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Dr. Clark Gets 3-15 Year Term

Dr. Ronald E. Clark, former Farmington physician, was given a three-to-15 year sentence on a manslaughter charge by Detroit Recorder's Judge Donald Leonard Friday morning.

Clark had pleaded guilty three weeks ago to the charge growing out of the death of Mrs. Hannah Bowerbank, of Detroit, former office manager for the doctor.

Leonard gave Clark credit for the nine months he has served already under this manslaughter charge. Clark has served three years of a prison term for a similar charge involving another office manager, Grace Neil, of Livonia.

Leonard ruled Clark could serve the two terms concurrently, which means that he will now be eligible for parole in about 11 months. Clark had told the judge he could not stay in the Wayne County jail under the conditions there. Clark's attorney, James E. Wells, said he felt that Clark "was not guilty of any intentional crime" based on a polygraph (lie detector) test he had administered.

Wells said the sentence was lenient and was based in part on the doctor's health, and the fact that he had already been fully punished by the medical profession. Clark, 60, suffers from a bleeding ulcer.

Wells said it was up to Clark whether or not the sentence was appealed on grounds of duress (conditions at the jail). Clark was returned to Jackson Prison Friday.

Trustee Arraigned

Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington school board trustee, was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery late-Friday afternoon before visiting District Judge Edward Lawrence, of Madison Heights.

Vagnozzi stood mute and was released on \$100 personal bond. No date was set for examination.

The complaint was brought by Mrs. Mary Kenney, wife of the director of a recall drive against Vagnozzi and two other trustees. Mrs. Kenney claimed Vagnozzi grabbed her by the arm and bruised it as she was attempting to secure signatures on a recall petition on July 16 at the shopping center at Farmington and 12-Mile Road.

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"THANKS FOR THE LIFT" is what Carl Hatch, 22720 Tulane, and Kenny Martin, 22419 Tuck, seem to be saying to officer Greg Wilson. Wilson helped guide these and other Head Start youngsters on a tour through the Farmington police and fire departments recently. (Evert photo)



LITERALLY FALLING APART is this "body chart," so Yvonne Buchler, of 22417 Hawthorne, decided to put it back together. Studying the "body chart" is part of training for youngsters in the "Head Start" program at William Grace Elementary School. (Evert photo)

Two young men are among the seven Farmington residents who have filed for the three city council seats in the Nov. 2 election.

Filing deadline was 5 p.m. yesterday (Friday). Each candidate had to file a petition with the signatures of at least 50 and not more than 75 registered voters in the city.

City Clerk Elizabeth Brines had said as late as Monday afternoon of this week that only the three incumbents appeared interested in the three jobs, since they were the only three to sign up petitions.

But four others came forward to seek the office. At least two of the four said their filing was prompted by an article in Wednesday's edition of the Farmington Enterprise and Observer.

The candidates will fill three terms. The top two vote getters will have four-year terms; the third highest will have a two-year term.

The candidates: John Allen, incumbent, local architect, who has been on the council since 1965. He filed last week, as reported.

Frederick M. Seibert, 21636 Birchwood, an incumbent appointed to the council in 1968, filling the balance of Hugo Peterson's four year term.

Seibert, a supervisor in production control at Ford's pilot plant in Allen Park, has served as a Republican convention delegate. He is now the city's representative on the beautification commission and has served on the historical commission, city planning commission, and city zoning board of appeals.

The father of four, he came to Farmington in 1955.

Ralph Yoder, 31661 Lamar Dr., an incumbent who has served two terms on the council since 1966.

Yoder, who is a dispatcher for Tri-County Trucking, is the city's representative on the Farmington Area Advisory Council and the Area Recreation Commission. Currently he is chairman of the city's pension fund board. He has lived in the area since 1941, is married and has two children.

William S. Hartsock, 20, of 23840 Manning, is a senior at Eastern Michigan University, majoring in political science. A member of the EMU senate, he said, "I read the article in the Observer, and it looked like not many people were interested in filing, so it looked like a good opportunity for somebody young to run."

John Courville, 32319 Oakland, owner of the Ebeemer Shop, a furniture store in the Downtown Center. A World War II veteran, he is on the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club. He also works as a representative for a furniture company and has lived here for 22 years.

Richard W. Hutchings, 23, 24055 Gill Rd., is a student at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus majoring in psychology. Born and raised in Detroit, he works for a tooling firm in Southfield. "I think this (this filing) might help the younger generation, to show that we are qualified to do this," he said.

Thomas E. Brennan, 35, of 21359 Birchwood, a real estate agent.

Brennan, father of 10, is a former Detroit policeman. He has been in real estate for 10 years, working in Livonia, Farmington and Redford. A member of the St. Gerald Catholic parish, he feels the city should remain the size it is, "a city within a city, because I think someday the township will incorporate as a city."

Recall Drive Falters

The waning campaign to recall three Farmington Board of Education trustees appeared this week either torn by confusion, or splintering into factions.

A statement attributed to Dr. Donald J. Kenney, president of the ad hoc group leading the drive, quoted him as saying not enough signatures had been obtained to place a recall on the ballot.

However, David Gaynor, the group's vice president, and the man who sparked the campaign, said the attempt to secure additional signatures will continue.

AT THE SAME TIME, Bruce Duke, acknowledged John Birch Society member, canceled a reservation for an Aug. 19 meeting at Dupckel Junior High which he made in the name of the Farmington Recall Group. He said he may seek the school for a meeting at another date, a school spokesman said.

"We are not going to shopping centers any more (to solicit signatures on recall petitions) because of the harassment," said Gaynor, vice president of the group, calling itself Farmington Parents For A Responsible School Board.

