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Clark Examination Monday; Second Warrant Issued In Case

By FRED DELANO
Dr. Ronald E. Clark, who faces preliminary examination Monday in Farmington Township District Court on a manslaughter charge, faces other charges by Oakland County Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson.
Bronson disclosed that a second warrant has been issued against the Farmington Township physician—this time on the high misdemeanor charge of violating the coroner's act.
The prosecutor also said two investigative officers are working full-time on probing other

deaths in which a link with Dr. Clark appears to exist.
MONDAY AT 1 p.m. Dr. Clark will face preliminary examination on the charge that on Nov. 3 he killed his part-time nurse, who was under his medical care, through an overdose of sodium penthalol.
The nurse was Mrs. Grace Nell, 43, of 2025 Peninsula, Livonia. Her death occurred in Dr. Clark's office at 30755 Grand River, Farmington.
The fact that Dr. Clark still possesses a Michigan license to practice medicine brought a verbal blast from Bronson.

"I must question why he retains his license," said the prosecutor.
"I've said earlier that every complaint against Dr. Clark will be investigated."
"In saying that we will do what other agencies should have done a long time ago in investigating these complaints, I'm alluding to the medical profession's licensing board—not to the Farmington Township or any other police department."
PURPOSE OF MONDAY'S examination before Justice of the Peace Byron Walter is to determine whether "the people,"

represented by the prosecuting attorney, can present sufficient evidence to require Dr. Clark's being brought over for actual trial in Circuit Court.
Professing a total lack of funds, Dr. Clark will be represented by a court-appointed attorney, Philip Rowston, of Pontiac.
Bronson stated that if the case is advanced to the Circuit Court docket, he expects it can be brought to trial within four to six months.
MEANWHILE, Dr. Clark remains in isolated confinement in the Oakland County jail, un-

able to meet bond of \$50,000. The doctor has been such a fractious captive in the County jail that it has been necessary to separate him from other prisoners, a sheriff's department spokesman told this newspaper.
The 56-year-old Farmington Township medic, who leaved with police at least twice on the day of his arrest, Nov. 16, "didn't exactly have a fight in the jail, but he doesn't get along with other prisoners," a sheriff's spokesman said.
After Dr. Clark eluded a police stake-out at his medical center Nov. 15, he finally was

apprehended at 3 a.m. the following day while fleeing on foot from Huron County Police in a snow-covered woods near Port Austin, more than 100 miles north of Farmington.
Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson of Oakland County said that two investigative officers are working full-time on probing into deaths other than Mrs. Nell's in which a link with Dr. Clark appears to exist.
At the same time, Bronson disclosed that a second warrant—this one on the high misdemeanor charge of violating the coroner's act—has been issued against Dr. Clark.



Have A Merry...

By SUE SHAGHNESSY
In case you didn't know it, Christmas is just around the corner.
Santa Claus has come to town, and the Christmas decorations went up this week.
The lines have begun to form at the post office.
There are only 18 shopping days left before Saint Nick starts his all-night ride.
(Somehow we can't help but agree with the columnist who observes this week that "somehow the people I dislike the most right now are those who have finished their Christmas shopping.")
As you scurry around, remember to take time to admire the Christmas decorations.
Remember to take the time to be "jolly" because it's that season.
And finally, because I have just ordered my Christmas Cards and have doubts that they will arrive in time, let me be the first to wish each and every one of you "A Merry Christmas."

Plans For Six Projects OK'd

The box score of Thursday night's November meeting of the Farmington Township Planning Commission showed six proposed apartment or subdivision developments were advanced, four were postponed and two were rejected.
In the longest and loudest single matter up for consideration, the planning Commission again delayed a final decision on the request to rezone the northeast area of Middle Belt and Northwestern Highway for construction of both single family homes and an apartment complex.
It promised a verdict will be upcoming in the next regular meeting, which was scheduled for Jan. 4.
In the meantime, developer Ivan Frankel and officials of three neighboring home owner associations are supposed to meet and discuss terms of an agreement pertaining to certain performance standards proposed by Frankel.
APARTMENT projects will be gained if four are OK'd.
A 12-unit proposal between Nine Mile and Shawwassee, for which rezoning was approved, and a 64-unit plan off Eight Mile between Bear and Roosevelt. A public hearing on the question of rezoning these 4 1/2 acres was set for Jan. 4.
Subdivision plans which progressed included:
The 78-acre, 140-lot "Phillip Judson Garden North" development near Drake and 13 Mile, which received preliminary plat approval subject to reworking of plans.
Independence Commons No. 2 at 11 Mile and Drake, a project of 221 lots which also received preliminary plat approval.
Bedgewood Commons in the Forest School area between 13 and 14 Mile, for which a revision of earlier plans brought acceptance.
Parker Place, a five-acre, 12-lot project at Parker and the Grand River expressway.
CONSIDERATION of the Green Hills Commons subdivision, which is a proposal for 374 lots at Nine Mile and Drake, was deferred until a later date when the developers are to submit new plans.
Action also was postponed on an eight-acre apartment and office building complex proposed for the southwest corner of 13 Mile and Middle Belt.
Similarly put over until the next meeting was a request for rezoning to permit apartment unit construction on a 15-acre parcel at the northeast corner of Halsted and I-696.
QUICK DENIAL marked the commission's consideration of a proposition to permit building of an apartment complex north of Glen Oaks Golf Club, and a negative reaction also greeted a proposal concerning 10 acres on Inkster, south of 12 Mile.
The owners talked off about 60 units to rent in a range of from \$450 to \$700 per month, but there was no sentiment among commissioners favoring the plan.



