



THE FOURTH GRADE class of Miss Jan Hill at Middlet Elementary of Farmington Schools recently presented "Oliver" in the school for students and parents. The project was the culmination of a class study of drama and involved students making their own costumes. From left are: Janet Thibodeau as Oliver; Mike Cleary as the bearded Mr. Bumble; and Arthur Hamlon as Fagin. (Evert photo)

Local Playwright

A play written about a famous Farmington landscape will be presented in March by the Farmington Jaycees. A clue to the landmark was given when Jaycees announced the kickoff party which would announce the play title would be held in the Botsford Inn.

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Center Denied

Farmington residents concerned about prospects of a large commercial center across the street in Livonia near 8 Mile and Gill Rds. can relax a bit. The council denied the rezoning request at its last meeting.

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Yankee Coming

Harrison High drama students have been rehearsing diligently and will soon be ready to present a favorite of many. "A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthur's Court."

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Resource Center

A drop-in center to provide ideas for Girl Scout leaders is operating in Farmington and coming to Southfield. Find out how it can help you in our Women's Section.

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Jazz Trumpeter

The Clarenceville Entertainment Series has lined up another popular attraction for March. Tickets are now on sale for jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson and his band.

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How To Run

So you're excited about the presidential primary and want to be a party delegate but you don't know how to get involved? Kathy Moran's story makes sense out of the confusing new law and will help you start your political career.

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Soil Test Findings Stall Paving Plan

Further action toward paving Drake Road has been tabled by the Farmington City Council pending analysis by the city engineer of tests which indicate an unstable soil condition.

The council tabled confirmation of the assessment roll Monday night after hearing a tentative report from engineer John Hiltz.

At the same meeting, councilmen approved a liquor license transfer to new owners of the Golden Rooster bar and appointed a city representative to the Farmington Area Centennial Committee.

ROBERT DEADMAN, acting city manager, told councilmen that Hiltz had taken soil tests and discovered an unstable base condition. The instability is at the hill

on Drake and could be as much as five feet deep. Deadman said he ordered the soil borings, and the tests results reached his office Friday.

Deadman said these findings could result in considerable increase in the cost of improving Drake with deep-strength asphalt. It could mean that the funds needed on some sections of Drake would be enough to build two roads, Deadman added.

Councilman John Allen commented that the engineers had plenty of time to discover the soil instability since the time concrete paving was first suggested in the spring of 1971.

"We are treating the people on Drake like yo-yos," Allen protested. "First the paving is on, and then it's not. These tests simply mean that we

must make some provisions to pave and overcome the soil faults."

COUNCILMAN Ralph Yoder commented that a different base was required for concrete paving than for asphalt.

Councilman Fred Seibert stated the city had invested a lot of money in engineer reports on Drake and wondered why soil tests were not taken earlier.

"It is OK to say Drake should be paved, and we want it paved," stressed Allen, "but we should agree on how we are going to pave it and stop putting up roadblocks."

"We have got \$50,000 invested in improvements to the Drake Road Park and are getting \$32,000 more, and there is no decent road to get

to the park — that just doesn't make sense."

Seibert agreed the council is committed to improving Drake but added it wouldn't be smart to proceed without the engineer's analysis of the soil condition. "Economy does play an important part; that's why we dropped the original concrete proposal."

Allen asked for a report from Hiltz at the March 6 meeting and asked Deadman to see if a representative from the Asphalt Institute could also attend that meeting.

MOTION to table establishing the assessment role for improving Drake until the next meeting was made by Yoder, supported by Councilman John Richardson, and passed 4-1 with Allen dissenting.

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Jaycees Induct First 'Under-21' Member

The Farmington Area Jaycees recently installed its first member under 21 years of age.

Installed was Jim Clarke, 20, of Farmington, who is attending the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Township.

He is the son of Robert Clarke, a Farmington accountant, who was president of the Farmington Jaycees 20 years ago.



JAMES CLARKE



BOB CLARKE

"The basic concept of the organization is leadership training through community development," says Fetta.

"It was felt that these young men can give new insight into some problems which young persons have experienced. The drug problem is a good

example. A young man 18-21 would be more likely to be exposed to drugs and drug problems in the course of his every day life than would another young man 29 or 30 years old.

"Young men in the age group 18-24 are looking for

direction in what career they should follow," adds Fetta.

"The Jaycees would expose individuals to some 100 men and the many different endeavors they have chosen. This could lead to counseling for these men."

THE SENIOR Clarke was president of the Farmington Jaycees in 1952 and served the club when it only had eight members.

His son Jim brings the current membership count up to 104 men.

The Farmington Jaycees, who have been serving Farmington for 25 years, meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall at Grand River and Lakeway.

Young men under 21 interested in joining the Jaycees may write the Farmington Jaycees, POB 33, Farmington 48024.

Parents of seventh graders attending Farmington Schools are "generally supportive" of the district's sex education program, according to reports from parents meetings.

The Family Life and Human Relations program started Jan. 31 for about half the seventh grade classes at the district's four junior high schools.

The program is being scheduled for gradual implementation at all grade levels for all schools.

