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## Legion Birthday

The Farmington American Legion Post had a 50th birthday recently, celebrating a long record of service in the area. We were there to cover the event, and bring back a bit of history.

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## Hokey Pokey?

A bit of the '50s at North Farmington High was one of the odd happenings around town in a page of community events.

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## Final Ratings

The '72 prep football season has come to a close. Sports Editor Tom Donoghue has computed his final ratings and wraps up the finales in today's Observer. Watch for the All-Area selections in next Wednesday's paper. For the results of the last week, flip open to the sports section.

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## Frothy Comedy

That's how reviewer Betty Masson found "40 Carats," the Farmington Players' production of a comedy about the double standard on May-December marriages. The play runs another weekend.

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## New Antiques?

The terms seem contradictory, but one expert collector explained how it could be so when he appeared in a townhall lecture last week. His ideas are in today's Women's Section.

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# HUD Financing Is Doubtful For Senior Housing Project

A new method of financing senior citizen housing in Farmington Township is being investigated because the township apparently would rate low priority with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Trustee Earl Oppenhaus told the township board Monday.

The township has applied for approximately \$400,000 in HUD funds for a 200-unit senior citizen housing project,

but "there are a lot of applicants and only a limited amount of funds," he said.

"They gave us a list of their criteria, and the housing committee felt we would not rate 'superior' under these criteria," he added. A "superior" rating gives an applicant a high priority.

NOW THE commission is seeking financing through the Michigan State Housing

Authority, under the "limited dividend development" program, Oppenhaus said.

Among the items the township lacked, according to the HUD criteria, were the absence of minority groups, absence of public transportation and the fact there is one other HUD project in the township (the Baptist Manor), Oppenhaus said.

The HUD application is still in effect, Oppenhaus said,

but the main interest of the local housing commission is now with MSHA.

Unlike a HUD project, the "limited dividend" type of development does not turn over the ownership for a housing commission to manage.

INSTEAD, THE builder retains the title for 40 years and manages the units, with an income of three to six per

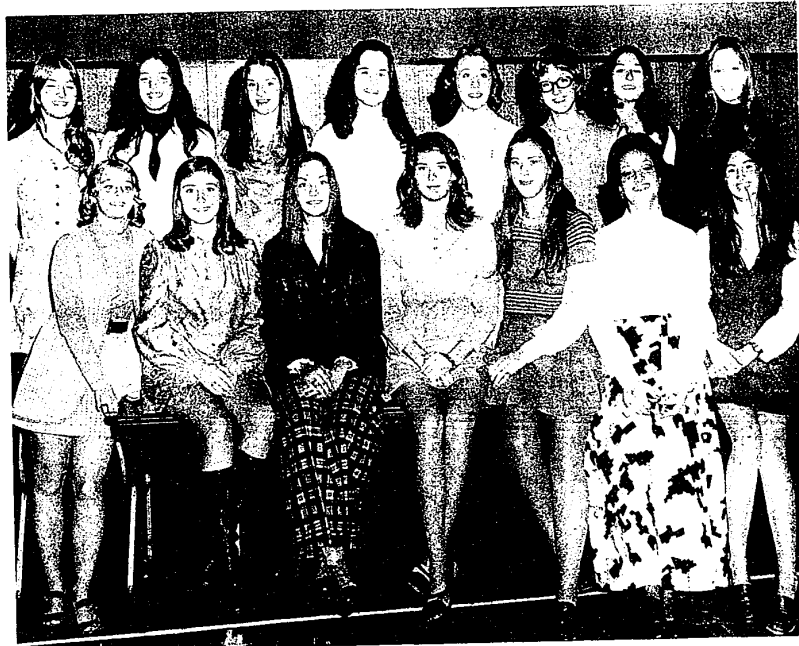
cent per year for the life of the mortgage.

The "limited dividend" MSHA type of financing still is subsidized by HUD, in the form of interest subsidies to limit the interest on the mortgage to one per cent, according to Oppenhaus.

The result is rents from \$100 to \$110 a month, with 60 per cent of the occupants paying no more than 25 per cent of their income.

The township housing commission has already received letters from 200 senior citizens in the township living on less than \$1,000 per year, according to Oppenhaus.

MSHA also would go along with a township priority system based on length of residence of either the applicant or the children of the applicant, Oppenhaus said.



