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Chamber Breakfast

A Democratic candidate deftly charmed an opposition audience recently in Farmington. She did it by making some economic predictions and attacking welfare corruption. The story is on:

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Community Calendar

What's going on in Farmington? 20 or 30 things, like a haunted house and club meetings. Its all in our summary of the weeks events, on:

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Staging Revue

A group of suburban women who like to sing are staging a revue next weekend. The program will have lots of variety with a little help from friends.

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UNICEF Time

Halloween is close, so it's the time of year for many young people to collect for the world's unfortunate children. We have a story about them in our church Section.

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Sex Is Topic

A woman author discusses women's sex life at Schoolcraft College this week. Get the details in our Women's Page.

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If you like "things"...



the kind of things that most young people like... things like cameras and wheels and sound...then you'll enjoy making it a habit of reading the Observer. You'll find the things you like...at the price you want to pay!

Rink Supporters Turn Out To Hear Plans For Building

By MAURIE WALKER
The proposed facility would be designed to fulfill many of the recreational needs of Farmington's youth as well as adult residents.

It would not be strictly a hockey arena, the council said. The building is designed to include, in addition to an indoor ice arena, handball and squash courts, concession stands, rest rooms, pro shop, skate rental and repair. It is believed the facility has the potential for many other auxiliary uses, such as high school commencement exercises, community meetings, dog shows, antique shows, summer roller skating and other spectator sports.

DEADMAN SAID that if the city is to build such a facility, "each year's delay adds more costs to the project."

"Since the city first

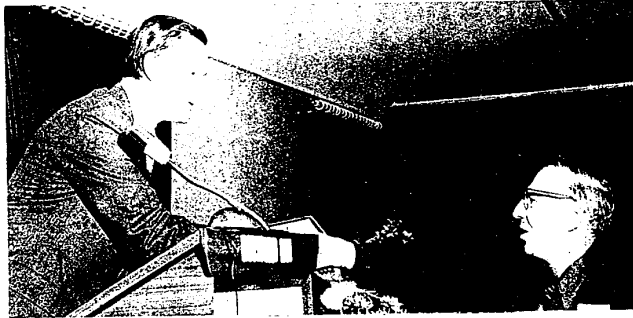
proposed the idea two years ago, the cost of construction has increased nearly 10 per cent, or \$100,000."

Although the turnout was small for Tuesday's public hearing on Farmington's proposed ice and sports arena, those in attendance appeared enthusiastic about the project.

The 22 residents (a few were from the township) threw questions at council members and City Manager Robert Deadman regarding who would run the rink, what skating fees would be, and who would be using the rink. Deadman told the group that the city council would establish priorities for use of the ice, adding that Farmington residents would get top priority in scheduling ice time.

"After all," he said, "they

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Chamber Award

GEORGE RAY received a plaque from John Anhut, Farmington Chamber of Commerce president, for his work with the chamber. Ray recently

resigned from the board of directors. The plaque was given at an "eye opener" breakfast recently. For that story, see page 2A. (Evert photo)

Harrison High Is Planning Full Week Of Homecoming

Farmington Harrison High School will have homecoming activities starting Tuesday, Oct. 24 through Saturday Oct. 28.

To begin the activities, the junior class board members will conduct a class pennant sale day to arouse the spirit of the students.

THE MOVIE Night will be Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the senior

class. The feature will be "The Reivers" starring Steve McQueen. Sophomores will serve the refreshments. Admission is \$1.

The class hayride will be Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Hillcrest Riding Stables. A bonfire will also be part of the activities. Admission is \$1.75.

A school field day will be Friday, Oct. 27. Each class down 12 Mile at 12:30 p.m. beginning from the Birmingham Temple.

field events as sack races. Also that day will be the first annual powder puff football game between the junior and senior girls.

Nominations for the queen will also be held on Friday by each of the four classes. The girl chosen will be a senior.

Saturday, Oct. 28 will be the final day led off by a parade down 12 Mile at 12:30 p.m. beginning from the Birmingham Temple.

The homecoming queen will be crowned during half-time at the football game against Waterford Mott High School which begins at 2 p.m. The judging of the floats will also take place at half-time.

The dance at the school gymnasium will begin at 8 p.m. The dance entitled "Dixie Gin Mill" will have a roaring twenties theme. The musical group "The Meadowbrook" will be the featured entertainers. Admission is \$1.50.



THIS YEAR'S queen at North Farmington is Sue Reed. The Farmington Enterprise and Observer Wednesday incorrectly identified her as last year's queen. (Evert photo)

Special Ed Is Scouts' Good Deed

By MARTHA MAHAN

When young Mike Netzel graduates from North Farmington High two years from now, he'll leave a legacy nearly impossible to match. It won't be handed down to his classmates but to the heart-stirring children in the system's program for the mentally retarded.

BEGINNING TWO summers ago, Mike, his friend Mike Sharp and two other youths expanded their Boy Scout activities by operating the recreational program for physically and mentally handicapped children in the summer school at Eagle school.

The four boys developed individual recreation programs for each of the four groups of children: the mentally retarded, deaf, those with orthopedic problems and pre-schoolers in need of speech instruction. They worked four hours each morning for six weeks and developed lesson plans which the schools have used as

the basis for a continuing program.

"They planned, developed and executed the entire program themselves," said Mrs. Florence Sharp, Mike's mother and a teacher of the trainable mentally handicapped in Farmington.

Mike Netzel's interest gradually centered on the mentally retarded. He formed friendships with the children, ranging in age from seven to 18 years, and even took them on a camping trip.

Finally, he asked Mrs. Nancy Viles, a special education teacher in charge of the group, what the children really needed in order to learn.

"BIG THINGS to handle," she told him, "so they can learn shape and color and size."

"Mike went to work and designed a set of 34 blocks in the four basic shapes: squares, rectangles, triangles and cubes. Each measures about a foot across and six inches in depth. He sanded



EAGLE SCOUT Michael Netzel shows his blocks to the class. (Evert photo)

them smooth for safety and, using non-toxic paint, painted them in bright shades of the four primary colors. Then he shellacked them for durability."

The teachers were delighted, and so were his little friends. The blocks can

be used to pass from hand to hand, to count, to stack into piles and be jumped over or walked around.

"The children can stand on them, sit on them and yet they are light enough to be held and manipulated," Mrs. Sharp said. "And they are so durable

that Mike's efforts will be used for years to come."

Mike, who is 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Netzel of 22263 Hearshstone, and has been a member of Boy Scout troop 263 for 7 1/2 years. His work with the children will go toward the eagle scout

rank he hopes to gain this winter. Requirement for the badge is performance to the community of some project that will continue to serve it for years to come.

The teachers think he qualifies.