



GIRLS AT BAT give a twist to this season's Livonia Recreation Program. Getting tips from her coach, playground leader John Kiel, is Janet Vitti, while catcher Tom Gullfoyle and umpire Gordie Harrison look on. Waiting their turn with park assistance Jeanine Nantus are Patti Hagard, Janet Talk, Cindy Dinsmore and Jean Gray. The youngsters are from the Jackson School area.



AMONG THE 75 or more youngsters who get tennis instruction every day from the Livonia Recreation Program's talented Jackie Couzens (right) are (left to right): Norm McKelroy, Jim Stubbs, Larry Yanish, Gary Moss and Nancy Duncan. Courts at Franklin High, the only ones in the city, are where daily lessons are given. In addition to tennis lessons, archery instruction is furnished.



LIVONIA WORLD'S FAIR is the theme for this year's Livonia Playgrounds arts and crafts projects. Putting finishing touches on the Bolsford School entry which will be displayed Wednesday at Wonderland Shopping Center are (left to right): leader Bob Lettrick, Ricky Frazer, Brian Luka, Mark Napier, Joan Rutherford, Diane Clearwater, Jackie Greer and Karen Lucas.



FEASTING ON WATERMELON Friday were youngsters on the Marshall School playground in Livonia. Left to right, enjoying the red goodness, were Lella McMurray, Cynthia Lusig, Tom Maute, John Diegel, Kerry Higgins, Terry Garal, Frank Gelusa, Gary Bucklin, Ray Moore, Rick Smith, Glenn Hoffmann and Joe Washburn. Watermelon feasts are a regular part of the summer program.

Recreation Program Draws 32, 000 Kids Back to 'School' for Summer

When Livonia's kids scrambled out of the school doors last June, you'd have thought nothing short of next September could draw them back.

Stop by almost any school in the city today, however, and you know you're dead wrong. Some 10,000 Livonia youngsters are still there.

The kids who've found a summer home at the schools are those youngsters registered in the city's Summer Recreation Program.

For mothers who were worried about having kids underfoot all summer, the program

has been a blessing. For kids, who weren't sure how to spend their summer, the program has been a "blast."

The Summer Recreation Program has been set up at 25 school locations, and includes a special program at Grand School for mentally retarded youngsters. A playleader at each location, and 47 assistant playleaders — one to two at each playground — are on duty all day long to guide activities.

And the activities? They're many. Arts and crafts classes are conducted regularly at schools, and tonight at Wonderland Center, projects developed by each playground contingent around the theme of a "World's Fair" will be put on display.

"Each playleader must have completed two years of college, and must have had one season of playground or related experience," he said. "Many of the leaders are teachers. It's wonderful training and experience for teachers-to-be."

Assistant playleaders are high school graduates, who are at least 18 years old.

Traveling around the city's playgrounds, it's easy to see how talents of the playleaders are utilized. At one site, a ventriloquist holds forth. At another, an art teacher. "Each playground has a basic program," Zirbils explained, "but most of the activities are utilized as well. Also, from time to time, volunteer parents are available to teach youngsters a special skill."

operation of both Livonia and Clarenceville Boards of Education. Principals, teachers and custodians are very helpful and cooperative. There's no charge for the use of school facilities used during regular hours. This is a blessing, because Livonia does not have one indoor facility of its own.

Besides the arts and crafts and sports instruction, the program includes regular baseball leagues for youngsters, a physical fitness program, athletic competition like the "pass, punt and kick" contest held last week, musical "talent" shows, watermelon feasts and other such activities.

The popularity of the program is attested to by the fact that 10,000 kids have registered in the eight-week season, which began the week school was out, and thus far 32,318 participants have visited the playgrounds.

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Livonia Man Named Alumni Director

A Livonia resident, Donald Theuer, 27496 Whitcomb, was recently elected to a five-year term as a director of the North Central College Alumni Association.

