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Seibert Ends Council Career

Frederick Seibert, 10-year veteran of public affairs in Farmington, did not file for re-election to the Farmington City Council Friday.

"It's time for someone else to man the oar," Seibert said, adding, "Some people thought I was mad, I'm not mad, just a little tired."

Seibert's withdrawal left a seat with no incumbent challengers on the city council, which will have three vacant seats in the fall election.

At least three challengers have filed for the council, as well as two incumbents: Richard Tupper and Dr. John Richardson.

As of 3 p.m. Friday, two hours before the deadline, it appeared Wilbur Purdy, 36801 Lansbury, William Garden, 23525 Prospect, and William Hartsock, 2040 Manning, had filed.

A Library Supporter Retires

By DAN MCCOSH

If you try to pin down Mrs. Mary Allison to some category, you will probably be wrong.

She looks like a white-haired grandmother, but she engineered a local library system that was, for a time, better financed than Farmington Township.

She keeps a schedule of activities that would put an auto executive to shame, yet

she maintains she is "not for women's lib."

And after more than 20 years of work building both the local and the Oakland County library systems, she doesn't have a library card.

The Farmington Area Library system now has two buildings, and you can spend a busy day at the library involved in library activities without looking at a book.

Conversation with her about libraries invariably turns back to the idea of getting more people involved with the system.

Her vision of a library as an active community center comes from her experience raising two children as a working mother.

"I wanted to keep them occupied in the summer, so I sent them down to the library to get a new book every day - sometimes they came back with even more."

Keeping kids busy at the library became a central part of her philosophy.

She moved to Farmington in 1947. "I was surrounded by cows," she smiles, recalling her family was worried she might be lonely.

The Friends of the Library "seemed to be the type of people I had something in common with," she said, and she immediately became secretary after joining the group in 1951.

In 1958, she was appointed to the board of trustees of the library, where she was also secretary, becoming

president in 1971.

In the meantime, she worked with the Oakland County Library Board, the Michigan Library Assn., the American Library Assn., and the Catholic Library Assn., all of which she plans to continue.

The board successfully turned a millage defeat to two victories. This raised the money for the new 12 mile road branch, and insured financing for a planned new li-



MRS. MARY ALLISON

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BABY JOHN DOE gets some attention from Dr. James Newman, while James Jamrog looks on. (Evert photo)

Found In Garbage

Rescuer Visits Homeless Waif

By DAN MCCOSH

Baby "John Doe" got more than the usual share of rib-ticking and chin-chuckling at Bolsford General Hospital Wednesday, but the lavish attention was all coming from strangers.

The five pound, two ounce boy was being treated for minor respiratory problems after being rescued from a car wash garbage can by James R. Manrog, 24650 Madison Court.

Jamrog discovered the waif at the X-Way Car Wash, 39831 Grand River, after he

heard a noise coming from the can.

"It was all covered with rags," he said.

He called the police, who transported the child to the hospital. Farmington police Capt. Daniel Byrnes said arrangements were being made to turn the baby over to juvenile authorities after he is discharged.

Police estimated the baby was in the can for several hours before he was discovered. Indications were he was deposited shortly after he was born on Tuesday morning.

Jamrog, an engineering student at Wayne State University, visited the infant the following day at the hospital.

Dr. James Newman tickled the baby in the stomach. "He's getting used to having his picture taken," he said.

"You know, I don't know just how I feel," Jamrog said afterwards. "I used to work in an emergency room in a hospital - I saw a lot of things there, but nothing like this. I suppose I got used to seeing the kinds of things most people never see."



"I don't know just how I feel."
--James Jamrog



THIS GARBAGE CAN held the infant for several hours. (Evert photo)

what's inside

Burglaries Solved

The arrest of a group of juveniles was credited with clearing up some local burglaries. For a look at the loot, see:

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Bird In Hand

A wayward bird landed in a local family's life recently, bringing on the usual problems of a feathered orphan. The story with pictures is on:

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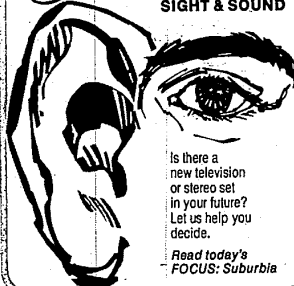
The Wayne-Westland Community Theater is conducting open auditions for "Hobbit." To learn where to apply turn to the entertainment section.

