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Grocer William H. Hart Dies

William H. Hart, 87, the man who built up the old C.F. Smith neighborhood groceries into one of the best-known chains in the Detroit area, died Monday in the Georgian Nursing Home in Detroit.

Hart lived for many years in a spacious home at 2855 Drake Rd. in Farmington, and his wife, Jeanne Smith

Hart, was very active in the community.

He was the father of Mrs. William P. Brennan, trustee on the Farmington School Board. The Tuesday night board meeting was postponed to Friday, June 8, following the announcement of his death.

One of his sons, Herbert W.

Hart, was former Detroit Police Commissioner.

Funeral services were planned at Our Lady of Sorrows church in Farmington, with Father Robert Rokusek. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield, Wednesday.

Mr. Hart was born and raised in Farmington, and the home on Drake Road, re-

cently sold for a private school, was a local landmark.

He was very active in church affairs, and was a member of the Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Sorrows church.

Surviving are four daughters: Sister Therese Martin, IHM, Detroit; Sister Donna Mary IHM, Warren, Mrs.

Brennan; and Miss Jeanne R. Hart, Fla.

Also five sons: Herbert W. Hart, now in California; Robert E. Hart, Fla.; Frank M. Hart, Farmington; William J. Hart, Fla.; and Allan R. Hart, Fla.

He also left two brothers, two sisters, 24 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



William Hart

Candidates Speak

The five candidates for the Farmington Board of Education were interviewed at length by the Farmington Enterprise and Observer, and their remarks are in today's issue.

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Wood Creek

Wood Creek columnist Eileen Abatt attended one of the area's social events of the year recently, and writes about it in her review of village happenings.

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Top Baseballers

The 1973 edition of the All-Observer prep baseball lineup has been selected by Sports Editor Tom Donoghue and area coaches. For the complete roster, along with pictures, coach-of-the-year and batgirls of the season, turn to today's sport section.

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Pick 3 And One

You can pick three candidates for six-year terms and one for a two-year vacancy in the Schoolcraft College election next Monday. Here's a rundown on all the candidates — who they are, where they stand.

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A New Look

After 33 years, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority may have to take a new look at where it's building parks, Wayne County's board of commissioners is applying the pressure to the five-county regional agency.

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AN ALL-MICHIGAN BREAKFAST was served by pupils in Miss Linda Brocklehurst's fifth grade class at William Grace School to celebrate Michigan Week. The menu included apple juice from Romeo, cereal from Battle Creek, sugar from Saginaw, milk packaged in Detroit and doughnuts from a Farmington bakery. Pat Kopins (left) gave a helping hand to Debbie Saliez by pouring milk over her cereal. (Photo by Fran Evert)

Makinen, Stewart Best School Board Choices

The five candidates running for two seats in the Farmington school election present a difficult choice for the electorate.

A sixth candidate — Hartley Thornton — has withdrawn from the race, although his name will appear on the ballot.

Observers of local school politics for the past year or so have been treated to squabbles, recriminations and public displays of personality conflicts when the board meets in regular session.

Conversely, they have had major policy decisions, like the hiring and firing of a superintendent, hatched in private.

It would be nice to clear the air with a fresh board, which wouldn't carry old, bloodied hatchets to the meetings.

But this choice is not on the ballot. Instead, four of the five are qualified candidates, at least in terms of experience and past involvement in school affairs.

But of these, only one, Mrs. Emma Makinen, is likely to bring a fresh point of view, unencumbered by past history of involvement in the kind of pettiness that has stifled the board's action in the past.

Soundly versed in school affairs, with experience in working with various points of view as president of the PTA council, she is the best candidate.

Incumbent Board President Kenneth Perrin may, because of his position, have acted almost as a lightning rod for criticism of the bloc on the board which he represents.

While some of the criticism is unjustified, he still represents the kind of tight-fisted power politics that has made one segment of the board appear un-

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responsive to input from a large segment of the community.

