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Dr. Clark Dies In Prison Fall

Dr. Ronald E. Clark, 61, former Farmington Township physician, died Thursday morning in Jackson State Prison when he fell 30 feet from a fifth floor corridor to a concrete floor below.

Clark was serving sentences for the deaths of Mrs. Grace Neil of Detroit, both former nurses of his. The courts found Clark guilty in the deaths of both for administering an overdose of sodium pentothal (truth serum).

Jackson Prison Lieutenant Jesse Worth said Clark apparently fainted and slipped beneath the iron safety rail. State Police report there are two eye-witnesses to the incident. Clark had been suffering from a bleeding ulcer, but cause of the fainting is unknown at this point.

Mrs. Violet Clark, the doctor's widow, says she and attorney James E. Wells of Southfield have several questions about why the ailing prisoner was allowed to be kept in the top tier of cells.

Wells, who defended Clark in the Mrs. Bowerbank manslaughter trial, said he would raise these questions at the coroner's inquest to be held Monday before a six-man coroner's jury in Jackson County.

Wells claims Clark had been harassed by prisoners and was frequently approached by homosexual inmates. A letter he wrote to his wife on Thursday indicated the doctor was in good spirits, says Mrs. Clark.



THE LONG AWAITED traffic signal was installed March 21 at the westbound exit ramp of I-696 at Orchard Lake. Both Farmington Township and the Chamber of Commerce have been urging the light to relieve heavy traffic pile-ups creating traffic hazards. (Evert photo)

Schools Endorse Protection Law

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
The Farmington Board of Education passed a resolution Monday which, if enacted as an ordinance, would permit police to intervene in disturbances on school property.

The resolution will be turned over to the Farmington City Council for enactment as an ordinance. Councilmen will review the resolution at the next meeting, and it is expected to be approved at the following meeting.

Board members are also requesting the Farmington Township and West Bloomington Township to act on the resolution.

THE BOARD'S action followed a request by the city council that such a resolution be passed.

The council had asked the board two years ago to adopt a resolution but action was not taken at that time.

Council's most recent request was prompted by an incident last week when one youth was assaulted by a group of youths at the bridge behind the junior high.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan, board trustee and chairman of the safety committee, said the last problem was the latest of a series of incidents of which both the police and school superintendent had been notified.

Richard H. Peters, board president, said the junior high was not having daily or regular problems. He added that if "No Loitering" signs were posted, "They would have no meaning until you follow through and do something."

resolution proposed by the school board would give police enforcement power needed to handle the problem, according to Robert Deadman, acting city manager.

He added, however, that the problem is "not as serious as it is made out to be."

Deadman said the city's position is that: "The school must supervise its own property. When the school needs aid, police have the obligation to give them a hand."

"I think we can work with what they passed," stated Deadman. "But the test will be when it goes to court."

ACCORDING to the preamble, the resolution will "provide for the protection of the buildings and lands of schools... provide for the peace, quiet and good order in and around schools in Farmington Public School District."

Section A prohibits making "any noise or diversion which disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, quiet or good order of such school session or class thereof."

SUCH AN ordinance as the prohibits making a noise or

diversion which "disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, quiet or good order" of any gathering in buildings or on land owned by the Farmington Public School District.

According to section C, the authorization of the superintendent or person in charge is required for anyone to remain within a building or property owned by the district.

The last section notes that: "Unauthorized athletics and/or recreational activities may be considered to have authorization if not in conflict with school regulations and policies."

ALDO VAGNOZZI, board trustee, said he wants the board to keep an "eye on the enforcement of the ordinance. I want to make sure we can all still use school facilities."

In a later conversation with the Enterprise & Observer, Deadman said: "Vagnozzi doesn't feel the police will use good judgment." He added that the last section of the resolution "threw us a ringer. Any negative part of an or-

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Rap Line Films Flick For Youth

The Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) is producing a film, full color and sound, aimed at exposing the most frequent cause of youth turning to drugs.

The FAAC, parent council of Rap Line, is the community-wide organization which was formed two years ago to curb the then growing use of drugs by Farmington youth.

Led by Ralph Rideout, the council has branched into a number of programs and is now producing a movie to get its message across to youth in the community.

THE FILM is being produced by Les Zaleski, a social worker with the special education department of Farmington Schools who has been an active supporter of FAAC.

Zaleski, who enjoys photography as a sideline, was asked by Rideout to pursue the movie making project and enthusiastically agreed.

