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Farmington Remembers, Memorial Day a Success



PROUD PARENTS, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, with their daughter, Bonnie, at V.F.W. Post No. 4033. Their daughter had just been presented the award of Michigan's Miss Army Recruit...

During the most murderous Memorial Day in the history of American motor traffic, the Farmington area happily produced only a handful of minor car mishaps.

And in the wake of national Memorial Day ceremonies are declining in interest, Farmington produced one that was both impressive and enthusiastic.

People were massed from one end of the parade route to the other. And perhaps a couple of thousand people crowded the Oakwood Cemetery for the ceremony.

The crowd was moved by the Veterans Ritual and the address of Mayor General Stanley W. Connelly, Commanding General of the 70th Division, and Farmington Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton, himself a combat veteran of the Air Force.

And there was another stirring moment when Mrs. Grace Auten, representing the Gold Star Mothers, and Mrs. Mae Fox, representing the Blue Star Mothers, laid wreaths. The Gold Star wreath is in honor of those who perished in this country's wars.

At the dinner that followed the parade, Gen. Connelly presented the award of Miss Army Recruit for Michigan to pretty 19-year-old Bonnie Johnson, whose father, James Johnson,

is Chaplain of Farmington's VFW Post 4033.

Another fact of local interest is that the 300th Military Police Reserve Unit was represented in the parade.

The Chief of Latham Perkins of State Road Rocky Crest Drive in Farmington. And Silver Star winner Capt. Sol P. Baltimore, who led the 300th in the parade, is

the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Latham Perkins of State Road in Farmington.

The parading units assembled at Farmington Junior High and then marched down Grand River to the Oakwood Cemetery. At the cemetery, the chairman and Co-Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, George T. Gibbons and Charles Currie respectively, introduced the guest speakers, General Connelly, and Mayor Brotherton.

These followed Memorial Services, conducted by Rev. George W. Hamesy, Chaplain of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, George Griffin, Commander of American Legion Post No. 346, and Commander James Rouse, Commander of V.F.W. Post No. 4033. The uniformed men saluted while the National Anthem and Taps were played.

At noon, there was an open house at the VFW Post, at 23414 Orchard Lake Road. Finally, there was a Memorial Day Dinner at Botsford Inn.

At the dinner, Mrs. Charles W. Currie, President of the Legion Auxiliary, introduced the VFW Auxiliary gave the closing ceremony. The Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force all sent representatives to the parade ceremonies.

The Joint Committee, which made the preparations consisted of: Joseph T. Gibbons, George Griffin, James Rouse, Major Robert L. Smith, USA-Ret.; Charles W. Currie, Frank Barber, Alma Mattox, Harry Kutschke, and John Hatfield.

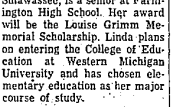
The Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers present were Mrs. Alfred D. Lint, Mrs. Grace Auten, Mrs. Mae Fox, Mrs. Wilfred Brown, Mrs. John Byrne, Mrs. Louis Gay, Mrs. Axel Gehl, Mrs. Arthur Krueger, Mrs. Fred Lindsey, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, Mrs. Charles Ripaldi, Mrs. Alfred Stenroos, Mrs. Edna Van derburg, Mrs. Charles Werchin, Mrs. Ethel Whitefoot, Mrs. Charles Willard, Mrs. Gladys Williams, and Mrs. Beulah Zingelmann.

Farmington Education Assoc. Gives Out Scholarships To Five

The Farmington Education Association will award beginning scholarships to high school seniors Sharon Saja, Linda Cox and Richard Belanger and continuing scholarships to university students Gayle Humm, Alvin Voss and Daniel McKelvey.



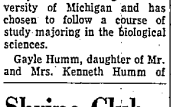
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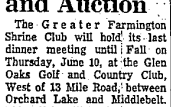
Linda Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Steele Cox, of 33325 Shawassee, is a senior at Farmington High School. Her award will be the Louise Grimm Memorial Scholarship. Linda plans on entering the College of Education at Western Michigan University and has chosen elementary education as her major course of study.



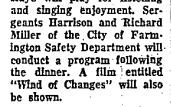
Richard Belanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Belanger, 23221 Floral, is a senior at Farmington High School. Richard plans on entering the University of Michigan and has chosen to follow a course of study majoring in the biological sciences.



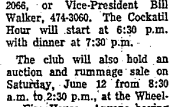
Gayle Humm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Humm of 32211 Floral, is a senior at Farmington High School. Richard plans on entering the University of Michigan and has chosen to follow a course of study majoring in the biological sciences.



Alvin Voss, son of Mrs. Emil Voss of 2911 Bannockburn, is completing his freshman year in the College of Engineering at the University of Detroit. Alvin will continue his studies in this chosen field.



Daniel McKelvey, son of Mrs. Marshall McKelvey of 22509 Hawthorne, is completing his sophomore year in the College of Commerce and Finance at the University of Detroit. Dan will continue to study in this field of business.



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Mercy College Honors Farmington Area Girls

Graduating cum laude for a bachelors of arts degree from Mercy College of Detroit Thursday (June 3) will be Virginia D. Bonner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Bonner, 27150 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.

Miss Bonner is president of Alpha Mu, a national honor society in foreign languages, vice president of the Young Democrats, and a member of Kappa Delta.

