

Firemen Escape Serious Injury

Farmington firefighters faced a dangerous situation when a barn storing magnesium caught fire on Eight Mile just east of Farmington Rd.

The barn, which burned to the ground, was located behind Lockhart Industries on Eight Mile and owned by the factory to store magnesium.

THE FIRST firefighters arriving on the scene, unaware of the barn's contents, threw water into the fire, which immediately caused an explosion.

Hot magnesium explodes when mixed with water, says Robert Deadman, director of public safety for the City of Farmington, and gives off a very intense heat.

Once the contents were discovered, firefighters shut off the water hoses and applied foam to contain the blaze.

The foam was not sufficient to extinguish the intensely hot fire, Deadman says, but did keep the blaze from spreading to Lockhart Industries, which also contained magnesium.

NO ONE was injured on the scene as the initial outburst exploded above the heads of firefighters.

A couple of Farmington Township firemen assisting did receive minor burns from the intense heat penetrating through their coats.

The barn contained 12,000 to 15,000 pounds of magnesium, Deadman adds. The barn and contents were a total loss, but the dollar loss has not yet been determined.

"Magnesium gets white-hot when it burns," explains Deadman, "much like a welder's torch. There is nothing to put out a magnesium fire except a special chemical which our department does not have. It takes large amounts of the chemical to put a magnesium fire out and it's not practical to use."

The fire started about 3 p.m. on March 14 and was contained within an hour and totally extinguished by 6 p.m.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, Deadman adds.



BARN FIRE — Firefighters turn the water hose away from the barn fire after an explosion caused by water coming into contact with burning magnesium. It took an hour to contain the blaze and three hours to extinguish totally. (Photo by Lella McIlmurray)

Township Eyes Dog Shelter In Southfield

With Farmington township residents protesting the number of dogs running loose, an attempt is being made to negotiate an arrangement with the City of Southfield for use of its animal shelter, Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yates said.

Lack of a place to confine strays picked up by township police until they can be taken over by county health officials and transported to the Pontiac animal pound has been one stumbling block in eliminating the dog problem, according to Supervisor Earl Teeplees.

At one time, Teeplees even lodged them in his garage.

YATES SAID he planned to meet with Southfield Police Chief Norman Sackett to try to work out a program whereby the township could pay a certain fee per dog or make some other financial arrangement to share the city's new shelter.

One Colony Park subdivision mother complained to the Farmington Enterprise and Observer that the stray dog problem has become so severe parents are fearful of allowing their small children to play out of doors.

"They've begun running in packs," she said, "and are hanging around St. Fabian's school in groups so big that parents hesitate even to let their children out of the car to go to school."

"I don't think their owners know what is going on and how much potential danger there is not only for the children but for the animals themselves," the woman said. "Someone, sometime is going to get fed up and the animals will suffer."

"I THINK the owners love their dogs, too, and just don't realize the danger."

She speculated that dog owners living in what was farm area a few years ago into the habit of letting their dogs run loose and just haven't thought about the subdivision families the animals now provoke.

Bomb Blast Shakes Campus

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ified blacks, the offering of requested courses provided 15 students sign up, and recruiting of black students.

"I'm pretty well satisfied with the commitments if they follow through on them," Fry said.

"I think we had an amicable and fruitful meeting," Orchard Ridge Provost James Manilla said. "I think we made excellent progress relative to their demands."

WHILE THE ABS and administrators were meeting in the student activities building, 150 white students staged a sit-in Wednesday in the administration offices.

The group, known as the Orchard Ridge Student Coalition, sat in as a "show of strength" and to demand student control of student paid funds and the development of a teacher evaluation program.

The group said it would present its demands to the Board of Trustees at the March 18 meeting.

Ken Kerckhoff, Orchard Ridge student, said a number of students had been working on the demands for more than a year and had planned to present them to the administration prior to Monday's trouble.

THE STUDENT coalition is complaining that 21% of the student activities fund amounting to \$269,000 was used to pay the principal and interest on the building bonds for the student activities building when the activities only occupy one-seventh of the building.

