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today's hot line

Murder Suspect Arrested In Plymouth

Plymouth was the scene of the arrest of John N. Collins in connection with the slaying of Karen Sue Beineman, the seventh girl to die at the hands of the Ann Arbor area's mad sex killer.

State Police Director Frederick Davids said that Collins, 23, an Eastern Michigan University student, was arrested late Thursday while being questioned at the state police crime lab in Plymouth. Collins was in the company of his attorney.

Collins, of Centerline, was charged only with the murder of Miss Beineman, 18, of Grand Rapids, whose body was found a week ago after she was missing three days.

Col. Davids said Collins matched the description of the motorcyclist who was last seen with Miss Beineman. There was no immediate information, however, to connect Collins with the 1968 slaying of Joan E. Schell, University of Michigan coed from Plymouth, who was also last seen with a young man who matched the motorcyclist's description.

Coincidentally, Collins' Ypsilanti address was at 619 Emmett Street. Miss Schell lived at 703 Emmett while studying at EMU. It was not known, however, whether Collins was living at his Emmett Street address early in July of 1968, when Miss Schell was killed. Collins has completed three years of studies at EMU.

The tip that led to Collins' questioning came from his uncle, Cpl. David Leik of the Ypsilanti state police post. Leik said that while he was on vacation, Collins had access to his house and the house was "disturbed" when he returned, according to Col. Davids. The state police director declined to give many details in order not to prejudice the case against Collins.

Petitions Protest Multiples

A petition drive opposing any further multi-family or apartment developments within the City of Farmington has been launched by the newly-organized Farmington Citizens Association.

The group states that "3,500 apartment units within slightly more than a two-square mile area is more than enough -- in fact, it borders on the ridiculous."

AT PRESENT, 70 petitions are being circulated by association members. No deadline has been set but hopes are the drive can be intensified after Sept. 1 with a goal of obtaining 1,000 signatures. The petitions will be presented to the City Council.

Following a recent council decision allowing development of 400 apartment units in the Grand River-Drake area, the association took an informal survey of existing units and planned units and arrived at the 3,500 total units within the city and abutting township area.

THE ASSOCIATION has adopted as its position on apartment developments this statement:

"We are seriously concerned with the effect that this tremendous increase in density of population will have on traffic

flow, shopping areas and the school system.

"Most of us remained or settled in Farmington because we liked and wanted the single home type of residential environment. We feel that any further sacrifice of prime residential area to developers who are apparently concerned only with a quick return on investment will do to further extinction the Farmington we all know and want retained.

For this reason we are now conducting a petition drive throughout the city which states the firm opposition of residents from all areas of the city to any further multi-family or apartment development within the city."

Attendance at the association's meetings has averaged about 25 persons representing all areas of the city.

The group's officers include: Harriet Dart of Mapleton, acting president; Marge Williams of Schulte, acting vice president; Janet Kozub of Wesley, acting secretary; and Ron Rousseau of Cloverdale, acting treasurer.

Information regarding petitions or membership applications may be obtained by calling Don Kostuck (476-4757), Harriet Dart (474-2099) or Rousseau (Gr 4-0711).



LOCATE SIGNAL -- The mystery of the missing signal light at Freedom Drive and Farmington Rd has been solved. The signal had been ordered but instead a post was installed on the southwest corner for an extra street light. Now the traffic lights are up and functioning. (Evert photo)

Ortman Is Against Single-City

The second voice of opposition to consolidation was heard last week from Dr. William Ortman, village councilman from Wood Creek Farms.

Ortman sent a long letter to the Observer Newspapers objecting that his name was misspelled (Wortman) in a previous article which also incorrectly identified the village as Wood-creek Farms, two words instead of three.

But while noting the errors, Ortman identified himself as the dissenter on the Wood Creek Farms council when it voted to support a "yes" vote Nov. 4 on the consolidation question.

The council voted 4-1 to recommend that village residents vote "yes" on the question of combining the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown into a single new city.