But he added, the group "isn't quitting."

He said members plan door-to-door solicitations. In his reported statement, Kenney said: "Some members of our organization are never - say - die, and we all admire them for their courage and perseverance."

The group is more than 1,000 signatures short of the 5,000 required for a recall election, Kenney said.

Program Helps Kids Get An Early Start

Thirty energetic preschoolers will head for kindergarten classes this fall, each a little better prepared to meet the demands of school thanks to project "Head Start."

These children, economically, emotionally or mentally behind others, youngsters their age, get a boost from the Head Start program to help them start school on an equal footing with everyone else.

Mrs. Chris Shotwell, a young mother herself and director of the program at William Grace Elementary School this summer, emphasized how well the children adjust to each other and to "the classroom atmosphere."

"I THINK WE need more overall preschool activity in Farmington," she said, "for all youngsters preparing to start kindergarten. Head Start (with which she's been affiliated since 1965) was originally part of the federal government's anti-poverty program but now is under the Oakland County Office of Economic Opportunity," she explained. "We mostly serve kids of parents on Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) and welfare."

A native of Farmington and

now residing in Pontiac, Chris Shotwell taught 30 preschoolers this summer with the aid of one other Farmington teacher, Mrs. Jean Tyler of Liberty St., and two aides who, by government law, were parents of children in the program.

On hand to help supervise all the activities, Mrs. Shotwell added with pride, were 15 volunteers ages 15-17 from the Farmington Red Cross Youth.

They gave up a few hours each weekday for six weeks this summer to aid Head Start activities.

THE SUMMER was anything but dull for the 30 preschoolers, who, thanks to civic groups like the Jaycees, a local supermarket and the police and fire departments of Farmington, were able to tour a number of sites on several field trips.

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Nicita gave examples of what the austerity spending program put into effect after defeat of the June 14 millage proposal, means in sample cases.

He cited Farmington High School, which anticipates an increased enrollment of 80 students this fall.

city's bright red, normally off-limits-to-kids fire truck.

They also spent their time learning to finger paint, enjoying a special story time at the Farmington library, singing, eating donated ice cream, swimming in a donated pool, and beginning basic studies on a "body puzzle."

"The kids love it," said Mrs. Shotwell. "Head Start helps them so much—they're really looking forward to starting kindergarten in the fall."



WHO CARES ABOUT THE MESS when you're having a good time? Michael Lawson, of 33952 Rhonwood, Farmington, didn't mind the gooey paint on his hands as he created during one of the Head Start sessions. (Evert photo)

Teeplees, Jaycees Support Millage Tax

By MARTHA MAHAN

Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeplees, long a critic of school spending, said he is willing to give the schools the 3.5 mills in additional taxes for one year which they seek at an Aug. 23 election.

And the Farmington Area Jaycees have voted actively to support the millage request.

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Teeplees said his decision to go along with the millage bid came after a 1½ hour conference with Dr. Roderick Smith, school superintendent, during which the two went over "the schoolman's" "thinking and philosophy."

"HE SHOWED ME some places where the schools had made significant economy moves and cut operating costs

to the bone as far as they could," Teeplees said. Dr. Smith also pointed out ways the schools are locked in by state laws on collective bargaining, the supervisor said.

"I'm not going to punch doorbells and actively support the millage," the supervisor said. "I still think four years is too long and 4.5 mills too high," he added, referring to the June 14 millage request which lost at the polls.

"But I think they're entitled to one more chance if they really need the money."

The Aug. 23 millage would be "on a one year trial basis," Teeplees said. "They'd have to ask it again next year," he said, "and show it had been intelligently and sensibly used."

A JAYCEES meeting Tuesday night voted unanimously to endorse the millage request after listening

to presentations by Dr. Edwin C. Blumberg, appearing as an interested citizen, and Joseph Nicita, director of secondary education for the schools.

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The extra 60 students normally would mean an additional two teachers on the staff, Nicita said. Instead the staff has been cut by 1½ teachers. There also will be one less counselor.

NORMALLY, the school system aims for one counselor for each 300 secondary students, but Farmington High will have a projected enrollment of 1,622 students this fall and only four counselors for a load of more than 400 students per counselor.

This fall, too, counselors will not be available during the two weeks prior to school opening to help students with schedule adjustments and other problems. Counseling time has been cut to just the 40 weeks put in by the regular classroom teacher.

Where Farmington High normally has had two full time librarians, it now has one, Nicita said. Moreover, the

two weeks before the start of school normally put in by the librarian to prepare for opening and the two weeks at the end to prepare for its close now have been eliminated.

THE RESULT will be that the library will be closed to students for several weeks to give the librarians preparation time, Nicita said.

"These are typical examples and they are what we mean when we talk about reducing services," Nicita commented.

Because of state laws on collective bargaining and tenure, the schools also are left with some elementary teachers in special areas, such as music and art, who can "bump" secondary teachers from classrooms where the older teacher is not truly qualified to teach, the director told the Jaycees. The latter are technically certified to teach K-12 classes and are

thus legally able to take over the secondary teacher's place.

In addition, some secondary teachers who have been teaching in their major area for several years and perhaps never taught in their minor field, now are bumping teachers in the field in which they minored and perhaps are not qualified to teach at all, he said.

"I believe the Jaycee support to be very significant," Nicita commented after the vote. "They are a group of dynamic young men who have a real interest in the quality of the community in which they live. After their unanimous vote to support the millage proposal, I had the feeling they would become very active in the campaign between now and Aug. 23."

"It is also heartening to have the active support of a community leader such as Dr. Ed Blumberg."