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All Farmington High Schools Get New Principals April 9

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All three Farmington high schools will have new principals April 9, the school administration announced Friday.

The move to rotate the top post at all the schools is part of a total reorganization begun when Marimus Van Ameyde was appointed superintendent of schools, replacing Dr. Roderick Smith in mid-year.

One of Van Ameyde's first appointments, moving Lewis Shulman from his post as principal at Harrison High to head up secondary education for the district, began the changes.

Shulman announced his former post at Harrison would be filled by James Geiger, who has been principal at Farmington High since 1958.

The top post at North Farmington High will be

filled by Lynn Nutter, moving from his present post as assistant principal at that school.

Clayton Graham, currently North Farmington principal, will be moved to Farmington High.

Nutter's promotion "from the ranks" left at least one hole in the lower levels of administration temporarily unfilled.

Alton Bennett, who has been serving as principal at Harrison until the permanent appointment was announced, will be principal of the new Warner Junior High in the fall.

Despite the new faces at the high schools, all of the new principals have long experience with the Farmington School District.

Geiger, 53, who lives in Farmington with his wife and child, earned his master's degree at the University of Michigan.

Hired as a math teacher in 1950, he was assistant principal at Farmington High in 1953 before promoted to his present post in 1956.

Nutter, 41, of Livonia, also earned his master's degree at U-M. He came to the district as assistant principal at North Farmington in 1967, after working 10 years in Clearcreekville.

Graham, 44, of Northville, did his post-graduate work at Eastern Michigan University. He has been in the district since 1955, and was appointed assistant principal in 1961 at Farmington High. He took over his present job at North Farmington in 1967.

"It gives all the men a fresh outlook with new ideas for the schools," Shulman said. He didn't anticipate any major changes within the schools resulting from the reorganization until next year.



Best Bird Houses

KIWANIS WINNERS—A record turnout at the annual Kiwanis bird contest recently saw 15 boys and girls walk away with trophies.

Among the entrants were (above) Keith Krauter and Brian Negrow. Below: Kim Edoward, Gretchen Casey and David Barland.

Winners in the eight-year-old group were: Marc Zurato, Edgar Kains and Steven Boring. Nine-year-olds: David Barland, Scott Edwards and Gretchen Casey. Ten-year-olds: Mary Pell, Dan McMann and Jim Hill. Eleven-year olds: Ann Rodewig, Keith Krauter and Brian Negrow. Twelve-year-olds: Ron Terris, Scott Wisman and Suzi Mitchell. (Evert photos)



Concert Band Pop Concert Is March 31

"Spring's a' Poppin'" will be the theme for both music and decor as the Farmington Community Concert Band presents its second annual pop concert Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Cabaret seating with refreshments at the tables and free admission are part of the evening's fun.

A highlight will be the voice of Margaret Sevelly, Farmington soprano, who will join the band for numbers such as "It Might as Well Be Spring," "If I Loved You," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "If Ever I Should Leave You."

City Recreation Adds Golf, Tennis

Classes in tennis and golf have been added to this year's spring program of the City of Farmington Recreation Dept.

Instruction will be offered to adults at both beginner and intermediate levels. Basic techniques, styles of play and game rules will be covered. Students must supply their own clubs and rackets.

Classes begin April 10 and 11 and will be taught both indoors and outdoors at 9 p.m. Women meet at Power Junior High School from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Cost for the eight-week class is \$15.

The fee includes a trip to a driving range and golf course and the last three meetings of the tennis class will be on a tennis court.

Indoor physical education programs for men and women will continue free of charge. Men's gym is held in Power Junior High on Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Women meet at Farmington Junior High Thursdays at the same time.

Christ Superstar" performed by the 70-piece concert band. Although admission is free, Conductor Paul Barber recommends that complimentary tickets be secured in advance, pointing to last year's "standing room only" production. Tickets are available from band members.



FARMINGTON OPTIMISTS club took 40 youngsters from Eagle School orthopedic department to the Ice Capades recently. The parents

and wheelchair-bound kids filled two buses on the excursion. (Evert photo)

Navy Veteran Buried With Military Honors

Bruce Griggs Sr. of Farmington, who served as a chief commissary steward in the U.S. Navy after the turn of the century and through World War I, has been laid to rest with full military honors.

Air National Guardsman from Selfridge Field served as pallbearers and bugler was Tom Lyngkila, a member of the Farmington High School Band. Members of the World War I Barracks attended to give their "last salute" to a comrade.

Mr. Griggs was buried in his Navy uniform, as he had requested.

Mr. Griggs, 86, moved to Farmington in 1969 and lived at 23166 Purdue.

He was the Navy's chief commissary steward from 1907 through 1927, supplying vessels during World War I, and the battles of Vera Cruz and Nicaragua.

He was a member of the Sgt. Howard S. Oakman Post, VFW, of Detroit; Fleet Naval Reserves No. 027 of Detroit, and World War I Barracks.

Funeral services were March 27 at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. William D. Merger of Nardin Park Methodist Church, Farmington, officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Griggs is survived by a son, Bruce Jr., of Northville; a daughter, Mrs. Hubert (Margaret) Wheeler of Farmington Township; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His wife, Lucy, died in 1970.

Lt. J.D. Overhouse served as officer in charge of the military services. Pallbear-

ers were Renaud Batholomew, master chief avionics; Tom Hutchins, chief aviation electrical technician; Roger Ostlund, chief yeoman; Leroy Carter, chief aviation storekeeper; Lonnie Westbrook, chief aviation boson's mate, and Michael Minar, chief aviation metal-smith, structure.

Township Flood Insurance OK'd

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that, effective immediately, local property and casualty agents may begin selling HUD, national flood insurance in Farmington Township.

Designated as servicing company for the township is the Insurance Co. of North America in Detroit's Buhl Building.

The National Flood Insurers Assn. said agents should contact this company to obtain policy forms, rates, flood insurance manuals and any other necessary information.

"Now that Farmington has established its eligibility,

owners of both residential and non-residential properties should take prompt advantage of this vital insurance protection," said George K. Bernstein, federal insurance administrator.

Insurance at federally subsidized rates may be purchased for all structures built prior to identification of the area of special flood hazard in amounts up to \$17,500 for single family houses and up to \$30,000 for all other residential and non-residential structures.

Rates vary from 25 to 60 cents per \$100 of insurance, depending on the structure's value. Contents may be insured up to \$5,000.

Super Drill

A piece of frozen ground, a curious neighbor, and the idea for a new business in Farmington emerged. Proof, the spirit of Henry Ford is not dead is on:

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Do It Yourself

It's reached the field of writing devotional booklets for Lent, and members of one Livonia church have produced one. Some interesting excerpts are in today's Church Section.

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Earth's Song

What better time of the year to hear "The Song of the Earth"? That's what the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will be playing April 8 with the help of a mezzo-soprano and a tenor.

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Mexico Trip

The Farmington High Band is on its way to Mexico. For the story of this unusual venture, see:

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Franklin Streak Ends

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