Christmas For Soldiers -- The Veterans of Foreign Wars headquarters is a busy place these days as volunteers prepare Christmas gift packages to send to servicemen in Vietnam. The crew on hand last week included (left to right) Kate Courtney, Carol Weatherford, Bob Smith and Pat Spalletta, who is putting the finishing touches on a bag of cookies.

Goodfellows To Be Out Friday, Dec. 8

Announcement of the date for the annual Farmington Goodfellow newspaper sale makes Christmas as official as the arrival of Santa Claus.
The sale will be held this year on Friday, Dec. 8.
General chairman is Bob Hall, Mac Goldman is handling investigation of needy families and Tom Zeebels and Frank McGuire will handle paper sales.
Outside of private donations of clothing, toys and canned goods, the paper sale is the Goodfellows' means of raising funds to insure "No child without a Christmas" -- and this holds true for families, too.
The phone number to call, if you know of a needy family, is the Farmington Board of Commerce, 474-3440, or the Farmington office of Detroit Edison Co., 474-2384, Call

Township OK's Step

Farmington Township voted to spend an additional \$500 Monday to explore the possibility of a rehabilitation project for the southeastern corner of the township.
Previously the board had allocated \$500 for a preliminary study.
In addition to voting the funds, the Board authorized Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall to request the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to send a Planner to examine the local program in the light of federal funds.
As a part of the overall program the Board requested the township planning commission to explore the feasibility for a housing and fire protection codes for the township.
THE POSSIBILITY of obtaining the federal grant has dimmed since the project was originally outlined.
Basic to the project in keeping down the township's share would be the application of "non cash credits" for sewer and water construction work in the area.
Prospects have faded for obtaining all the hoped for credits, however, when the township planning consultants discovered a three year limit from the time of construction to the federal grant.
INCLUDED IN the proposed conservation project is the area bounded by the city limits, Astor St., Tuck Rd. and Grand River. The second area pinpointed is bounded by Shawwassee, Purdue and Oxford St. and Grand River, while the third area is bounded by Shawwassee and Colwell St., Grand River and Inkster Rd.

Graduation Credits Earned During Last Three Years

Starting with this year's 10th graders will form the senior classes of 1970--graduation requirements for students in Farmington District high schools will be based entirely upon credits earned in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.
No longer will any credits toward graduation be awarded for classroom work performed in the ninth grade.
UNTIL NOW, sixth graders have been required to earn a minimum three credit hours toward eventual graduation to be permitted to enter either of the high schools.
Graduation itself has been based on earning at least 17 credit hours, with a minimum of 12 gained while in grades 10 through 12. This now has been changed.
Students aiming toward graduation in 1970, or later, will be required to earn a total of 14 credit hours, at least nine of which must be gained in grades 10 and 11.
The new policy was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Farmington School District Board of Education Nov. 27 after hearing results of a two-year study conducted by a committee of secondary school administrators and counselors.
Within the credit requirement structure, two major changes have been made.
Students will receive a full credit for all courses that meet one period a day for a full year, and one-half credit for all courses that meet one period a day for one semester.
For courses that meet more than one period a day, credits will be awarded accordingly.
Co-op students will be awarded two credit hours for each school year they participate in the business and industry cooperative training program. A limit of four credit hours toward graduation may be accumulated for this "on-the-job" work experience.
In addition to regular coverage of local news, you'll be able to spend a day in Washington with 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald (Page 8-A).
There's an analysis of how speeded-up state aid is helping local schools (Page 5-A), and a big, big feature on the bigger families in the suburbs (Page 10-A).
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Beeney Gets Silver Star

Spec. 4, Richard Beeney, 22 on Dec. 6 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beeney, 2032 Tuck Rd., Farmington, was awarded the Silver Star for combat heroism in Vietnam.
Beeney was awarded the citation Nov. 15 to expire 25 miles of 50 South Vietnamese and their American advisor who were on patrol in a combat area. He also saved a special force

Expanded Coverage Offers Choice News

Continuing its expanded news coverage during the Detroit newspaper strike, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer brings you a wide choice of up-to-date reading this weekend.
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