He enlisted as director Rod Wasserman of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts and convinced Jack Mingo to write the script. Mingo, a North

Farmington High graduate now attending Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, has been active in Rap Line as a telephone counselor.

The filming is being done by members of the Society of Arts and Crafts as a class project under the guidance of instructor Michael Dickey.

The advantage of using students to do the filming is that it will be done free. Filming is done in Farmington and in the studios of Boulevard Photographic of Detroit.

BECAUSE FAAC'S budget is limited, the film is being financed by a number of donations.

Jim Northmore, owner of Boulevard Photographic, has donated some film and use of his studios.

William Smith of Farmington, owner of Allied Films, has donated some more film and agreed to process the film at cost.

A cash donation has been received from Leo Obloy, owner of Special Drill and

Reamer of Madison Heights. Zaleski estimates that about \$1,400 is needed yet to turn out a 30-minute film. If more donations do not come in, the film will have to be shortened.

ZALEWSKI says the film is geared to the typical suburban youth who faces frustrations and is seeking an escape.

The movie centers on a confrontation between father and son at the dinner table (filmed in the home of the Rev. Karl Kallrieder of Antioch Lutheran Church of Farmington) and proceeds to present the frustrations and viewpoints of both father and son.

Themes of the film are that: drug abuse in many cases occurs because of underlying causes; youth today are not much different than youth of other generations; that kids and parents share the same type of feelings and frustrations, although the issues might be different, and that when there is little understanding and communication between parent and child, drug abuse can be a product.

Zaleski says these themes are intertwined in the film because 60-70 per cent of those involved in drugs are seeking relief from deep problems.

IN THE film, the father (played by Esko Isotalo) and son (played by Richard Weiss) are both drawn into the Rap Line counseling program and the plot continues with how rap sessions and other techniques can be effective.

The film shooting started March 11 and was briefly interrupted when Zaleski's wife gave birth to a daughter. But the crews are about half way through the filming, and it is hoped the completed product will be ready by the end of May.

"We are anticipating making heavy use of the film within the junior high and senior high schools of the Farmington community," says Rideout.

"In addition, this film will be available to churches, service clubs and other community agencies which would benefit from such a film. We anticipate the movie could be used as a discussion initiator."



CONFRONTATION -- The confrontation at the dinner table, in the film being produced by Rap Line, features Esko Isotalo as the father (left), Ruth Friedrich as the mother, and Richard Weiss as the son. (Les Zaleski photo)

Tuesday Is Deadline For Charter Hopefuls

Tuesday, March 28, is the deadline to file nominating petitions for charter commissioners to be elected in the May 16 Farmington Township incorporation election.

Persons wishing to run for charter commissioner must obtain 20 signatures of qualified electors and file the petition by 4 p.m. March 28 with the Oakland County Clerk in the county civic center at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Nine charter commissioners will be elected, and Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reports a number of persons have already picked up nominating petitions.

Petitions may be obtained from Cairns at the township hall on 11 Mile just west of Orchard Lake, but must be filed with the county clerk.

Commission candidates will be elected at-large and will be filing non-partisan petitions. APRIL 14 at 8 p.m. is the

deadline for township residents to register to vote in the May 16 election.

The township hall clerk's office will be open to receive registrations April 10 through 14 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Village residents of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms must be registered to vote with the township clerk to vote for charter commissioners and on the incorporation question.

Deadline for absentee voters applications is 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

The incorporation question calls for joining Farmington Township, Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown into a single home-rule city.

IF THE incorporation question passes, the nine charter commissioners elected will hold their first organizational meeting within 10 days of the election.

The commission then proceeds to draft a charter defining the type of government for the new city. The state recommends that the draft be completed within 60 days.

The draft is reviewed by the county prosecutor's office to insure that charter provisions conform with laws of the state.

The draft is then submitted to the governor's office for review, and once the governor signs the charter it is returned to the charter commission, and an election is called.

If the charter is approved, the new city government becomes effective within 30 days after that election. If the charter is defeated, the commission reconvenes to write another charter.

If a proposed charter is rejected three times, or if a charter is not approved within two years of May 16, then the cityhood process ends and the area remains a township.

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SHOOTING FILM — Jack Mingo (left) and Rod Wasserman look over the script of the movie being filmed by Rap Line while cameraman Mike Dickey (left on truck) and Tom Ludwig line up the scene to be taken. (Les Zaleski Photo)