## 15 Selected For Jr. Miss Pageant

Farmington Junior Miss hopefuls, limited to 15, following a tea Sunday at the Farmington Community Center, will compete in a pageant Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Harrison High School Auditorium.

At a preliminary tea held last Sunday, 30 senior girls from Farmington High School, Harrison, Our Lady of Mercy, and North Farmington were interviewed, and 15 girls emerged as finalists.

The finalists are, from Farmington High: Patricia

Deering, Arlene Huff and Beth Ann Tuschak; from Harrison High: Linda Kay Feran, Cathy Semack and Patty Stubbs; from Our Lady of Mercy: Yvonne Arens, Feli Anne Engelbrecht, Catherine Mary Potocki and Ginny Sullivan; from North Farmington: Debbie Dickson, Robin Diebel, Maria Laura Meratorio, Susan Roberts and Wendy Worack.

THE WINNER next Saturday will receive a \$600 college scholarship from

Roger Peck Chevrolet and Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance.

As Farmington Junior Miss, she will represent the community in the regional pageant held early in December and if she passes this obstacle, she will go to the state pageant in January and the national pageant in the spring.

Winner of the national pageant wins a \$10,000 scholarship.

The Farmington Junior Miss Pageant is coordinated

by the local Jaycees with this year's co-chairmen Tom MacFarland and Barry Walsh.

Jaycee auxiliary chairman is Anne Andries.

There are five judges this year: Kaye Button, former actress and Broadway singer; Pamela Eldred, 1970 Miss America; Larry Haver, from the fine arts department of Southfield Schools; Vernon Lunn, from Alexander Hamilton Insurance; and Lori Wagenschutz, cosmetics and wig consultant.

Stage director is Linda Pulgini.

EACH GIRL will be judged on scholastic achievement, a judges' conference, creative and performing arts, poise, appearance and youth fitness. All 15 finalists are sponsored by local merchants and each will receive a \$25 gift certificate from her sponsor.

The first and second runners-up receive additional gift certificates and a camera. Saturday's tickets are \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for children, available at the door.

By Lynn Coiffures and Fashions, Bel Crest Photo, Bon Ton Shoppe, Donnelly Shoes, Ebenezer Shop, Expressions Unlimited, Federals, Gabe Shoes, Godmar Drugs, Harvi's Suburban Casuals, Heper's, Hinkle's, La Playgirl, Mountain Shop, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Wilson Jewelers, Towne Toggery, Ziebacks, and Ray Interiors.

Saturday's tickets are \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for children, available at the door.

## Toys For Tots Names Chairman

Lester Moss has accepted the chairmanship for this year's Farmington "Toys for Tots" program and the period beginning Dec. 11 has been named "Toys for Tots" week.

"For the 16th year, the Farmington Elks and members of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve will combine their efforts in collecting toys for the needy children of this area," Moss said.

"As your chairman, may I encourage everyone in the community to add a toy for a tot to his shopping list."

New toys or used toys in good condition may be left at the Farmington Elks Club on Orchard Lake Road.



LESTER MOSS

Signs, signs, everywhere are signs, goes the song, but not any more in Farmington Township.

Trustee David Stader applauded the township zoning department and local businessmen for their cooperation in enforcing the new township sign ordinance.

The ordinance, passed last March, has recently been used by township zoning inspectors policing the "strip" developments mainly on Orchard Lake Rd. and Grand River.

THE ORDINANCE, the toughest passed so far in the township, bans, among other things, free-standing signs in front of businesses.

One of the most noticeable effects of this is the virtual elimination (three stations are being taken to court) of gasoline price signs in front of local stations.

First the good news...

"It's amazing how much nicer it looks," Stader said. "We've had pretty good cooperation. We should encourage all the support we can

get for our local businessmen."

Stader related a story about how he drove into "his" gas station and "really noticed the difference," particularly when he drove out and found his view of oncoming traffic unobscured for the first time.

THEN THE BAD news... "I refuse to buy gas at a station that doesn't display the price," Henry Grysh told the board from the audience.

"This is a very half-hearted ordinance... putting the price signs in the window is absurd.

You can't see it while driving by."

"In my business I can save up to \$100 a year by price shopping for gas."

GRYSH'S COMPLAINT was apparently fairly common - Township Clerk Floyd Cairns said his office received about a dozen similar complaints.

But Stader said some stations had actually reported their business had increased since they stopped displaying the signs, and most felt the ordinance was fair, as long as everybody went along.

## Beauty And The Business

# Sign Law Is Enforced