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Fatal Rifle Shot Ends Argument

During a party early Sunday morning at the home of Donald Garren, 23, of 21756 Whittington, Darren was shot and killed by a long time friend, John Lee Ott, 22, of 22710 Tulane. The shooting resulted from an argument over a \$50 debt.

Russell Conway, Township chief of detectives, said witnesses told him that Ott came to Garren's home while he was entertaining members of the Drifters' Motorcycle club to which both men belonged. He demanded \$50 which he said Garren owed him for a painting job.

An argument followed in which Garren fired a shot from a .22 caliber pistol, hitting no one. Ott left to return shortly with a rifle. Several shots were exchanged, Conway said.

When Garren fell, Ott fled and hid in a small wooded area in Livonia, it was later learned.

Later, he arranged with a brother, Melvin Ott, of 18850 Poinciana, Redford Township, to bring about a surrender to the police. A foreign-made rifle was found at Melvin Ott's home and police planned to determine whether it was the murder weapon.

John Ott remained mute when arraigned before Clawson Municipal Judge Bristol Hunter. His examination has been set for July 15 before Justice Byron Walters of Farmington Township.

Another person who was present at the party, Sherman Little, 19, of 21528 Whittington, was also injured at the time of the shooting, but refused treatment at Botsford Hospital. Police Chief Irving Yakes said that the cause of his injuries was still under investigation.

Garren had been living in the Township for the past three years. He is survived by his wife Randy and a daughter, Terri. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Garren are also residents of Farmington, and he had four sisters and three brothers. He attended Clara High School. The application must be on file for those who vote in absentia for the purpose of signature comparisons, so there is not too much time remaining before the August 2 primary for those who must make such arrangements.

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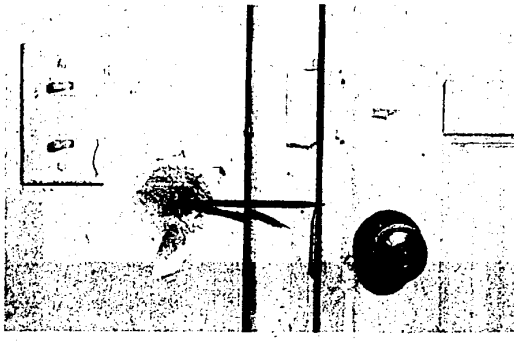
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A KNITTING NEEDLE poked through a bullet hole shows where one of the bullets hit one of his best friends, John Ott, 22, of 22570 Tulane.

Announce Soloists For Founders Follies

Several entertaining solo numbers have been announced for the Farmington Festival's variety show, "Founders Follies," scheduled for Friday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Farmington Junior High School gymnasium on Thomas Street. These individual numbers, added to an already entertainment-packed program, make the Follies a "must" for all who attend the Festival.

Among the cast will be soloist Kaye Britton, Mrs. Britton, a member of the Farmington Players, has appeared on Broadway in such productions as "Finian's Rainbow." She is the mother of Michigan's Junior Miss, Bonnie Britton.

The Les-Dovers, a barbershop quartet of considerable fame, will add their harmony to the star-studded program; A well-known member of

An official Calendar of Events for the Farmington Founders Festival appears on page 8-A of this week's Enterprise.

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Twp. To Sue City Over Annexation

Farmington Township will take the City of Farmington to court over the City's attempt to annex 1828 acres of prime industrial land. The decision was made Monday night following a report from Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan on his examination of the petition.

Brennan pointed out that only one small corner of the first portion filed for annexation was contiguous with the City and said that a Michigan Supreme Court decision of a few years ago on the question of a contiguous area served as enough of a basis for instituting the action.

Brennan said a real doubt existed whether or not the small portion of land that Grand River was actually enough to be considered "a contiguous area."

"I think there is enough of a question on gerrymandered annexation that it should be litigated," Brennan said. "The question would undoubtedly go to the Michigan Supreme Court if carried through so it would mean an expenditure of a couple thousand dollars by the Township," he maintained.

The attorney noted that it was highly unlikely that the suit could be completed by November when an election on the question will probably be held. If the Woodcroft area votes to be annexed to the City then the suit would "go out the window," however, if Woodcroft does not vote for annexation the law suit would be very germane," Brennan stated.

