special page in our classified section devoted to gift-giving ideas. It includes items for the whole family. Turn to the Gift Spotter and get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

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DRESS PREVIEW — Bridget Bloechl (left) and Karen Pilchak model dresses sewn and donated to the Farmington Goodfellows for Christmas baskets. The work of local seamstresses will be featured at a dress preview with the fashions modeled by young lasses. The Goodfellow dress fashion show will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Farmington Senior High. (Evert photo)

Withheld Pay Is Returning To Teachers

Farmington Public School teachers, and other school employees whose wage increments have been held up by Phase 2 of President Nixon's economic policy, will be getting the withheld pay before Christmas.

Business Administrator William Prisk said his staff now is calculating the increment due each teacher since the Phase I freeze ended Nov. 13.

THE AMOUNT is being figured under terms of last year's contract with the Farmington Education Association under which teachers currently are working while a new pact is being formulated.

He hopes to get the added money into paychecks going out Dec. 10 or Dec. 17.

Besides teachers, withheld funds will be paid at the same time to cafeteria workers, teachers' aides and certain administrators. Custodial help and secretary-clerks have been receiving their higher pay all along because they were at work before the freeze went on.

Prisk said he refrained from carrying out the paper work earlier, because it was uncertain whether the Pay Board would rule retroactive payment of increments and because settlement on a new contract might wipe out all the earlier figuring.

"As it is, we still don't know whether the Pay Board will order retroactive payment, and there isn't a new contract," he said.

Prisk said the increment payment to Nov. 13 must be figured individually for each of some 1,400 employees, including 754 teachers, by his staff of two.

"That takes time," he commented, "but we intend to get them out before Christmas."

Citizens File Bussing Appeal

About 100 residents turned out for the anti-bussing meeting sponsored by the Tri-County Citizens Group on Dec. 1 in Farmington Senior High. Those attending heard a history of the bussing controversy from Robert Lord of Warren, the attorney for the Tri-County group which has organized to seek intervention in the Detroit school segregation lawsuit.

LORD FILED an appeal Friday, Dec. 3, with Federal District Judge Stephen Roth asking that Tri-County Citizens Group be allowed to intervene in the lawsuit as

representatives of the suburban parents of school children in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Roth has set a hearing date for Jan. 31 to decide whether he will allow the Tri-County group to intervene as an interested party.

The meeting in Farmington was attended by Kenneth Perrin and Mrs. Betty Brennan, both Farmington Board of Education members, who appeared as individual residents and not as trustees. Perrin pointed out that the appeal filed by the State Board of Education only appeals Roth's finding that the

state has contributed to segregation of Detroit schools. The state is not appealing the direction Roth's lawsuit is expected to take—namely, bussing across district lines, Perrin stressed. **MRS. MARY ROSSMAN**, Farmington member of Tri-County, points out there is no conflict in goals between her group and the Farmington Board of Education but only a difference in actions taken. Mrs. Rossman added that she feels the decision Roth makes on allowing Tri-County's intervention will depend upon the group's membership as of Jan. 31.

The group is enrolling members who pay \$1 in annual dues and so far has issued about 7,000 membership certificates in the tri-county area. Money from membership certificates will finance the group's legal efforts. Persons wanting to join may mail a check for \$1 made out to "Tri-County Citizens" to Mrs. Rossman at 35205 Oakland, Farmington 48204. A membership certificate will be mailed back to donors. She added that subdivision associations wanting information on Tri-County Citizens should contact her.

Mailmen Bracing For Yule Barrage

The Farmington Post Office has added an extra 90 minutes to its weekday service beginning this week to handle the load of holiday mail.

From now until Dec. 21, the post office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, instead of the normal 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Windows also will be open until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, but will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. Service will end at the normal noon hour on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Volume of mail so far this holiday season is running about the same as last year, said Supervisor Ed Deever, and this worries him. With the area's population growth being what it is, volume should be higher, he figures.

"I guess with higher postage rates and the economy as it is, people are playing it close to the vest this year," Deever reckoned.

Farmington has been authorized to hire extra help, both clerks and carriers, for the holiday season and all five windows will be staffed continuously while the post office is open, the supervisor reported.

"We were practically caught up by Dec. 23 last year and had no mail at all left by the 24th," Deever said. "I see no reason why things should be otherwise this year. Likely we'll be more current in delivery than in previous years."

"We'll do our best, that's certain," Deever said. "There's nothing worse than getting a Christmas gift the day after Christmas."



FALCONS ARE EVERYWHERE, including on the floor looking for the missing contact lens of Bill Marra, 6'3" junior forward, who lost his lens during play action of Farmington High's opening basketball game Friday night. The Falcons lost 79-23 to Livonia Bentley and are now

preparing for the conference opener this Friday against Waterford. For complete game details, check the sports pages inside today's Farmington Enterprise & Observer. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)



BY POSTAL EMPLOYEES — These Goodfellow dolls, displayed by Mrs. Sally McCurdy of the Farmington Post Office were dressed with garments sewn by Farmington postal employees. The employees are busy year round dressing

dolls for the Farmington Goodfellows and other groups which furnish toys to needy children. Mrs. McCurdy says any person who has unwanted dolls may send them to Dolls, General Delivery, Farmington 48204. (Evert photo)

Recycling Stations

Earth Alive of Farmington announces the following recycling stations are available to serve residents:

A glass recycling center is located at the first student parking lot from the Orchard Lake entrance. There are six large barrels marked clear, green and brown. Leave labels on but remove all metals and sort by color into appropriate marked container.

Cans may be taken to the American Can Co. in Livonia on Levan between Plymouth and Schoolcraft Rd.

Newspapers may be bundled and saved to take to the Papermobile operated by Earth Alive at Farmington shopping centers. Watch this newspaper for dates the Papermobile will be in Farmington.