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Talent Leads Youth To Harvard

By MARTHA MAHAN

When young Steven Ballmer of Farmington goes to Harvard next fall as a math-physics major, he'll enter as a sophomore.

After reviewing his record and test results, the university told him just to skip the freshman studies!

Ballmer, 17, who graduated in June from Detroit Country Day School, already has been deluged with academic honors.

He received a \$1,000 National Merit scholarship "in

recognition of outstanding performance and promise for future intellectual achievement."

He won a \$300 scholarship this year and \$200 last year in the Michigan Math competition.

He was a participant in the U.S.A. Mathematical Olympiad which is open only to some 100 students over the country and then only by invitation.

He won a bronze medal for his performance in the National Math competition and received honors in the Lawrence Institute of Technology Math contest.

Finally, he was recipient of the White Scholarship Cup, awarded the Junior or senior at Detroit Country Day who attains the highest scholastic average.

As a senior year project, he worked with Dr. Murray Kiamkin at the Ford Motor Co. Scientific Research Laboratories. He was involved in pure math problems as part of the physics laboratory dealing in automative research.

He is a Phi Beta Kappa

student and a member of the Cum Laude Society.

Despite the teeming brain, Ballmer can in no way be thought of as "bookish."

A chunky, blond six-footer, he's been keen about basketball as he is about reading in French, another favorite pastime. "I don't know why."

He was a tackle on the Country Day varsity football team and a shot-putter on the varsity track team.

He likes golf and weight-lifting and looks forward to playing intramural basketball at Harvard.

"I wasn't good enough to make the Country Day varsity," he explained ruefully. His 255 pounds (I've lost 50 pounds now!) may have been part of that failure.

Ballmer's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Ballmer of 23831 Lynford. His father is a cost analyst for Ford Motor Co. and his mother has worked as a secretary-bookkeeper.

He has a sister, Rachelle, 15, a senior at Harrison High School "who gets good marks, too."

Ballmer's biggest pleasure in being invited to skip his freshman year at Harvard is purely economic. He's working to help pay his way through college and is happy about the \$5,500 to \$6,000 he'll save by being able to complete his studies in three years instead of four.

He's helping earn his university expenses by working



YOUTH THEATER will be presented free Saturday, Aug. 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m., and Sunday, Aug. 19, beginning at 1 p.m., in the outdoor amphitheater at the Farmington Community Center. Russ Proctor (left) and Courtney Strang star in the production of "Winnie the Pooh," an original rock version. (Evert photo)

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STEVEN BALLMER

Youth Theater Play Opening

An original musical version of "Winnie the Pooh" will be staged for Farmington children again this weekend.

The Farmington Community Youth Theater will offer two performances, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. The hour-long shows will be staged in the Farmington Community Center's outdoor amphitheater.

Tickets are 75 cents and proceeds go to the Community Center.

Writers and directors are Susie Cantor and Bonnie Shuster, recent Harrison High School graduates, who combined a desire to keep busy during the summer with a love of children and the theater.

The cast includes Russ Proctor as Winnie the Pooh, Courtney Strang as Christopher Robin, Rachelle Ballmer as Owl, Paige Billin as Rabbit, Kris Sepety as Piglet and Jane Kinsey as Tigger.

Others are Linda Goodman a Kanga, Nancy Cantor as Roo, Rich Skillman as the Storyteller and Joe Benedict as the Heffalump.

Jody Cantor, Diane DeMarco, Laura Derrick, Ruta Sepety and Joan Toth are bunnies. Leslie Strang plays Piglet Jr., Julie Toth is Porcupine, Pam Orcutt is Skunk and Myda Korrigian is a ladybug.