In the proposed 1971-72 budget, 45% will be taken from the student activities budget they said.

Students pay \$1 per credit hour to a maximum of \$10 per semester into the fund.

The sit-in broke up after one hour when a representative of the ABS addressed the group saying they feared the sit-in would reflect badly on the black student negotiations going on at the same time.

Save Money At Home By Taking Adult Ed

Spurred on by the high cost of repairs, do-it-yourselfers can find a number of helpful classes in Farmington Schools' spring adult education program. Registrations may be made in advance by mail to 3500 Shiuwassee or on March 23 in Farmington High School from 7 to 9 p.m.

Electrical home repairs is a new six weeks course. Sessions cover the use of basic tools, fixing lamps and electric cords, fuse replacement and simple appliance repairs.

AUTO TUNEUP and repair, powder puff mechanics for ladies who'd like to become better acquainted with their auto's interior and basic electronics are other classes aimed at those who seek additional know-how.

Sewing of double knit fabrics is also new to the roster. These materials require a certain technique in handling which, once learned, makes sewing much simpler.

Parliamentary procedure is designed to put club officers at ease conducting meetings.

Genealogy starts its pupils into discoveries about their family trees and teaches them how to trace their ancestry.

A family life class for parents of elementary children is geared to helping parents understand their role and stresses the need for a strong family unit.

North Farmington High School gym. Emphasis is on tumbling fundamentals, flexibility, form and style.

Others may attend three indoor and five outdoor sessions. Both beginners and more advanced players are welcome.

Acrylic painting is returning and photo painting, the hand coloring of photographs with oils, is being continued.

Both pilot courses are being taught, ground school for private pilot rating and instrument ground school. These have been popular courses in Farmington for many seasons.

Most other favorites are once more available as well. Additional information may be obtained from the office of Don Howell, director of adult education.

Correction

Dr. Laurence Riblat, 31, of 23129 Appleton, Farmington, was not a passenger in one of the two cars involved in the fatal accident March 14 at 12 Mile and Middle Belt Rds.

A cutline for a photograph on page one of the March 17 edition of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer incorrectly reported Dr. Riblat was a passenger in one of the cars.

Instead, Dr. Riblat was driving in his own car about 100-feet behind the Wistite vehicle. His name appeared on police reports as a witness.

Dr. Riblat also checked the condition of the persons involved in the accident.

Swimmers Can Try Out

There are now openings for youngsters age 7-17 who want to try out for the Michigan Stingrays, a Farmington area swim team affiliated with the Michigan Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

Workouts are held in Farmington in the Our Lady of Mercy pool in the Novitiate Building on 11 Mile Rd. just east of Middle Belt.

Teams consist of three groups of swimmers, divided according to ability. This is a year-round swim program with swim meets held at various locations.

The Sister of Mercy pool also offers the following programs: Tiny tots swim for children 4-6, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 lessons for \$10; weight watchers trim and swim, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 lessons for \$12 and 20 lessons for \$20; recreational swim, Tuesday, Thursday or Wednesday night, 50 cents or \$1; ladies fraidy cats, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 lessons for \$12.

The above programs start March 30.

Furniture Is Needed

Harrison High School in Farmington is offering an innovation known to students and faculty as the "Indoor Mall."

The mall is a large room which is used as an informal study hall. Students can come to the mall to talk, play guitars, or just enjoy the casual atmosphere.

Because there are no funds to furnish the Mall, a group of students have formed a committee to look into ways of obtaining furnishings.

Travel posters have been donated to the Harrison committee by various air-lines. Two television sets have also been donated by persons working at Harrison.

The committee would like old sofas, chairs and tables. Various departments in the school have volunteered to fix any donated items.

Electronic classes will repair broken televisions and the home economic classes will make slipcovers for the old furniture.

The students hope to have the Indoor Mall furnished by March 23, which is the open house and dedication for the new high school.

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