

BATTLE OF THE BARS.



'Nobody got sick in the pie-eating contest.'

— Lance Smotherman
Bars Battle General

'Firecracker' wins drink prize at Battle of Bars

By Joanne Maliszewski
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alcoholic drink, whipped up by Lori Smith of O'Sheehans Tavern.

Patriotism now comes by the glass after the "Farmington Firecracker" — layers of medicine-red grenadine, thick white cream and Eline Curacao — was dubbed Festival '83 Drink at the Farmington festival's first Battle of the Bars competition on July 30.

Concocted by Jan Butler of Dennison's Seafood Tavern on Orchard Lake Road, the "Farmington Firecracker" will be recognized as a hall-of-fame regular until another bartender in another restaurant or bar next year out-concocts the patriotic mix, said Mountain Jacks' manager Lance Smotherman, Farmington Chamber of Commerce board member.

Butler's alcoholic mix, meanwhile, is sharing honors with a good, old-fashioned banana split, the festival's non-

BOTH DENNISON'S and O'Sheehans shared a few rain-filled hours of competition with 10 other Farmington and Farmington Hills bars and restaurants in a battle designed to involve the food and drink businesses in the festival, Smotherman said.

"For the first year it was like pulling teeth to get everyone involved," he said. Smotherman added that the pie eating contest, tray relay and table setting competitions attracted large crowds in Farmington City Park and he's convinced that will cause more entrepreneurs to sign up for the second Battle of the Bars next year.

"Next year I expect 15 to 20 businesses involved," estimated the Battle of the Bars coordinator.

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After 17 years in Clarenceville School superintendent to retire

By Dan Vecchioni
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David McDowell, superintendent of the Clarenceville School District for the past 17 years, has announced that he will retire at the end of the 1983-84 school year.

The 60-year-old educator submitted a letter of resignation for the Clarenceville Board of Education to accept at its meeting last Thursday. The board unanimously accepted the resignation but, as board president Michael Manore said, with regret.

"I can say we are very sorry to see Dave leave," Manore said. "He is a very important component to education in this district. I personally hope

he enjoys his retirement."

McDowell said that his decision to retire was prompted by health problems he has suffered over the past seven years. He said "if my wife (Lena) and I are going to have some time to do the things we want to do, we better get on with it." He said he has no specific plans at this time other than to do some traveling.

In his letter to the board, McDowell wrote that "there is much I want to say. However, there will be opportunities during the year for me to give well-deserved thanks and praise to the many persons and groups who have made my 23-year tenure in Clarenceville a most pleasant and gratifying experience."

McDOWELL SAID he announced his retirement at this time to give the board time to initiate a search for a replacement. The board will discuss a method for selecting a new superintendent at its next meeting.

McDowell has been associated with the Clarenceville district, which represents portions of Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington Hills, since 1961. He originally served as principal of Clarenceville High School before being named superintendent in 1966.

He previously was a teacher and coach in Piquette and Vermontville, Mich.; a junior high school and high school principal in Vermontville and

Comstock; and an insurance salesman for Equitable Life Insurance Company.

Among his community and professional activities, McDowell has been involved over the years on the Livonia Youth Inc. board of directors, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, the Livonia Youth Commission, the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, the Rotary Club, the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Oakland County Association of School Superintendents.

A Livonia resident, McDowell has three grown daughters, Sheryl Clements, Diane Harmon and Lynette Walker.



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memory lane

Memories, memories... have we got the memories. And we'd like to share them with you. Using local newspaper files, we're dishing up generous slices of life in the Farmington area from 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago.

AUGUST 19, 1943

"DO YOU SUPPOSE," asked the Around the Block column, "someone will soon move into the little shop in the Civic Theatre Building? It seemed so nice to have a gay, attractive window there, that we were sorry to have the Flower Shop move over to State Street."

ANOTHER ITEM in Around the Block: "Crash, bang... and in went the window at Dickson Hardware, right on top of those lively dishes he had on display. Don't know how it happened, but we're certainly glad none of these dishes were broken."

CLARENCEVILLE'S Board of Education, District No. 5, Fractional, voted to run the school through the 12th grade at a recent meeting. The action was taken because of the large enrollment in the area the district serves.

LAUDING THE removal of coffee from the list of rationed commodities, an editorial stated: "The day after the ban was lifted from coffee, we celebrated. Two big cups of coffee for breakfast, tall glasses of iced coffee at noon and coffee for those who wanted it again at night."

"CALLING ALL sweater girls!" blared an advertisement for the Fred L. Cook & Company of Farmington. "Sweater time is here." Cotton, wool and chenille sweaters were selling for between \$1.19 and \$4.50.

AUGUST 20, 1953

ANOTHER OLD landmark soon will be erased from Farmington's main street, a symbol of the ever-changing times. The old building, used as a cabinet shop, is located on Grand River just west of the office of Dr. Whitehead.

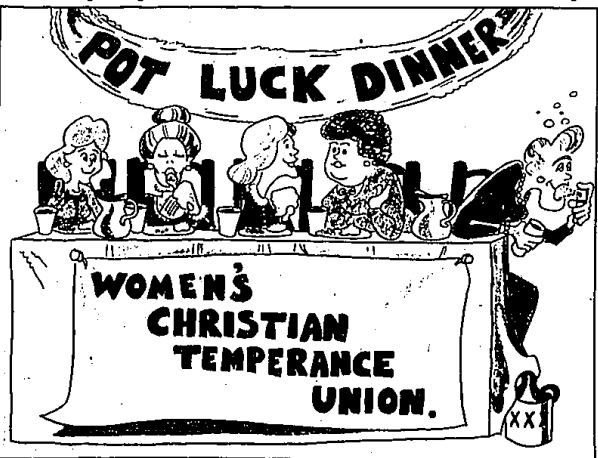
According to the abstract and title held by owner Max Hulett, the property was recorded on Sept. 5, 1950, by Henry W. Walker. Hulett said the building has a bow-frame construction consisting of hand-set beams with wooden pegs. Hulett said he plans to erect a modern business building on the site.

HALL LOCKERS are being installed in the new Farmington High School on Silverwood this week, according to Superintendent O.E. Dunckel.

THE WOMEN'S Christian Temperance Union was to have met Aug. 25 for a picnic pot luck dinner at the home of Mrs. Betty Trombley, 19825 Angling Road.

SHORT ITEM: "Richard, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke, Hugo Avenue, fell from a swing Friday and broke his collar bone."

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