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Martin Quits SC

Dr. George E. Martin, member of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, has asked to resign from his at-large seat. Dr. Martin, who had two years left in his term, asked that his resignation be effective immediately in a letter to Board Chairman Jane Moehle and college President C. Nelson Grote.

Reasons for his request stem from his ill health as well as increasing demands on his time from his work in computer science at the University of Detroit, Martin said. His resignation leaves only two former board members after the trustee election on Sept. 13.

A college spokesman said that since the filing date for the election had passed, Martin's seat could not be filled in the election. The board will have to appoint a replacement.

Clark Pleads Guilty

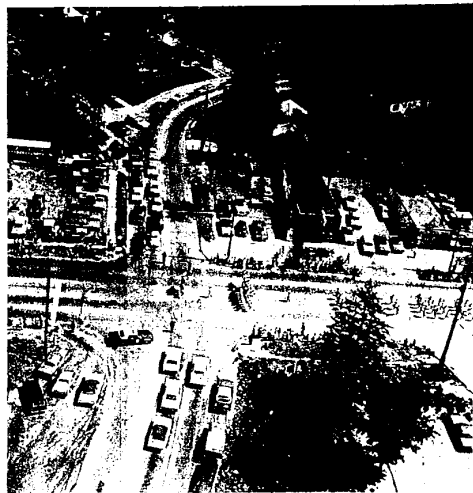
Dr. Ronald E. Clark surprised everyone in court Friday, including his wife and defense attorney, by entering a sudden plea of guilty to manslaughter. Details on the unexpected plea are reported inside.

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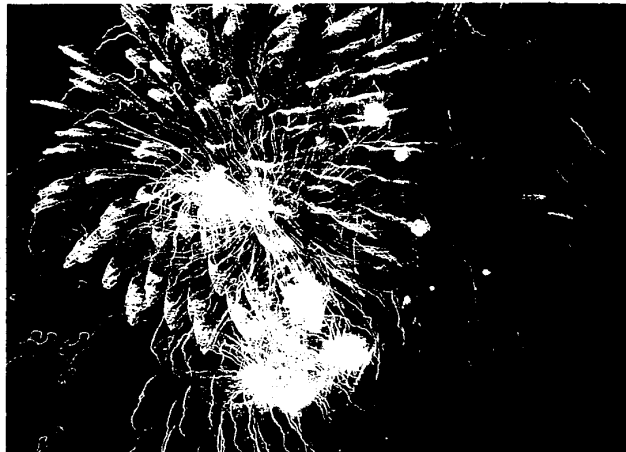
Festival Report

The Farmington Founders Festival has ended and stories inside report on the winners of the pet show and activities of educational political groups in the downtown area.

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NOT BY CHOICE — The motorists lined up at the light at Nine Mile and Orchard Lake at Grand River became spectators of Saturday's Festival Parade, but not by choice. Crowds were thinner at this intersection but persons jammed both sides of the street near Grand River and Farmington Rds. (Fran Evert photo)



FIREWORKS DISPLAY — This aerial lighted the skies of 12 Mile and Farmington Rds. Saturday night for the annual fireworks display for the Farmington Founders Festival. As happened last year, the display was rained

out on Friday night but rescheduled for the following night with thousands of spectators present to view ground and aerial displays. (Fran Evert photo)



SUNDAY CONCERT — A crowd of about 500 gathered on the hill behind the Farmington Community Center Sunday to enjoy an, afternoon concert performed by the Max Davey

Chorale. The concert featured as lead soloists Robert Taylor, "Fat Bob the Singing Plumber," and Rosemary Jackson of Livonia. (Evert photo)

Council Tells Why Valley Is Restorable

The Farmington City Council voted Monday night to do all within reason to restore the slope behind the First Baptist Church of Farmington but declined an unreasonable request by residents to remove the fill dirt dumped down the slope.

A few weeks ago, the church had begun landfill operations to expand its parking lot and was using fill from the paving project of Shawassee between Farmington Rd. and Grand River.

THE CHURCH, located on Shawassee where Farmington Rd. dead ends, had not obtained a fill permit from the city, and the operation was ordered stopped when residents in the valley behind the church objected.

Robert Hauser, of Twin Valley Court, became the spokesman for neighbors in the valley and obtained the services of attorney Thomas Beale.

At the last council meeting, Beale argued the landfill was done illegally because a permit was not obtained and the city was obligated to remove all the fill that was dumped over the top of the hill onto the slope.

Hauser claimed great damage was done to the trees on the slope and that the landscape would be ruined when the trees died in the spring from being suffocated by the fill.

Hauser also contended that by disturbing the slope, erosion and land slides would result with the floodplain of the Rouge River tributary below being endangered.

A FIELD trip was taken last week by city councilmen, and the city DPW sent crews to remove debris and begin

restoration work. The church has also agreed to seed with rye the top of the hill to prevent erosion.

Councilmen observed that little fill dirt had extended into the floodplain and would have no effect on the plain's retention capacity.

Councilmen also noted there are heavy brush and extensive trees between the residential property some 200-300 feet away from the slope of the hill.

City work crews have removed all loose debris from the side of the slope, reports City Manager John Dinan, and have cleared most of the dirt from the trees at the bottom so their roots will not be affected by the landfill operation.

The DPW also removed all the heavy stones located against the trees at the bottom of the slope and is continuing cleanup operations, the city manager adds.

Part of the restoration will involve building a retaining wall (dry well) of concrete

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Volunteer Drivers Are Still Needed

Volunteers are still needed to drive Miss Barbara Kudla, a young Farmington lady being treated for cerebral palsy, to a clinic for treatments.

An earlier appeal for volunteers printed in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer got no response, and it is now hoped someone will volunteer to drive Miss Kudla once a week instead of three times a week.

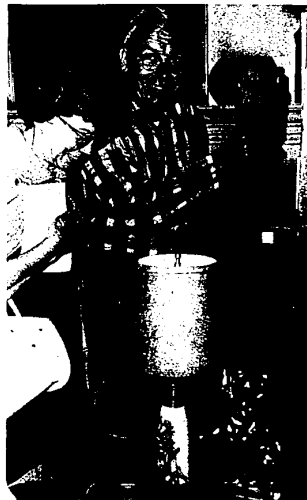
"Anyone who would pick her up at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and take her for exercises and treatment will benefit by spending a pleasant time with a delightful, plucky, intelligent girl," says Mrs. E.

Reed Harnack of Farmington. "The driver may lunch at a restaurant in the building where she receives her therapy or shop in the nearby shopping center."

"Perhaps we can interest teenagers or young adults in driving once a week as Barbara is capable of getting in and out of the car by herself."

Volunteers who could drive one day a week may call the Rev. George Ramsey of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

"This is not a Presbyterian project," adds Mrs. Harnack. "I am trying to coordinate this effort because I feel it is something that must be done and because I like Barbara."



ANTIQUÉ SALE — Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley and Mrs. Ralph Minehart inspect the relics being sold during the Antique Show and Sale on Friday and Saturday sponsored as a money-raiser by the Farmington Community Center. (Evert photo)

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