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## Today's hot line

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### Deny HTK Center?

Farmington Township trustees will be holding a special meeting Monday, and one item will be whether to deny request for public hearing from HTK Corp. for a regional retail center on 13 Mile between Halstead and Haggerty Rds.

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### Stroller's Christmas

Memories of Christmas holidays of past years are discussed in today's Stroller column by W. W. Edgar, offered today for readers of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

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### Bond That Tries

A report is given inside on new methods being used in an old school in Farmington. It could be called the Bond that tries. Your weekend reading also includes Local News, Wood Creek Farms, Daniels Den and the Farmington Community Calendar.

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### Christmas In Church

This is the weekend for many churches to present their annual Christmas concerts. Take a look at our Church section to see where you can hear some music of the season.

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### Raiders Lose

North Farmington suffers its second defeat. Read about the game in today's sport section.

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Gift Spotter  
in today's  
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Section

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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## Teacher Talks Enter Brief Peace analysis

By MARTHA MAHAN

With state fact finder hearings ended, Farmington Schools' stormy teacher contract negotiations enter a lull as both sides await the examiner's recommendations. But peace may be brief.

It is possible the Christmas holidays could end with teachers out on strike.

ONLY THE single issue of first year salaries in a two-year contract was unresolved when the Farmington Education Association (FEA), which represents the teachers, asked for fact finding. The hearing was slated to conclude this week end. Thus it is possible the examiner, U-M Prof. Dallas Jones, may present his findings before Christmas and almost surely before students are due to return to classes in January.

Teachers are pledged to

strike 48 hours after receipt of the recommendations unless they are accepted by the board of education. The board has refused to be bound in advance.

Maneuverings which led to the current impasse demonstrate factors new to teacher bargaining this year—more militancy and savvy on the part of boards of education, more caution on the part of union negotiators.

THE EVOLUTION was acknowledged and traced last fall at the Michigan Education Association's representative assembly.

"Negotiations, as we have known and promulgated them since 1965, are in serious peril," MEA President John Ort said in a keynote speech, "because boards of education have finally wised up to the ability of teachers to change traditional educational clasp-trap when given an equal power base."

"Because we sit across the bargaining table as equals and because we have been aggressive in utilizing the strike as a judicious method for resolving impasse situations, we have negotiated 'the socks off' the school boards, 'the lids off' school surpluses, and 'the cobwebs off' archaic educational processes," Ort went on.

"Having wised up, those boards and their administrations are organizing, planning and going on the offensive." He pointed, as an example, to Oakland County's Task Force 28, organized by school districts for the expressed purpose of developing teacher negotiation strategy.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, Ort declared, public sentiment for teacher bargaining is waning and they are "in no mood for

but are now chugging along on one cylinder," the MEA president said.

He urged abandoning local autonomy for collective action, with teachers in one district going on strike in support of those on strike for another, even to the extent of a statewide strike.

As he advocated the "exercise of our collective muscle in the political arena," Ort has been a longtime proponent of political action by teachers, especially in attempts to elect teachers to public office.

A REFLECTION of the growing caution was adoption by the MEA of new strike mandates, outlining steps required before a local union could legally go on strike.

The first phase required a request by a local for a "crisis assistance team" from the MEA to evaluate the

situation and make recommendations when the local saw a strike as a possibility. The team's return to the district for further review and recommendation is required no later than 48 hours before a strike actually is called.

The new policies may have averted an October teacher strike in Farmington.

Teachers had voted Oct. 1 as the date by which a contract must be settled and Oct. 4 for a strike vote meeting. But the MEA crisis team recommended fact finding instead and the teachers went along.

Should the board of education refuse to accept the fact finder's recommendations, the crisis team said it "strongly recommend" a strike. But the teachers voted to go out without further vote unless the board agreed within 48 hours to accept the recommendations the MEA to evaluate the

### Decor Will Be Judged

The City of Farmington Beautification Committee will again sponsor its annual Christmas decor contest with winners being announced Dec. 21.

The best holiday decorators will be picked by beautification judges for residential, apartments and business categories.

The judges will be driving throughout the city this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Residents are asked to leave their Christmas lights on until 10 p.m. while the preliminary judging is being held.

Final judging will be held Monday, Dec. 20, and residents are also urged to keep their holiday lights lit until 10 p.m. Monday.

The committee will be notifying winners on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

### City's Holiday Closings Told

City of Farmington offices will be closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 23, and will reopen the following Monday so employees can enjoy the Christmas weekend.

Offices will also be closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 30, until the following Monday in observance of the New Year weekend.

