

PEACE DECOR -- Decorating the "Peace Tree" at the Orchard Ridge campus prior to lighting ceremonies are (from left) Jessie Snyder, Mary Partridge, Maureen McDonald, Diane Bach of Farmington, and Keith Burrell.

## Ridge's Peace Tree Expresses Christianity

FARMINGTON A 20-foot evergreen tree decorated with peace symbols stands at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington.

Dr. Joseph E. Hill, OCC President, lit the large peace symbol on top of a tree in a brief ceremony Dec. 15.

IN A SPEECH prior to the ceremony, Dr. Hill said that the tree was a fitting and meaningful symbol for peace.

"Everytime we see a tree, we can think of the needless losses caused by fighting. We can think of the conservation of peace as we think of the

conservation of trees," he said.

Dr. Hill, using the poem of "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer, concluded his speech by changing the last line of the poem to say "Wars are made by fools like me. But only God can make a tree."

The "peace tree" idea by faculty and students was designed to express Americans' sincere desire for world peace at Christmas time, according to Richard L. Smith, sociology instructor and chairman of the December moratorium committee.

By decorating trees with peace symbols we may con-

vert the Christmas tree this year into a more Christian expression," he said.

DR. DONALD GOUBOLD, Orchard Ridge Provost, and Rev. Steven Recker, a member of the ad hoc moratorium committee, also took part in the ceremony.

Entertainment prior to the lighting ceremony was performed by Joseph & Joseph, folk rock; George Dunn, protest music; Roger James, instrumentalist and singer; and Tim Simpson, vocalist and guitarist.

The "peace tree" stands at the front of the campus and will be lit throughout the holiday season.

## Farmington Socially Speaking

By KATHY ZISKA GR. 4-7261

It's an exciting holiday season for Mrs. Joan Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. McGregor of Bendale St. Joan, who has never been abroad, flew to Frankfurt, Germany, where her husband, PFC John W. Mann, is stationed with the U.S. Army Artillery. The young couple has been married since February of this year. Joan is a 1967 Farmington High graduate. Joan's mother, Mrs. McGregor, confided that she is sure Joan will learn German very quickly as she will have to set up housekeeping and do the marketing as she would do here in the states.

KIMBERLY KAPERS, or pre-holiday festivities were held in the Shenandoah Country Club on Dec. 20, sponsored by the Kimberly Property Owner's Association. It's the affair where Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hawthorne of Westmeath, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

It's also the time when Mr.

and Mrs. James Burns of Pipers Lane are expecting the seventh short story. For the Burns, her husband, surprised her with a pre-Christmas present of a fashionable pant dress outfit -- maternity, of course!

SCENE PEOPLE -- only a few of the many couples attending -- were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. John Bonick, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Sugrue, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Heuer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Longfield, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Piercecchi. I must add an immediate note here when it comes from other women, about a compliment, then, you better believe it, it's a compliment! The compliment was meant for Mr. Piercecchi and it was words to this effect -- "so exquisite and elegant!" Also on the scene were: Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Walter, Mr. and

Mrs. Dick McChesney, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Foran, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Martello, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Staller, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Pappis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Timmas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bower, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Barringer and many, many more in people.

ARMY PFC William T. Page, 20-year-old son of Virginia Peterson of Ypsilanti and Russell Page of St. Louis, Missouri, has completed basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., and is now stationed in Vietnam with the 17th Cavalry. The Pages are former long-time residents of the Farmington Area. Former classmates wishing to write Bill should address letters to: PFC William T. Page, 277-50-9440, FTB 17 CAV, 956 Brigade, APO San Francisco 96366.

## OCC Staffer Writes Text

The second edition of a college engineering text by a member of the staff of Oakland Community College will be published by Prentice-Hall, Inc. early in January.

"Mechanics of Materials" was written by Irving J. Levinson, dean of instruction at OCC's Highland Lakes campus.

The principles are conveyed through the basic mathematics of algebra, trigonometry and statics without resorting to calculus. All the principles are based on contemporary situations.

The new edition is designed primarily for use in technical institutes, junior colleges and community colleges and can also be used in architecture programs.

LEVINSON is consulting editor for the mechanical technology series published by Prentice-Hall. He has assisted in the development and publication of a series of books in mechanical technology and mechanics specifically designed for the technical institute, the junior and community college.

In addition to "Mechanics of Materials," he is the author of "Introduction to Mechanics," "Preparing for the Professional Engineer's Examination" and is co-authored with Isaac Pitman of "Engineering Metallurgy."

Prior to joining the OCC staff in 1964, Levinson was on



IRVING J. LEVINSON

## City Expands

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tem, it was a big capital improvement involving construction of a million gallon reservoir, a pumping station and transmission mains.

Extensive paving projects were completed, including: widening of Farmington Rd. from Eight to 10 Mile Rds. In 1968, new construction on Shawasson, Power, Orchard, Liberty and State; and extensive street paving in Alta Loma and Woodcroft subdivisions.

In 1965, the city developed a master plan. Some of the recommendations have been implemented and others, such as creation of the downtown redevelopment committee, are in progress and to be realized in the '70s.

DURING THE '60s, steps were taken to enrich living habits of city residents. A recreation program was started with fall and winter activities. The Historical Preservation and Beautification committees were formed.

