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BULLETIN

Our Lady of Sorrows High School in Farmington won the second division Catholic League baseball championship Tuesday when it defeated Dearborn St. Alphonsus, 1-0. The lone run came in the fifth when Jim Hart scored from second on Dan McGrath's single. Pitcher Ross Paton checked St. Alphonsus all the way in a game played at Tiger Stadium.

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Sex Facts Given

The Family Life Education task force on human sexuality has completed its study and adopted recommendations to the Farmington Board of Education. The debate among task force members is reported on page one, but you will want to turn inside for a detailed report on the study itself.

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For Clarenceville

Clarenceville's school board race has drawn five candidates for two posts. Only one is an incumbent. Here's the lowdown on the candidates with as many pictures as were available.

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Eagle Pupils Return

Within a week after Eagle Elementary School was gutted by fire, the Farmington School District has managed to move most of the students back into the school for class. But it took a lot of shuffling and quick action.

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Upcoming

JOE LOUIS, the world's greatest heavyweight champ ever, is declining health, but he always wanted W.W. Edgar, roving editor of the Observer Newspapers, to write his biography. And you'll see the finest and most authoritative story of the Brown Bomber written by the newsman who knew him best, in the weekend edition of your hometown paper.

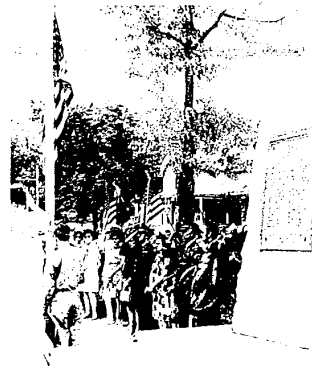


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HONORED SPEAKER -- The top military guest of Saturday's Memorial Day festivities in Farmington was Major Gen. Robert Ploger who was Gen. William Westmoreland's top engineer in Vietnam. A report on Ploger's speech, given at the Memorial Monument, can be found inside. (Evert photo)



AT NOON -- The flag is saluted at noon during playing of "Taps" while the flag is lowered from half-staff and then raised to full-staff. Proper flag etiquette is that the flag is flown at half-staff in the morning of Memorial Day and full-staff afternoon. (Evert photo)

Facts Of Life: Sexuality Curriculum Advised For Schools

By VICTOR OMELCZENKO

A human sexuality program for Farmington public schools has won acceptance from the school board's Family Life Education (FLE) committee. The human sexuality task group, an FLE subcommittee of 14 members, presented its guidelines in a report after a year's study. The report describes what concepts and attitudes students should develop toward human sexuality from kindergarten to 12th grade.

HUMAN SEXUALITY itself is defined as "the growth and development of the whole person, so that he is able to function with a responsible understanding of his own sexual identity and of that of the opposite sex."

"What do you hope to accomplish with such a program?" asked a parent. "Well, it seems that misunderstanding arises when sex education is thought of as conversing about the birds and bees," explained Rev. Hugh V.

Stewart, FLE chairman and subcommittee member.

"We're talking about something broader than sex information," continued Rev. Stewart. "We're talking about character education." Several other committee members stressed that the program involved more than disseminating sex information. "Life is more than the external, so to speak," said Dr. Murray N. Deighton, task group chairman. "We're concerned about the self-awareness of the inner man and what

ber, described how the program would affect her kindergarten class, for example.

In the second program, growth, development and reproduction would be covered by talking about seeds, how plants grow and the differences between living and non-living things, explained Mrs. Copp. The care of the body and information about germs and diseases would be included in the health unit. "Coughing and sneezing of children over one

sult of the program's guidelines.

While the FLE approved the report, one member, Bruce E. Duke, voted against almost all the sections, except for the parents' rights and adult sex education provisions.

"What's wrong with the report?" asked Rev. Kallreider. "I'm opposed to going beyond the sex education that's offered in biology and necessary in teaching hygiene," said Duke.

"Sex education would corrupt our children as it has in Genesee County, Anaheim, California and Sweden," went on Duke.

He mentioned that promiscuity, illegitimate births and venereal disease have increased in these places. In Anaheim, school board members who instituted sex education have since been defeated, said Duke.

"Genesee County has made great strides in bringing along its children in sex education," countered Dr. Edwin C. Blumberg, committee member.

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he can do to control things that affect him," he added.

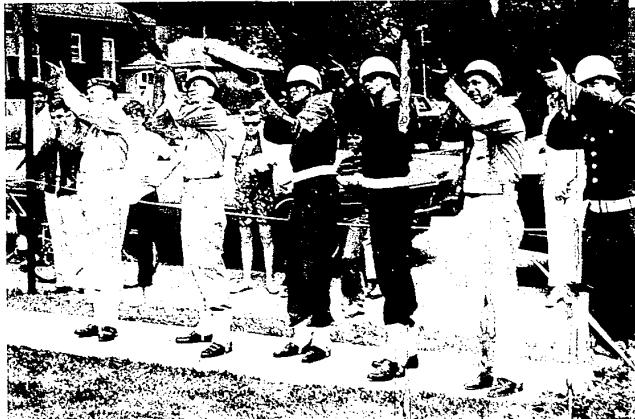
"We're interested in what it means to live together as human beings," mentioned Rev. Carl F. Kaltreider, subcommittee member.

MRS. FRAN COPP, a teacher and committee mem-

problem," said Mrs. Copp.

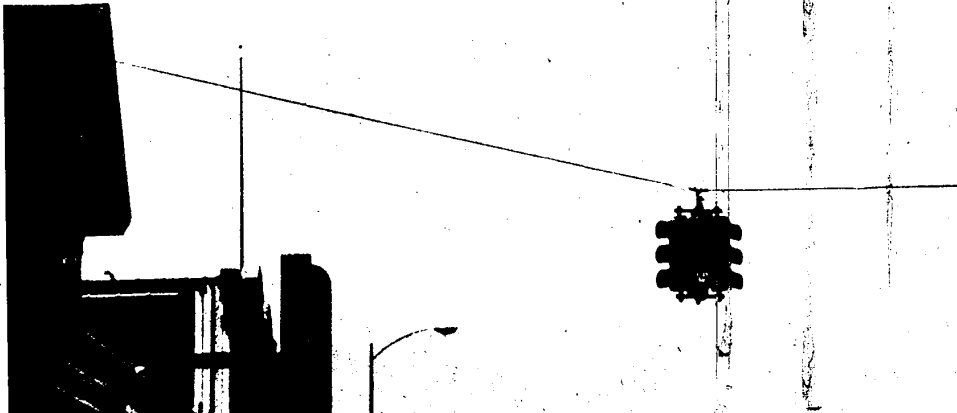
ALONG WITH teaching good health habits, respecting others' rights would be stressed, Mrs. Copp mentioned.

Fair play and getting along with classmates, as in sharing swings, would receive more attention than before as a re-



FIRING SQUAD -- A tribute to fallen war heroes is paid by the firing squad consisting of representatives of each branch of military service plus Farmington VFW and

American Legion members. The tribute occurred at the Veterans Memorial Monument immediately after Saturday's parade. (Evert photo)



THE BEGINNING -- The start of Memorial Day festivities in Farmington was signaled by the passover of an RF-84 jet fighter squadron from the Air National Guard in Inkster. When Ralph Evert photographed the squadron, the traffic signal at Grand

River and Farmington Rd. flashed a green light just to keep things legal. (Ralph Evert photo)