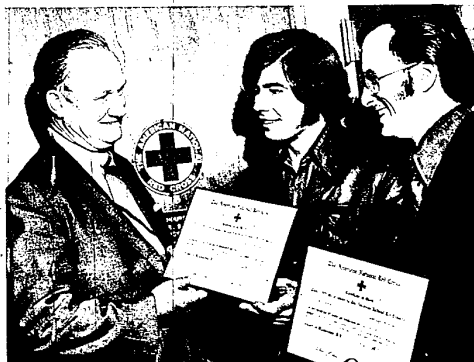
All rubbish collections for city residents will remain on schedule except those falling on Christmas day and New Year's day. These Saturday collections will be made on the Friday before each holiday.

The city treasurer states a depository will be located in the city hall lobby, just across from the police desk, for those wishing to make tax payments or other payments to any city department during the closed hours.

### Township Tells Holiday Hours

Farmington Township offices will close Friday, Dec. 24, and remain closed until Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 8:30 a.m. to allow employees to observe the Christmas holiday with their families.

Township offices will also close at noon Friday, Dec. 31, and remain closed through Monday, Jan. 3, to observe New Year's holiday. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8:30 a.m.



RED CROSS CERTIFICATES of merit were presented by W. George Wibby, director of Red Cross safety programs, to Terry Krug (center) of Plymouth and James Benson of Farmington for their efforts in saving a plane crash victim.

## Farmington Man Is Life Saver

Two Observerland men who saved a plane crash victim's life have earned the American Red Cross' highest award—the certificate of merit.

They are Terry Krug, 24, of 16110 Northville Rd., Plymouth, a junior at Eastern Michigan University; and James Benson, 24, of 29845 Shiawassee, Farmington, a San Control salesman.

The pair gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a woman who was rescued from an airplane that crashed into Lake Cadillac in Westford County on July 19, 1970. Both had received first aid training from the Boy Scouts, Red Cross and military.

her heart wasn't beating at first.

"After two or three minutes she got her color back." When she began to regurgitate the swallowed water, Krug relieved Benson in reviving

her. "We then got her into a police boat," remembers Benson, "and she was half-way breathing."

The two continued resuscitation efforts until an

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PAM FLETCHER, Harrison High cheerleader, spurs enthusiasm as the Hawks gained a 67-59 basketball victory over Farmington High School. Harrison now has a 1-3 season record while the Falcons are 1-2. Check inside sports pages for game details (Observer photo)

## May Approve 1st Cluster

The City of Farmington has received its first formal request under the newly enacted cluster housing ordinance for rezoning.

Standard Construction Co. is asking for the cluster zoning for a 22-acre plot on the west side of Drake north of Freedom Dr.

DEVELOPERS want to construct 90 housing units or four units per acre. Site plans call for 65 two-bedroom homes and 25 three-bedroom homes with prices ranging between \$40,000 to \$50,000. Total number of bedrooms is 205.

The cluster zoning ordinance, adopted by the city council Nov. 1, provides for attached, single-family homes arranged in clusters within a development to make more creative use of open space.

Acuster development has the advantage of community living with swimming pools, tennis courts, community center and ground maintenance performed by the developer.

THE ORDINANCE permits a maximum of 10 bedrooms per acre. The Standard Construction request is 15 bedrooms under the maximum.

Preliminary discussions were held Dec. 13 with the city planning commission which set a public hearing for Jan. 10.

At the same meeting, commissioners approved the building elevation for the Drakeshire shopping center at the corner of Drake and Grand River just east of the Boron gas station.

Three buildings totaling 38,000 square feet will eventually be erected on the 3.6 acre site with parking space being provided for 226 cars.

Construction will begin immediately on the first phase of construction which will see erected two buildings totaling 28,800 square feet. The center will feature specialty shops and convenient shopping, primarily for the nearby apartments and subdivisions.

Commissioner J. T. McDonald was appointed chairman of a subcommittee established to draw a six-year capital improvement plan for the city. Serving with him will be commissioners John Allen and Bruce Habermehl who have been directed to present the plan at the commission's Jan. 24 meeting.

## No Publications Dec. 25, Jan. 1

Observer Newspapers will not publish weekend editions on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, the Christmas and New Year's holidays respectively.

Publisher Philip H. Power said the unprecedented decision was made in order to give employees and carrier boys and girls a full holiday weekend.

In addition, ONI offices will be closed on the two Fridays preceding each holiday—Dec. 24 and 31. The main office at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, and the Southfield office at 20099 W. 12 Mile will thus be closed from Thursday at 5 p.m. until Monday at 9 a.m. for each holiday weekend.

A trend has been developing in the metropolitan area to suspend publication on such holidays, Power noted.

Deadlines for the editions of Dec. 22 and 29 will be the normal Wednesday edition deadlines: Monday at noon for women's and church news, Monday at the close of business for general news, and Tuesday at 11 a.m. for classified advertising.