



Numerous Graham family tombstones—and those of other longtime families—can be found in the historical North Farmington Cemetery on Farmington Road north of 13 Mile.

He puts memories in book

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A farming community, many students from North Farmington went to Wallick Lake for high school because "that was the ag school" in those days, he said.

GRAHAM is putting his many recollections into a book about the history of North Farmington. He expects to offer details about life on the farm, tales of the little red schoolhouse on Farmington Road north of 13 Mile where he attended school for eight years, and insights about generations of North Farmington families which now rest peacefully in the historic North Farmington Cemetery just down the road.

"Everybody around has been begging me to write about the history, so I'm going to do it," he said. He works at the dining room table of the house where he reminisces and writes his chapters in longhand. A class at the Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Center is helping him structure his book.

Graham's family is an example of one who settled in the North Farmington area, spreading deep roots. His grandparents, Irish immigrants John and Ellen Graham, settled in the area in the 1860s. The Graham family farm originally spread across 377 acres on either side of Farmington Road at the site where the Grahams live on one acre today. "The house was a stopping off spot for people coming out of Detroit... ever since my grandfather was here," Graham said.

CLYDE AND Beth Graham lived on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills at the site of the former Tally Hall. They sold the land for development, but moved their house back to its roots at the old family

farm, where the original house had burned to the ground.

BOT MEMENTOS like a 102-year-old tree his father planted, still grace the yard. A piece of glacial rock also sits in the front yard as a reminder of when Graham used to plow the fields, hit the stone and feel the plow rise up and strike him on the chin.

Some of the Graham farmland was eventually sold for subdivisions, and some used to build the Orchard Methodist Church, of which the Grahams are charter members. Previous to the church being built, Clyde used that land to plant between 50,000 and 75,000 tomato plants and sell the produce for 25 cents a bushel.

Dorens of Grahams, as well as other longtime families like the Drakes, Blakestees, and Buttons, can be found on the tombstones at the North Farmington Cemetery on Farmington Road north of 13 Mile. Graham recalls during his childhood, the cemetery was a place to stop off on the way home from school. Although he and his friends played there, "we could never bring ourselves to drink the water there," he said.

Graham recalled the days when one could count the number of cars traveling along Farmington Road, they were so few. But change is inevitable, he said. "I can't say as I like it, but you just can't stand in the way of progress."

He has a few havens, including a heated greenhouse in his yard, in which the retired refrigeration specialist works year round. "People wonder how I can afford to keep it going," he said. "I say it doesn't cost me any more than it does for you to go up to the beer garden on a Saturday night."

"I feel better the next morning, too."

\$500,000 cut not enough

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"I think he (Lang) has problems with adjustment. Maybe he feels inadequate if he can't play Rambo," Schaeffer said, adding that she could not further reduce the bond because of the possibility of more federal weapons charges.

DISTRICT JUDGE Fred Harris set the original \$1 million bond Feb. 11 at Lang's arraignment in the state felony receiving and concealing weapons. The charge is unrelated to charges confiscated in a raid earlier that day.

"He is not essentially a dangerous individual," Posner said of Lang.

The bond reduction followed Lang's preliminary examination on the state felony charge for two, two-way Motorola radios police say were stolen from the Detroit Board of Education offices.

Lang's publicized fascination with war games — played with paint pellets — and weaponry prompted Schaeffer and Mazur to publicly criticize the 1987 Harrison High School honors graduate.

Lang sat calmly as the assistant prosecutor read aloud the list of

'This \$1 million bond is confiscatory. It's beyond anyone, except Marlon Brando to post. And that was murder (the charge against Brando's son).'

— Seymour Posner

weapons and other devices confiscated from Lang's bedroom. "What they found in that house were not things normal, ordinary people have in their homes," Mazur said.

She described some of the items confiscated including a handbook titled "The Hit Man," which contained forms to be completed when an assassination is planned. One of the forms had a photo of a person, which was circled, Mazur said.

"If he isn't a danger to the community, I don't know who is," she added.

Posner admitted that Lang "has a fascination with arms, warfare, things that involve danger, defense." The attorney referred to Rambo-

type movies as an indication of the popularity of war games and weaponry.

"A lot of people are gullible, I guess," Schaeffer interrupted.

A VISIBLY annoyed Mazur said, "let the defendant go to the movies... If he was so interested in the army, he should have joined the army."

Lang, who took the stand at his preliminary examination, said he got the reportedly stolen radios from J.L. Jewelry and The Loan, a pawn shop on Grand River in Detroit.

"He (the shop owner) was busy that day. But I bought them from Rick (Levy, the pawn shop owner)," Lang said. He later said Levy, who denied selling the radios to Lang, traded the radios for work the goldsmith and jewelry maker completed for Levy.

"Instead of giving me the money, he gave me the radios," Lang said.

Lang testified that he bought the radios for his brother, who is in construction, but would himself use them for his weekend war games.

Conviction on the receiving and concealing charge carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and \$2,500 fine.

Farmington grad gets teaching award

A graduate of Farmington High School has received top teaching honors in Naples, Fla., where she now lives and teaches second grade.

Tracey Ansteth, who has taught for three years at Poinciana Elementary School, was one of five teachers in Collier County, Fla., to receive Golden Apple Awards from a county education foundation.

Honorees were selected from 1,240 nominations submitted by students, former students and others last fall.

Surprise visits were made to the honorees in their classrooms Feb. 12, where golden apples mounted on marble were given.

Ansteth said she was proud to be recognized and pleased she had chosen teaching over the study of medicine.

"I thought the other day that if I didn't win, what I do is still important," she told a Florida newspaper. "As a teacher, you can help people grow and make something special instead of just fixing things that are wrong."

IN ADDITION to teaching language-integrated curriculum to second graders, Ansteth coordinates an after school enrichment program and serves on her school's advisory committee. At the community level, she served on the 1989-90 Naples

Area Rezoning Committee.

After attending the former Ten Mile Elementary and Farmington Junior High schools and graduating from Farmington High School, Ansteth attended Michigan State University, where she earned her bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

Proud father Jack Ansteth said his daughter will be honored March 13 at a special banquet. There, she will be inducted as a founding member of the Academy of Teachers, will receive \$2,000 and will be part of a live television tribute.

The Ansteth family has lived in the Farmington area since 1958.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council Council chambers

31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25
The meeting is cablecast live on community access Ch. 18
A determination and cost hearing is scheduled for the 1991 dust control

program
The council also will enact:
• Rezoning from R-1A single-family residential to P-1, vehicle parking on the south side of 14 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

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Physicians are trained to distinguish the gait disorder arising out of arthritis from the impaired movement associated with Parkinson's Disease. As you well know, treatment of arthritis differs markedly from therapy for Parkinson's. Therefore, it is important to have confirmation that your walking problem represents an arthritic problem and not a neurologic one.

A beautiful beginning. If walking feels like a part of your routine, the Bridal Salon at Saks Fifth Avenue can help you do it. A large perfect, shimmering collection by Pauline Bonheur for March 1991. The classic gown of tulle and cotton with lace, with high illusion sleeves, long sleeves, knee-length back and a cathedral train. Please join us in the Bridal Salon, Thursday, February 29th through Monday, March 4th to view the Bridal Special Order collection. For an appointment please call 646-6666, extensions 294 or 291.



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