Ortman said cityhood may be good for the township and he was not speaking against consolidation as it affected the city or Quakertown.

But consolidation is not in the best interests of the residents of Wood Creek Farms, said Ortman. The councilman said he wanted to go on record as being opposed to the consolidation question.

Ortman's statement became the second voice of opposition from elected officials to consolidation. Earlier, City Councilman John Allen expressed his opposition to the question.

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Board Business

The Farmington school board is busy this summer even though its students aren't. First on the agenda is finding a successor for Dr. Sanford Bloomberg. Next is a discussion of student conduct, and then the agenda itself. What has been done and will be attempted is reported today.

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What's Being Seen

Today's editorial page takes a look at what the township is doing to beautify the area and likes what it sees. Daniels Den takes a look at disposable diapers on the expressway and doesn't like what it sees. And School Board member Richard Frankel writes in to tell what he sees.

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SKILL -- Farmington photographer Mrs. Major S. Sanders does what she loves to do most -- photograph nature subjects. In this case the bloom on a cucumber plant. (Evert photo)

Township Budget Ups Police, Road Funds

Operating a township is a million-dollar business.

And Farmington Township trustees were again reminded of that fact when they approved the final 1969-70 budget at the last regular meeting.

THE TOTAL budget was \$1.3 million, an increase of \$272,000 over last year's \$1.1 million township budget.

Most of the increase was allocated to two areas: the police department and matching funds for road improvement.

The police allocation was increased by about \$100,000 over last year according to Township Supervisor Curtis Hall. Hall explained the increase is due to the addition of four pa-

trolmen to the force. The township police force strength is now at 32 officers for a coverage of one officer per every 1,250 residents.

This year's budget included an additional \$60,000 for the matching road funds. The township board voted to allocate \$70,000 for local road improvements and \$90,000 for improvements on the main roads.

The money will be spent as requests for paving are made to the township board. It has been the township's policy to share in 25 per cent of the costs for paving.

Although the millage rate remained the same, the township tax bills will reflect a slightly higher amount since the Oakland County Equalization Board set the township's state equalized valuation (SEV) at a factor of one.

Last year's SEV for Farmington Township was .97 which means the assessed valuation on township properties for tax purposes will increase by .03.

(The SEV is a factor multiplied valuation.) This levy includes the 2 mills voted by residents for police and fire protection and the 1.2 mills allocated by Oakland County under the 15-mill limitation.

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Nature Ace: Lady 'Shoots' Bugs

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

What James Audubon did for birds with his canvas and brush, Mrs. Major S. Sanders of 21935 Purdue, Farmington, has done for all forms of wildlife with her camera and lens.

Mrs. Sanders' photographs of animal and plant life are as exquisite and masterful in detail as any of Audubon's meticulous reproductions of birds.

And like Audubon, the Farmington photographer is an artist with true understanding of nature and its wonders and infinite variety.

SO SKILLED is Mrs. Sanders at her art that one room of her home contains 55 trophies she has won, as well as 20 medals and 350 ribbons. She has been practicing her art for years, since the days of using an expensive box camera and moving from there to a bargain-priced press camera.

Today her equipment even includes a microscope for photomicrophotography, a new field about which there is very little information and which Mrs. Sanders finds "fascinating."

"In nature photography," explains Mrs. Sanders, "you need a good camera with an interchangeable lens and a bellows and a couple of electronic flashes. It is all specialized equipment, so it's expensive."

BUT THE LENS MASTER claims you also need patience and luck when photographing nature subjects.

"One of my best pictures is of a tiny wasp egg hatching on a tomato worm that I caught just by chance," she says. "You have to have a lot of patience when photographing nature. First you have to find the subject you want to capture in a picture and that means doing things like sitting in a swamp for hours."

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THE INFINITE VARIETY of a wild carrot is caught by Mrs. M. S. Sanders and her camera



HE WAS SNUG IN HIS LAIR, but Mrs. Sanders searched this possum out with her camera