Mary LeBlanc, national honor society in education and the Student Education Association. She was on the Dean's List for academic excellence for four years. Miss Binzer majored in French and secondary education. She is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Bachelor of science in nursing degrees will be granted to Sharon A. Christman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christman, 34630 Versaille Court, Farmington.

Miss Christman was vice-president for both her freshman and sophomore classes and treasurer in her junior year. She is a member of Theta Alpha Chi.

Miss McCune served as treasurer of Theta Alpha Chi in her junior year and was named to the Dean's List for three years for academic excellence.

She is named in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Nancy Ann Nowack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Nowack, 2227 West Clover Court, Farmington, will receive a bachelor of science degree. Miss Nowack majored in psychology. She is a graduate of Immaculata High School.

Margaret Anne Wiedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wiedman, 36221 Lynn Road, Farmington, will receive a bachelor of science degree. A home economics major, Miss Wiedman is a member of the Home Arts Club, the Student Education Association.

She is named in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Zoning Board Reveals Philosophic Differences

The Farmington Township Zoning Board held a long and significant meeting on Thursday, May 27.

William Beauman, General Manager of the Thompson-Brown Realty Co. was there in connection with the Township's Industrial Development Committee.

Another philosophic difference among the Zoning Board members that of the site plan. The site plan requirement had arisen last fall, when the Village Green Subdivision was up for consideration.

Thursday, the site plan of the Botsford Inn Co. got through without a hitch. But that of the Kendallwood Corp. was shot down as inadequate.

Beauman's specific purpose in being at the meeting was to urge the rezoning request of Jarvis Schmidt of Hubbard Associates in receiving 22.9 acres to light industry. It was approved.

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Civil Rights Group Meets

Candidates for the Farmington District School Board have agreed to meet with the Farmington-Human Relations Council.

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Gula and Newell Bring Praise To Twp. Police

On Sunday, May 23, two letters were addressed to the Township of Farmington, both of which indicate a high degree of morale and competence on the part of the Township's Police Department.

One of them was sent to Supervisor Curt Hall, in praise of Ptl. Al Gula. The other was sent to Police Chief Irving Yakes, in praise of Ptl. Arlo Newell.

Wrote J. E. Orvis of 36133 Quakerdown Lane, about Gula: "I had my first direct experience yesterday with the services of our Farmington Township Police Department. I am pleased to tell you that the performance of this department was magnificent."

"Within five minutes of the accident in which my daughter was severely injured, Officer Gula was on the scene. Within 20 minutes she was in the emergency room at Beaumont Hospital receiving immediate attention, thanks to the advance alert given the hospital by the department."

"Officer Gula's skillful negotiation of the 12-mile route to the hospital through heavy traffic was something which, unfortunately, a citizen must experience to fully appreciate."

"The highly efficient and skillful performance of Officer Gula and the Farmington Township Police is deeply appreciated by my family and should be a matter of pride and reassurance to the citizens of Farmington Township."

About Newell, Mrs. Bernard J. Howell, of 29660 Shawassee wrote: "Although this letter is late in being sent, we feel you should know how gratified we are in how a recent situation has handled."

"About 2 1/2 weeks ago we suggested to our son Bernie that he go to the Police Station and tell them how his baseball mitt appeared last summer."

"Little did we realize that Patrolman Newell would be so thorough on such a matter. We thought you would advise him to forget it."

State Jaycees Honor Parnin

For the Farmington Jaycees, the highlight of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce annual convention in Grand Rapids, was the naming of their President, Ralph C. Parnin, as one of the five Outstanding Local Presidents.

Over 2,000 Jaycees and their wives attended the convention. The Farmington delegation consisted of 19 men, 14 of whom were accompanied by their wives. The Michigan Jaycee organization includes over 8,000 members in over 220 chapters across the state.

The Farmington chapter made a strong showing for State honors again this year. It was awarded first place in its population division for "Increased Membership." (Doug Wendrick served as membership chairman this year). A second place award for "Chapter and Individual Development" and a third place in "Inter-Club Visitation" were also earned by the group.

The Outstanding Local President award earned by Parnin was one of the five awarded in the entire state. It was the first in the history of the Farmington Chapter.

Ralph lives with his wife, Mary Lou and their three children, at 3105 Folkstone Drive, and is the Customer Service Manager for the Cadillac Division of General Motors.



RALPH PARNIN

Farmingtonite Class President

David Durfee Frederick received his Bachelor of Arts in Bible Degree from the Midwestern Baptist Bible Seminary in Pontiac, Mich., on Friday night, May 28.

In addition, he was awarded the President Pin in recognition of the fact that he had been elected president of the Student Body early in his senior year. And he was also presented the Leadership Pin acknowledging the fact that he has displayed the greatest degree of leadership ability of any student during the year.

David plans to return to the Seminary in the fall, to seek a Master's Degree.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frederick of 21435 Collingham, in Farmington. He graduated from Clarenceville High in 1960.



BON MOT, Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall gets a laugh from the distinguished assemblage at the Memorial Day Dinner at Botsford Inn. He said that since the other speakers were stressing other aspects of Memorial Day, he would stress "brevity." At 346.

Reservations must be in by Monday, June 7 and may be made by telephone. Ticket Chairman Russ Bull, 537-9590. President Leo Harrowood, 349-2066, or Vice-President Bill Walker, 474-3660. The Cocktail Hour will start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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