

# Are Study Sessions Open Or Not?

## EDITORIAL

The Farmington Board of Education's "new" policy on open study sessions confuses more than it clarifies.

Supposedly an attempt to let the public in on discussion of vital public issues, the "open study session" has been used as a device to allow erratically scheduled, poorly announced, "special" meetings of the board.

The board announced last month that a series of "open study sessions" at which the public could listen to the school board deliberate and discuss, but not vote, on school matters would be held on Wednesday evenings.

Closed, secret, "executive" sessions would

continue on personnel matters, land acquisition, or contract negotiations.

**THE RECORD** SO far on the "open study sessions" is:

- The first session was convened as a meeting of the board of education, announced by a notice on the school bulletin board, and the board approved a \$7,000 appropriation to the Youth Employment Service and eliminated the hot lunch program.

- The second session was closed, because one of several items on the agenda dealt vaguely with "personnel".

Will a real, true "open study session" ever come to pass for Farmington?

After a month with the new policy, it is difficult to decide what to be irritated at: the board's taking action at a "special meeting" that might better have been taken at a well-attended, regularly scheduled meeting, or the capricious opening and closing of the "open study sessions."

Instead of an open door policy, it appears the board has developed a swinging door policy.

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## Price Killed In Crash

**FARMINGTON** his 23rd birthday in a highway accident while returning home from Missouri for a high school class reunion with his bride of two weeks.

Memorial services were held Friday for Herbert T. Price of Farmington, killed on

Price a 1967 graduate of Farmington High School, had just been signed to play with the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League.

His wife, Christine, is in critical condition in an Illinois hospital.

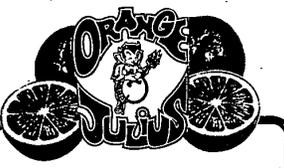
The accident happened Sept. 10 on I-70 just outside Effingham, Ill., about 100 miles north of St. Louis. Police said the car ran off the highway and struck a tree.

They refused even to speculate as to why the vehicle left the highway.

Price played varsity hockey for Michigan State University for two years after leaving Farmington High.

Memorial services were held Friday at the Ferguson-Mann Funeral Home. The body was flown back for burial in his wife's hometown of Bridgetown, Mo., a St. Louis suburb.

Survivors, besides his wife, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Price of Farmington; and three sisters, Kimberly, Madeline and Carol.



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## Auction Next Week

An auction for bicycles and other items accumulated by the Farmington City Police Dept. will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m. in the police station parking lot, Capt. Daniel Burns said.

The items to be auctioned will be on display for about an hour before the auction begins.

## Pony Team Is Honored

**FARMINGTON** Tuesday, Sept. 19 will be 1972 North Farmington - West Bloomfield Pony Baseball Tournament Team Day in Farmington and West Bloomfield Townships.

The townships passed a joint resolution last week in honor of the team that climbed to a runner-up position in the United States World Series Tournament last month.

The Optimists will honor the team at a 7:30 a.m. breakfast on that day.

The players were selected from teams in the North Farmington West Bloomfield Pony Baseball League.

The tournament team won district, state, regional and divisional tournaments on its way to the World Series Tournament in Washington, Penn.

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## Letter To The Editor

### Should Baptist Church Be Saved?

**EDITOR:** On the front page of the Farmington Enterprise and Observer dated Aug. 30, I read, with dismay, an article on proposed changes in Farmington Rd., through Twin Valley Subdivision.

I use the word dismay because City Manager Deadman seems to find the most logical solution to the problem of the removal of the old Baptist Church.

I have checked the history of this building with Les Feel and this church was built on this site in the year 1857.

I WILL grant you that age alone may not entitle a building to preservation, but the building itself is a beautiful one. Its beauty lies in its simplicity and purity of design. There is both peace and serenity in the structure.

I can appreciate fully the attachment which residents of Twin Valley may have for their homes, and their neighborhood.

However, when each of these houses was built or purchased, the problem of "screeching brakes" must have been apparent to them.

There is something to be said for heritage, there is something to be said for tradition, and there is something to be said for continuity.

I am writing this letter because I hope that you or some member of your extremely capable staff will say it in an editorial.

**MRS. PHILIP B. DAY**  
Farmington

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The plan for straightening Farmington Rd. is not likely to be implemented for five to 10 years, according to city hall. They have no plans as yet for the old church.

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