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Briar Hill Opposed To Field Sites

Seven families whose property adjoins the site of the new Forest Elementary School appeared at Monday's Board of Education meeting to protest the location of the proposed baseball diamonds.

James Moreen, spokesman for the group, pointed out that the ball fields would be practically in their backyards and cars of people attending Little League games and other playground functions would be parked on their streets.

The Briar Hill residents also feared, Moreen said, that their property would be used as a walkway by those who parked their cars on Ravenscroft rather than using the school parking lot.

Could the location of the ball diamonds be changed? The group requested. According to members of the Board this could not be done so much study had gone into their placement with an eye to saving the patches of virgin timber which exist on the school property, and for which it is named.

The Briar Hill people appreciated the intention of maintaining an area for nature study also, but wished that the buffer space a section would provide could be placed between them and the baseball activities.

It was also suggested that only one ball field be constructed on the site.

Apply Now For Absent Ballots

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Bevy of Beauties Vie for Festival Crown

A real "bevy of beauties"—more than 20 of them—have registered to vie for the Miss Farmington Festival crown this year. Some of the young ladies are pictured below. Other contestants' photographs will appear in next week's Enterprise.

Those who will have the unenviable but pleasant task of selecting the queen are Judges Mrs. Kay Britton, Mrs. Virginia Lanham, and Jack Reed.

Mrs. Britton, active in the Farmington Players, has appeared on radio, in motion pictures, and in musical comedy on Broadway.

Mrs. Lanham is advertising manager of Demery's Department Store, one of which is opening in Farmington's Kendallwood Shopping Center in August.

Jack Reed is owner of the Jack Reed Agency which features bookings for orchestras and other show business entertainment.

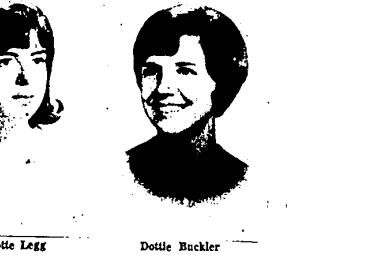
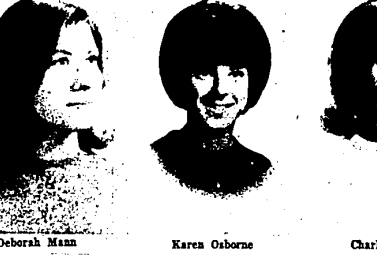
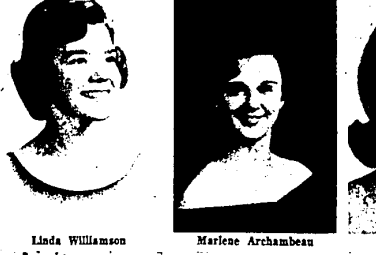
PRELIMINARY judging to select Miss Founders Festival will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall on Middlebelt Road, Tuesday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m. The final judging will take place at Botsford Inn on Thursday, July 28, at 5:30 p.m.

A motorcycle will leave Botsford Inn at 8:10 p.m. proceed west on Grand River to the Village Green (behind the Masonic Lodge) where the Queen will be announced and crowned by Pat Murphy of WXYZ. In case of rain the crowning will be at Farmington Junior High gymnasium.

Entrants in the contest, all between the ages of 17 and 22 and residents of Farmington, will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and appearance.

THE YOUNG LADIES pictured this week are: Sue Himmelapach, 17, 33702 Oakland, Farmington 11k; Shari Stephenson, 17, 54130 Cortland, Ken and Pete's Barber Shop; Candy Madlon, 17, 32242 Annewood, Korner Barber Shop; Margaret Bogas, 18, 34870 Versailles Ct., White House Valet; Helen Rogers, 20, 33736 Glenview, Thompson Brown Company; Deborah Mann, 18, 33016 Old Bedford, Industrial Park;

Dottie Buckler, 18, 33208 Oakland, Business and Professional Women's Club; Marlene Archambeau, 18, 30675 Ridgeway, Farmington Insurance Agency; Charlotte Legg, 18, 23382 Springbrook, Roman House; Linda Williamson, 18, 33242 Meadowlark, Town and Country Dodge; Karen Osborne, 17, 21042 Laurelwood, Westgate Realty; and Judy Woods, 18, 25011 LaMueca, Farmington Schoolmist Club.



by Shirley Berger

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