

OCC Emphasizes Tutorial Teaching



WHEN ITS FIRST 2,000 students arrive at the \$15 million Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland University in Farmington this fall, they will find a campus for which every effort has been made to preserve the beauty. There has been an wholesale slaughter of trees and the school buildings were to nestle into them and into the rolling countryside. Seven of the planned 11 buildings will be in use this fall.

When the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland University opens its doors in Farmington to 2,000 students this fall with seven of its 11 buildings finished, the complex will have just three classrooms. This is intentional.

The school is designed for tutorial teaching. It is just about the first school in the country to be so designed.

For this it has received national recognition from news media, radio and television.

At an OCC luncheon for professional and high school newsmen Friday at Botsford Inn, Dr. John Tirrell, president, said, "Our students will be treated as adults."

"A high school student who goes to work for Pontiac Motors has to have mature self-discipline. We will expect our students to exercise the same self-control over their study habits."

There may be a transition period from the classroom situation to the tutorial during which students will work closely with the faculty, but we will expect them to be ready to act like adults."

To carry out this program, first floors at Orchard Ridge are designed with large rooms broken up into study canells. The only walls are those used to enclose faculty and storage areas.

On the second floors are informal instructional areas with chairs, couches and vending machines.

Approximately 17,340 yards of carpeting has been ordered for these informal areas, which Tirrell said are to be "as warm and homely as possible to encourage learning."

The vending machines will be provided so that students will not have to leave the building for refreshments and interrupt his studies for a longer period of time.

In describing Orchard Ridge, Tirrell said the school library might be said "To be spread over the entire campus."

Reference material will be available in every building.

However, there will be a Learning Resources Center. It is termed thus, said Tirrell, "because it consists of many aids to education—periodicals, audio tapes, visual aids and so on."

Orchard Ridge will offer a complete food service technology course, plus the usual liberal arts classes for transfer students.

When fully operative with 5,000 students Orchard Ridge will offer 300 courses.

OCC graduated its first class in April and has made preliminary reports to the North Central Association for accreditation. This is expected by spring 1969.

Students studying at the \$15 million Orchard Ridge campus will be taking part in a program which Tirrell calls "Unique in that it is tied together in unusual combinations, somewhat like the Oxford-Cambridge tutorial style."

Their school days will be spent in a beautiful setting, located on a 147-acre site.

Founders Follies Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the Farmington Founders Follies went on sale last week for the benefit show to help finance the 1967 Founders Festival.

The Follies will hit the boards June 29 and 30 in the Mercy High School auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. General theme of the show is "Centennial of Song."

Tickets may be obtained from any of the service clubs at any real estate office in Farmington or by contacting the Board of Commerce (474-3440).

Jack Harris will MC the show which will include among its acts the McKenney Choristers; the Kendalarks; the South Oakland Chapter of the Sweet Adelines; the Merry Men, a barbershop quartet group from Lansing; and the U. of D. High Boys Chorus.

George Assemany is director of the show, while Dorothy Sedick is the accompanist.

The Follies will kick off the community-wide celebration and preparations for the Third Annual Founders Festival which is slated for July 27, 28 and 29.

Purpose of the earlier date of the Follies, which has traditionally been held during the Festival, is to raise funds to sponsor the three-day event.

General chairman of the Follies is Bill Conroy, while Bob Bergstrom and Ron Holland are the co-chairmen of the overall Festival.

Attending will be the six candidates who have filed for the one vacancy on the school board caused by the retirement of Barbara Ann Brown, 2921 Ardmore, a trustee for seven years.

The six are George F. Adams, 20158 Fernhill; Sidney Brown, 32380 Oldie Franklin Dr.; Sanford Bloomberg, 29570 Pipers Lane; Mary D. Johnson, 3445 Cold Spring Rd., Birmingham; Albert R. Loenger, 30180 Pipers Lane Ct.; and Harold H. Taylor, Jr., 22243 Brookdale.

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JUNE COMMENCEMENT

Schools to Graduate 1027

Approximately 1,027 boys and girls will graduate from Farmington area high schools this year.

Our Lady of Sorrows will graduate 87. Our Lady of Mercy, 205, Farmington High School 309 and North Farmington 353.

Each school has planned full scale ceremonies to mark the important event in the thousand-some young lives.

Festivities will kick off with an honors convocation and move-up ceremony at Mercy at 1:30 p.m. June 5.

On June 7, Fr. Hilary Labuda, the school chaplain, will say a baccalaureate mass. Mercy's graduation ceremonies will be held at 2:30 p.m. June 11 with Fr. Albert Nutting, of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Detroit, as guest speaker.

Our Lady of Sorrows will hold its honors night at 8 p.m. June 7 in connection with the school's colorful torch and rose ceremony. During this, the juniors present the seniors with a rose and the seniors pass a torch to the juniors.

For this service, OLS pastor, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Thomas P. Bahaan, will speak on "The Need for Specialization in the Modern World."

Both public high schools will have swing-out ceremonies early in the afternoon. On June 9, will seniors marching in their caps and gowns.

Both schools will hold baccalaureate ceremonies June 11 and commencement June 15. Baccalaureate speaker at Farmington High will be Dr. W. Harry Jellima, whose topic will be "The Worth of the Individual."