Included in the recreation program were park improvements: five additional acres were acquired at the city park and 10 acres were purchased for the proposed Drake Road site.

In addition, the city developed three downtown park sites at Oakland and Grand River including the monument and Quaker historical marker site at city hall.

The city added 500 acres in 1966 by annexing the Woodcroft area from Farmington Township. The area is from Gill to Halsted and from Grand River south to the expressway. The annexed area now provides \$4 million assessed valuation, or the equivalent of what one mill could raise.

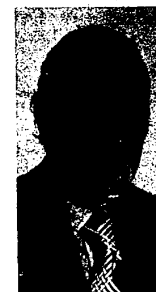
City Manager John Dinan says the city has been able to serve the annexed area with very little increase in cost to the city. If it were not annexed, however, the city's present tax rate would probably be one mill higher.

IN 1960, the city's operating budget was a mere \$402,000. The 1969 budget was \$792,000 or an increase of 100% in the past 10 years.

Because growth increased by 150% with budget costs up by 100% (plus addition of the annexed area), the city was able to lower its tax rate from 12 mills in 1960 to nine mills in 1969.

The new growth has absorbed the burden of rising costs and has allowed additional services. In 1960, the Department of Public Safety had 13 police officers. Today the department has 25 patrolmen, has increased its patrol capacity by 100% and doubled its fire protection equipment. Added to the department in the '60s have been a traffic safety bureau, detective bureau, and juvenile department.

IN SPITE OF the boom, there have been some disappointments for the city. Some of the buildings along Grand River are run down and in poor condition, hurting the



RICHARD L. FREEMAN, general manager of WKBD television station, has been elected a vice president of the Kaiser Broadcasting Corp. Freeman, his wife Joan and their children Marsha and Jonathan live in Farmington. The first general manager among nine stations in the Kaiser chain to be made a vice president joined the corporation in 1964. He became general manager of WKBD in March 1966.

### Imports Rise

In four years Mexico has nearly quadrupled its purchases of textile machinery. The United States supplies 38 percent of these imports, which amount to \$40 million a year.

## Schools Are Studying Busing, Unsafe Walk

FARMINGTON A study of a pathway may lead to busing of children in grades one-four who walk farther than a mile to their schools.

The Board of Education of the Farmington School District adopted its safety committee's recommendation to investigate transporting all K-4 students living over one mile from their elementary school before the beginning of the next school year.

The district now transports all students who live farther than 1 1/2 miles from their schools.

### How Freeways Get Their Numbers

LANSING There is a logical order to numbering the nation's 45,500-mile interstate freeway system. The numbers generally follow the same pattern as U.S. highways -- odd-numbered routes run north and south, even-numbered routes east and west.

On the interstate system, however, the lowest odd numbers are in the west and the east, just the opposite of the U.S. route numbering.

### Wins Letter

FARMINGTON Frank O. Walsh Jr., a sophomore from Farmington, has been awarded a varsity letter in football for the 1969 season by Brown University. He was one of 48 football lettermen at the Providence, R.I. university.

The safety committee's suggestions came at Monday night's regular meeting after a study of the pathway through West Franklin Estates to Bond Elementary School at 3150 W. 13 Mile.

A GROUP OF PARENTS, led by Sheldon Slavin of 30886 Pearidge, requested children be bused to school because of alleged incidents of children being accosted by strangers and older youngsters.

The path is not cleared of snow in the winter, forcing children to walk in the streets, the parents claimed.

The safety committee, in a report submitted by John Washburn, said the path was safe for children walking it but that the distance might be too long for younger children.

"The safety committee does feel that a distance of 1 1/2 miles can be excessively long for lower grade elementary children. The staff has provided us with information indicating that about 530 children do walk between 1 and 1 1/2 miles to reach their elementary school," the report says.

The safety committee's report adds the cost of busing the 530 children would be an additional \$22,000. The 530 children are spread over eight of the district's 19 elementary

schools.

SPECIFIC PROBLEMS such as the path through West Franklin Estates can be overcome by efforts of parents and school staffs, the report says.

"It is our hope that where unacceptable conditions do exist, solutions can be worked out at the local level," the report says.

Adding support to requests for improvement of the West Franklin path was Roger Allen, president of the Farmington Education Association.

In a letter to the board, Allen said he walked the path and felt it is a safety hazard because of glass and debris along the path and wooded surroundings.

He urged the school board to "relieve the real sense of fear for both parents and children involved."

Slavin attended the meeting and said two positive things have taken place -- study of busing students who now walk farther than one mile and involvement of school principals.

"Hopefully, you will include all elementary children, not just K-3," in busing plans, Slavin said.

### Dog Classes Offered Here

FARMINGTON Obedience training for all breeds of dogs is being offered by the Detroit German Shepherd Dog Obedience Training Club at the American Legion Hall at 3175 Grand River in Farmington.

Registration for beginners over six months of age will begin at 7 p.m. on Jan. 3 and 7. Registration for advanced open and utility classes will be on Jan. 7 and 14.

A health certificate from a licensed veterinarian is required for all dogs. For details, contact Mrs. Thelma Gohban at 935-4225.

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