PARENTS OF only 16 students, less than three per cent, have asked that their children be removed from the one-week sex education portion of the four-week Family Life and Human Relations program, says Joe Nicita, director of secondary education.

If the alternative assignment were acceptable to the students or parents, Nicita says, a program acceptable to both will be provided.

The Family Life program, instructional materials, procedure and course options were explained at evening meetings in each junior high school during January.

All seventh grade parents to be affected were notified and about 220 parents attended the meetings.

"This will be only settled in court; there's no other way. It's so messed up, you can't even explain it to anyone anymore."

"This might be our last two years as a village government, and we should be experiencing unity and leadership at this time, not division."

"Residents should look for leaders for the next two years and not elect persons just on this one issue. We need leadership in the transition to cityhood and need to work to get a man on the charter commission."

OUTLOT D is located on Northwestern Highway between Valley and Wellington Rds. in Wood Creek Farms.

Developers are Paul Inman Associates of Wood Creek and a Detroit law firm represented by Roger Wardle of Farmington Township.

Inman and Wardle have plans to construct a two-story office building on the parcel.

On May 11, 1971, the village council acting as a zoning board of appeals voted 3-1 to deny the rezoning. A public hearing was held eight days earlier; the rezoning was recommended by Villcan.

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Family Life 'Poll' Taken

characteristics and background to handle the subject.

"All teachers in the present program have had intensive in-service training and most have previous experience in teaching the subject."

"The program is only being extended as we become assured, through special training and observation, that the teachers involved are adequately trained and have the personal characteristics and background to handle the subject."

"We intend to watch the progress on this apparently controversial subject very closely. Follow-up training and evaluation sessions for these teachers are also scheduled later this spring."

THE SEX education program will be implemented in the lower grades gradually. All elementary parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers, view the program and materials and ask questions before implementation.

"It is important that the community understands that this type of instruction is not particularly new in Farmington," concludes Nicita.

"It is just that we have now formalized and updated the instruction to the age and grade level of the students. At the same time we have incorporated the material into our standard courses of health and sociology."

Man Killed In Head-On

The City of Farmington recorded its first traffic fatality of 1972 when a young man was killed Sunday morning on Freedom Dr.

August G. Westerman, 18, of Massachusetts, was announced dead on arrival at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was driving west on Freedom, police say, when his car crossed the centerline and hit a second vehicle head-on.

The second car was driven by Ronald E. Knott, 25, of Walled Lake. Treated for injuries were Knott and Shirley Belcher, 23 of 30030 W. Eight Mile, Farmington.

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New Village Attorney Greeted With Lawsuit

BY EMORY DANIELS

An injunction has been issued by Oakland County Circuit Court temporarily barring Wood Creek Farms Village Council from issuing a building permit to developers wanting to build an office center on Outlot D.

The injunction was sought by dissenting residents in the midst of a village election to be held March 13 to elect two councilmen and other village officers. Two of the candidates are opposed to the rezoning of Outlot D on Northwestern Highway.

Judge Farrell Roberts issued the injunction upon request of several village residents and ordered the village council to show cause why a permanent restraining order should not be issued. That show cause hearing will be one of the first orders of business to be conducted by Philip Rowston, newly appointed village attorney.

ROWSTON was appointed village attorney Monday by William Smolek, village president, after the council had approved the appointment Sunday night.

Rowston is a former mayor of Pontiac and also served that city as attorney and planning commission member.

briefing from Smolek in preparation for the March 13 hearing scheduled to be held by Circuit Judge Clark Adams.

The temporary injunction was issued Feb. 17 upon request of 30 residents represented by the law firm of Fulkerson, Moffett & Fulkerson.

The plaintiffs joining in the lawsuit include: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davenport; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Albertson Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Abbott; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Burrell; and Mr. and Mrs. Kryn Irtman.

Also: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rakoczy; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Neilson; Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Kruse; Mr. and Mrs. John Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Maury Brassert; Mr. and Mrs. George Trout; Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchinson; Mr. and Mrs. John Voorhees; and Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Raynes.

Albertson is an incumbent councilman seeking reelection March 13 who voted against rezoning Outlot D on Jan. 11. Abbott was recently fired as village building inspector for his actions in opposing the rezoning.

THE TWO council candidates who are running on the

issue that Outlot D was improperly rezoned are Albertson and David Goldman.

Goldman was village attorney until resigning in the heat of the council debate over the rezoning. He stated he resigned because council ignored his advice that a second public hearing was needed before the rezoning was approved Jan. 11.

Also running for the two council seats are incumbent William Ortmann, John Anhut and Richard Kriedel. Ortmann voted in favor of rezoning Outlot D to commercial.

Kriedel was a charter village councilman and served on the council for 10 years, including six as village president. Anhut is owner of the Botsford Inn in Farmington and president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

SMOLEK SAYS the residents opposed to the rezoning are backing Goldman and Albertson, who are expected to vote to deny the rezoning if elected.

"Regardless of who serves on the council," Smolek says, "This issue will only be settled in the courts. If the council reverses itself after the election, there is little doubt but that the developers will