

# Vandals Rip Up Ecology Bush

FARMINGTON ecologists at Beechview Elementary School of Farmington Schools at 26850 Westmeath) was ripped out and destroyed by vandals less than 48 hours after its planting on the school yard.

"Why?" asked Principal Norman Langer sadly. "That's all I can say. Why?"

THE BURNING bush was purchased with the \$3 the young people had made by salvaging metal trays used for school lunches.

Each day for the six weeks, sixth graders and their mothers scraped, scoured and

stored the trays which were later sold to scrap dealers for recycling.

The project, promoted by Mrs. Wallace Kourtjian of Earth Alive, was designed as an educational experiment in creating an awareness and understanding of the ecology movement.

It was conducted at four schools besides Beechview: Alameda, Kenbrook, Highmeadow and Wooddale.

TOTAL YIELD for the six weeks, ending at the close of last year, was 300 lbs. Mrs. Kourtjian said. It sold for five cents a pound.

The money was divided up among the schools and used to purchase a plant for each one.

"We had a little ceremony when we planted the bush and took pictures," Langer said. "Children were assigned to water and care for it, and we all were very happy."

"That was on Wednesday afternoon. Friday morning the children called for me to look at the plant. It was ripped up, the limbs torn off and lying on the ground."

"I keep asking myself: 'Why? Why, this bush?' There are other bushes around. Why did they have to destroy this new bush? And what did they gain out of it?"

At Alameda School, Mrs. Kourtjian said, the principal told her to buy an inside plant instead of a bush for the grounds.



BEFORE — A happy group posed for the planting of a burning bush at Beechview School. The bush was bought from proceeds of a school lunch tray salvage project. Ready for the planting ceremony are (from left) Barbara Vagnozzi; Mrs. Nancy Kourtjian, of Earth Alive, who promoted the project; Principal Norman W. Langer; Jeff Burns, and Donald Reynolds. (Evert photo)



AFTER — This was the sight less than 48 hours later, after vandals had ripped out and destroyed the bush. (Evert photo)

# Halt Prisoner Work Program

FARMINGTON The practice of using prisoners to perform work for Farmington Township has been stopped by Ronald Holko, township director of public safety.

Holko told trustees Monday night that an agreement had been reached with Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand that prisoners would not be given the choice of working on weekends for the township.

AN ALTERNATIVE is being studied and is expected to be implemented, Holko added. It would avoid having to send to Oakland County Jail violators of a misdemeanor which requires jail sentencing, such as drunk driving.

After the director had reported the prisoner work program was "no longer in effect," Trustee Earl Oppertbauer referred to a legal opinion given on Oct. 5 by Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney, that the program was not proper because the township jail was for temporary housing of prisoners and not for detention longer than overnight.

Holko and Hand are considering a voluntary probationary program which has been used in Royal Oak. Under the plan, the violator volunteers to perform work and, in lieu of a fine, pays

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The board delayed until Nov. 8 taking action on the proposed sign ordinance and the Oakland County master right-of-way plan. The board cancelled its Oct. 25 meeting in observance of Veterans Day.

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