He also presided over, and went along with, a board that hired a special attorney in secret to fire a superintendent shortly after giving him a three-year contract.

While the change may have been beneficial, there is no way to defend the manner in which it was handled.

This leaves Gary Lichtman and Hugh Stewart, both of whom have been strongly identified with the other side of school politics.

Lichtman, in fact, fought many of the same battles spearheaded by retiring Aldo Vagnozzi.

He is articulate on the issues, is a staunch supporter of open, progressive policies, and knowledgeable about school affairs.

But his mid-term resignation leads one to question why he wishes to run again. While he says he has "learned a lot" in the ensuing period, it is doubtful what he has learned will bring peace to the board.

Stewart has a well-earned reputation for involvement with both kids and schools.

He has paid his dues on school committees, and supports well-planned growth and innovation in the district.

Although there is the possibility he may, if elected, end up carrying the gauntlet back to the board, he appears more likely than the others to add to an effective, more objective, board.

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Bike Rodeo Scheduled

Farmington Jaycees, in cooperation with the City of Farmington and Farmington Township police departments, are sponsoring a bike rodeo to be held June 9, at 10 a.m. at Farmington High, 3300 Thomas. Open to all Farmington area children 12 and older.

The rodeo is an exhibit of bicycle handling and knowledge of safety rules and regulations.

Registration and licensing will be available and safety inspections of all bicycles will be conducted by the police.

Summer School Changes Made

Emphasis will be placed on individualization in the elementary and secondary summer school programs in Farmington this year.

"We're also trying to provide better service by balancing class locations throughout the district," says Donald Howell, director of extended services for Farmington schools.

Unique summer school concepts to be offered at the elementary level are preschool and open learning center programs.

The preschool program is open to four-year-olds to prepare them for kindergarten. The open learning center will provide second through sixth graders learning opportunities and objectives to be pursued at their own rate.

Aside from this, regular courses to be offered are gymnastics, wrestling, basketball, instrumental music and special string classes.

At the secondary level, new courses to be offered are "interest" classes, which will offer students enrichment, advancement and the opportunity to

pursue special interest areas. This new area offers rock music appreciation, interpretive dance, yoga, model making, and health foods.

Regular summer school courses, such as math, science and English, will also be offered.

Howell says extensive music and athletic programs will be offered this year at elementary and secondary levels.

"The whole idea is to develop a positive image toward summer school," Howell said.

Registration for elementary students will take place in Kenbrook School, 32180 Bonnetville, June 20-22 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. All classes will be held in Kenbrook and Flanders Schools.

Secondary level registration will take place June 20-22 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. in Harrison High School, 29955 12 Mile. All classes will be held in Harrison.

Participation at both levels is open to resident and non-resident students.



CHRIS HAIGHT (left) played the sheriff and Leslie Nebat a teacher in "Roundup on the Moon," a musicale relating an imaginary trip into space staged by fourth grade students at Eagle Elementary School. Characters included both Earth people and Moon people. (Evert photo)

'New' Library Throws Party

The Farmington Library on 12 Mile Road will throw its own first birthday party Saturday with an afternoon of entertainment, refreshments and gifts for all ages.

The Farmington Friends of the Library have planned the "more than open house," as Mary Mitchell, director of libraries, describes the celebration.

Elementary age groups will be entertained at 2 p.m. with a puppet show, "Fat Cat." A clown and magic act with Patsi Vetese and Joey Kaye will follow.

A hand-sculpted copper elm tree, gift of the Friends of the Library, will be for-

mally presented at a 2:30 p.m. ceremony. Friends President Peter Nagrant will make the presentation. Music by the Steve Bucci Combo and designed for junior and senior high school guests will be performed from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Birthday cake and lemonade will be served. Book marks and plastic book bags will be handed out by Friends of the Library. Mrs. Mitchell remarked that older Farmington residents who remember the very small one room library in old township hall with its creaky floors will enjoy celebrating the new library's first anniversary and realizing "what a long way we've come."