Theuer, a 1950 graduate from North Central, is a marketing specialist projects analyst for the Ford Motor Company in Dear-



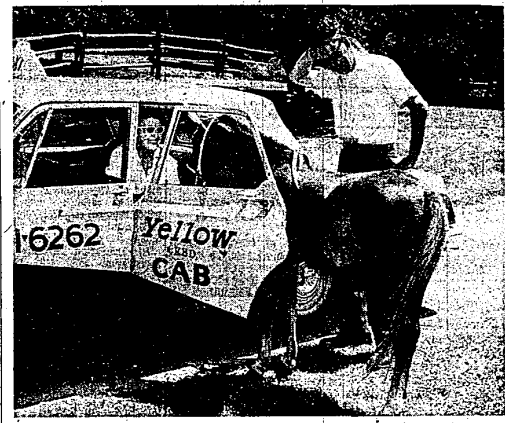
DONALD THEUER

Tuition Set By School Board

The 1964-5 tuition rates for Livonia students who live outside of the school district has been established at \$547.33 for elementary pupils and \$297.34 for secondary school students by action of the Board of Education.

According to staff estimates it costs \$571.35 to educate a grade school pupil for one year and \$591.34 to cover costs of teaching junior and senior high school students.

School Board President Robert H. Cain indicated that the State reimburses the school district \$224 for each student enrolled. This is subtracted from the total cost and the parents or students pay the difference.



"WHERE THERE is a way there is a will," Verne Foster of the Yellow Cab Company claims—that holds true in honoring Captain Topper's favorite daughter when she made an appearance recently at the Livonia Show Train.

Miss Frances also appeared at a benefit for retarded children which included many famous Shetland ponies. Owner of the most famous Shetland pony, Miss Pat Burton, is shown with cab owner Foster and "Miss Frances."

3 Nabbed In Nevada, Suspected Of Bouncing \$1,000 In Bad Checks

On the Farmington Police Beat—Farmington Township, police officers were hopeful of obtaining warrants to go to Las Vegas, Nev. and pick up three men who are believed responsible for the bouncing more than \$1,000 worth of checks, since stealing the blank checks from Wayne Oakland and Landscaping, 27855 Grand River.

The checks were stolen by burglary late in July. Bogus identification papers and credit cards were used as "identification" and the checks cashed, mostly in grocery supermarkets. All of the checks were written for the same amount, \$108.72.

Through fingerprints discovered on a window sill by Detroit-Russ County of the Farmington Township police, three men have received sentences.

Food from a freezer, canned goods and miscellaneous were taken from the Wilson home while the family was absent. Evidence was missing, including a screened storm window to a bathroom.

Widen Farmington Road By 1965 Is Plan

Farmington's City Council is working along a time-table which assumes that Farmington road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile will be widened by about 1965.

Each day, Farmington road has become something of a traffic bottleneck through the peace of the cool, cool, cool of the evening was shattered when Mr. McCollum noticed smoke coming from his car.

Farmington Councilmen were told informally that the mile north of Eight Mile road would be widened to 60 feet, with the County assuming \$150,000.

000 and the City \$50,000. City manager John Dignan suggested that the estimates probably were "somewhat high." (The city's portion would be met by "at large" assessment.)

Sign Up Friday For Farmington Grade Schools
It's Kindergarten Last Round-Up Time for Farmington.
All residents of the Farmington School district with elementary age children, kindergarten through third grade, should register their youngsters this Friday, August 14, between 9 a.m.-noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fire-Flood All in Farmington
You might say "the week that was" for Mrs. Elton McCollum, Locust Drive, Farmington, was filled with unusual happenings.
First she and her husband were enjoying the evening breeze after dinner one night last week—about three hours after he had returned from a trip to the local drug store. The peace of the cool, cool, cool of the evening was shattered when Mr. McCollum noticed smoke coming from his car. In quick succession the fire department arrived, a blaze was put out, but not before the two front seats of his car were burnt to bits. The Fire Department said they thought someone threw a lit cigarette in his car while he was in the store.

Sewers on Agenda Of Township Board
Two public hearings concerning installation of sewers will be held at a special Farmington Township Board meeting next Tuesday, August 18, at 6 p.m.

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