Dr. Jellima holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Michigan, an honorary membership in Phi

Beta Kappa and is professor of philosophy at Grand Valley State College, Allendale, Mich. He has been a visiting lecturer at Hopk. Harvard and Haverford Colleges and chairman of the philosophy department at Calvin College.

Commencement speaker at Farmington will be Clifford Wentworth, associate director of admissions and scholarships at Michigan State University.

He will speak on "Have Sound—Will Travel," and is a member of the Association of College Admissions Counselors, the Michigan Counselors Association and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Leroy G. Augenstein, a member of the Michigan State Board of Education, will be baccalaureate speaker at North Farmington High.

An adjunct professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary, Augenstein is a research specialist for Michigan State University's "Great Issues" TV series, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

Speaker for North Farmington commencement exercises will be Dr. Louis Norris, president of Albion College.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Norris is a fellow of the International Institute of Arts and Letters, Switzerland, and chairman of the commission on graduate study of the Association of American Colleges.

He is also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Association of Biblical Instructors and the American Philosophical Association.

who crossed the land stretching back to New York valleys, who came into Farmington, where he lived and later died.

Botsford, Wixom, Chamberlin . . . Each a story of its own, each part of a greater story of independence from Britain.

One cannot comprehend the span of time, yet one can indeed see the results of the years, the thriving suburb where mills and farms once dotted the landscape.

The reverence of tribute, paid each year on Memorial Day, takes us back with bowed head, bowed in gratitude as well as in mourning.

Robert Wixom lived years ago his son Alvin, another killed in the Civil War, and the feelings of the elder Wixom were more than likely no different than those of today's father who loses his son at the crack of an automatic machine gun.

Today, descendants of those who built Farmington own funeral parlors, direct the business of commercial banks, publish newspapers, run thriving restaurants, and each can look back in the cemeteries to their ancestry.

At the far end of Oakwood Cemetery, a green water tank separates the plot of land from the residential areas of the community; on one side, the remnants of the years; on the other, the sparkling new homes and new people of the present.

Yet, each year, we remember . . .

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Historic Ghosts Fill Cemeteries in Area

By DAN OKRENT
Staff Writer

There is something strange, stirring about a walk through a cemetery.

The old grave markers, chipped and windworn from years of exposure to the elements, forward a haunting reminder of times past to those of us in the present.

We read of young Lt. Gates, who died in an epidemic at the age of 21.

Or of 22-year-old Marshall Beach, sergeant of Company D of Michigan's Fourth Cavalry, who met his fate at the hands of Confederate gunfire at Nashville in 1863, his grave marked by one of the small, decaying flags of the GAR that hang limply by the bones of those who fought for the Union over 100 years in the past.

We see the names of those whose families remain in the Farmington area today, people who lived in the service of their community, and died in the community's fond remembrance.

Thayer, Ely, Warner, Lapham, Power . . . A broken marker, felled

by vandalism, tells of one of the members of the Power family, that first group of settlers who built Farmington in the form of the Farmington in New York from where they came.

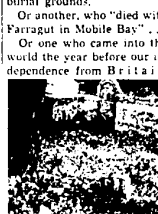
The old Quaker Cemetery on Gill Rd. relates the story of Selinda Paine, first wife of Nathan Power, "who died the second day of the eighth month in 1832 in the first grave opened on the old burial grounds."

Or another, who "died with Farragut in Mobile Bay" . . . Or one who came into the world the year before our independence from Britain.

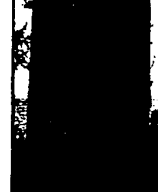
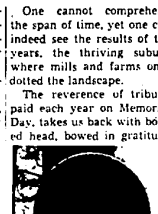
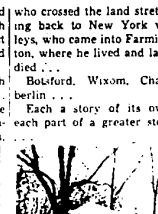


A SIMPLE SLAB marks the grave of Frank R. Power, son of Farmington's founders. The flag placed behind the stone marker signifies the battle death he suffered in the Civil War.

JUST A FEW yards away from the grave of Frank Power lies that of a sister—the tombstone broken in half by the sands of time and the winds of neglect.



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LAVINA LAPHAM SMITH—95 years have passed since the stone was erected, yet the details remain firmly etched in both the marble slab and in Farmington's history.

Certification Code Established

The effect of new teacher certification requirements passed by the State Board of Education will only serve to raise the caliber of teacher training already existing in Farmington School Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison said last week.

Contrary to comments by a spokesman for Michigan superintendents, Harrison said that the measure will not create an appreciable hind on administrations, in need of qualified teachers.

Harrison noted that "in our sophisticated society, levels of training are increasing in all fields, and this is an example of higher levels in education."

Harrison also mentioned that the state board had considered requiring master's degrees for teachers, but this plan was dropped as being too severe for the present time.

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Negligent Homicide Charged

Ralph A. Fryer, 26, of 31230 Barlock, Farmington, has been charged with negligent homicide in the May 25 accident in which Mary Lou Rice, 24, of 15088 Delaware, Redford Township, was killed.

City police issued a warrant Friday afternoon and Fryer was arraigned in the Municipal Court. He was freed on \$500 personal bond.

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Also injured in the accident was the dead woman's husband, Donald, 29. He was taken to Botsford General Hospital and listed in serious condition.

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