

Ten Initiated Into Local Elks

The first initiation of new Elks candidates in Farmington was conducted recently at the American Legion Hall with ten members being initiated.

Officiating at the ceremony were Exalted Ruler Harvey Shaw, Leading Knight Bill Klein, Loyal Knight Tom (Archie) Leonard, Knight Warren Markle, Inner Guard and Past Exalted Ruler Ray Greith, Esquire Greg Sides, and Chaplain Willard Lorenz of Plymouth Lodge 1780.

Past Exalted Ruler and Past District Deputy of the Southeast Michigan Elks, Phillip Barney, addressed Elks members and extended a welcome to incoming members. Visitors for the evening were Exalted Ruler Warren Williams and the Pontiac Lodge Drill Team, which performed the second degree initiation.

A typewriter was presented to Pat Buttermore, Exalted Ruler of Farmington, by Leading Knight Bill Klein on behalf of Plymouth Lodge 1780.

Local Elks Lodge meeting are held at the American Legion Hall on Grand River on the first and third Wednesday nights of each month. Plans for an Elks Lodge Hall are now being formulated and will be announced within the next month.

All Elks members who have moved into this area recently are invited to contact Secretary Billy Hicks for information regarding transfers, meetings and events in Farmington Lodge 1886.

Leonardo de Vinci, one of the world's most versatile men, was painter, sculptor, architect, musician and scientist.

CHAIRMAN NAMED TO PLANNING GROUP FOR NEW CHURCH

Mrs. Harry F. Barr was elected chairman recently of the special committee planning events celebrating the opening of the new Franklin Community Church, officials of the church disclosed.

At the same time, another release stated that public festivities will be held in early September rather than in June when services will move to the new site. Mrs. Barr said the official board had accepted the recommendation of the committee, which will allow time for landscaping and completing some interior cabinet work not scheduled for the June date.

Committee members (Robert Hampton, Bert Wood, Herman Barth and Mrs. Norman) Curran are doing research in various ways to determine the scope desired in the September consecration of the new building. The committee is to be expanded by the addition of a representative from each Women's Circle, from the commission on Education, and from the Youth Group.

A "bon voyage" luncheon at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Skow on Mayfield Avenue recently honored Mrs. Charles Stewart, who moved Saturday, February 18, from Pembroke Avenue to northern Michigan. Eight ladies, mostly from the immediate neighborhood, were present. An arrangement of colored balloons with large letters forming the words "Good Bye" uniquely decorated the living room of the Skow residence. Following a lunch, Mrs. Stewart was showered with lovely handkerchiefs and "Happiness in Your New Home" cards.

GOP Women Hold Organizational - Breakfast Here

An organizational breakfast for the Republican Women's Finance Committee was held last Thursday morning, February 23, at the home of Mrs. Edward Mosman on Farmington Road.

Plans were made for the Republican Spring Drive in this area. Included on the committee are Mrs. H. L. Richards, Mrs. E. C. Elckoff, Mrs. E. H. Hanna, Mrs. Joseph McHugh, Mrs. Earl Vivier, and Mrs. Walter DeGree.

Mrs. Brooks Marshall, Oakland County Finance Chairman from Birmingham, spoke to the group and explained the opportunity presented to all Republican women to aid in the work of the committee.

This was the first of many meetings being planned in anticipation of a "kick-off" meeting scheduled for April 19 in Birmingham. Speaker will be Mrs. Judy Cusland of Boston.

Livonia Students At U-M Obtain All 'A' Record

A total of 37 students in the college of Engineering at the University of Michigan earned all "A" grades during the fall semester, college officials disclosed last week.

Among the 37 achieving a perfect record for the semester was Raymond A. Jacobson of 19345 Weyher, Livonia.

The common safety pin, now a "must" in domestic life, was invented by a man named Hunt in 1849.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

It certainly is a matter of grave concern that our School Board has recently accepted "in principle" such a pernicious proposal as financial aid to private institutions.

Now - in principle - every private kindergarten, day school, and dancing class in our Township has a right to ask for financial aid for their transportation problem.

Now - in principle - every Church in our community which operates a bus on Sunday for the transportation of its children to and from Church School, may reasonably expect financial assistance from the Public coffers?

Now - in principle - every Boy Scout Troop and Explorer Post in our neighborhood has the right to expect financial help for transportation to and from campsites and activities.

All these groups are highly commendable and fundamentally educational in function, yet none has asked for - nor do they expect - financial transportation help from Township and City funds.

Webster defines the word "principle" as "a fundamental truth." Does our School Board, by its recent pronouncement, really embrace "a fundamental truth," such a highly controversial abstraction as public financial aid to private schools?

All of us should be aroused and deeply concerned.

Dear Sirs:

This is in answer to Reverend Richard Geiger's letter last week. You do not have to worry about

the Board taking care of the parochial school's transportation. They won't and don't even take care of their own.

Don't forget all of these parochial families pay taxes which help pay for the public schools and still the public school children are walking.

This request, in my opinion, was just the idea of an individual and I do not believe that the parochial schools should get help. The public schools would sure have to do some figuring if they had to also provide for all the pupils in parochial schools.

I say that the immediate concern is with busing the children in public schools who are now walking. There should not be any children walking. Most children are able to walk to a pick-up point. Let's get them picked up. Why should a bus go down a route route empty?

Poor management. Empty buses run on time? Taxpayers, where is your money going?

Worried Mother, Mrs. Russell Backer 23904 Haynes

Mrs. Currie, well-known in this locality, fell and fractured a wrist early in February and is still wearing a plaster cast. About the same time, her granddaughter, Martha, also known in this neighborhood, and her husband were in an auto crash. The young couple are in a Newcastle, Pennsylvania, hospital. Their condition is critical.

Plan Pre-Easter Program At First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Farmington will hold a series of pre-Easter meetings beginning on Monday, March 18, and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. nightly except Saturdays.

The meetings will feature Rev. O. Ferris Scott, well-known evangelist, and will be designed to harmonize with the spirit of the Easter season.

Planned in the series is also a special Good Friday service from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at which time Mr. Scott will speak.

Palm Sunday will feature Rev. Fred Scott in the morning service at the church. Dr. Northrup will occupy the pulpit on Easter morning.

Planned also is a sunrise service for breakfast by the young people of the church.

MICHIGAN BELL PLANS TEST FOR NEW MUSICAL PHONE

This spring, the Bell Telephone Laboratories will conduct a full-scale trial of a new type telephone which will do its summoning by means of a musical tone rather than a bell.

Strictly experimental at this stage, the newly developed instrument uses transistors to activate the tone which operates on less than a volt as against the ordinary telephone bell requiring about 85 volts.

Bell Labs' tests show that the tone stands out above general room noise.

Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic Sets Up Branch In Birmingham

The Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic recently announced the expansion of its guidance services with the setting up of a branch office in Birmingham for Birmingham and surrounding areas under the sponsorship of the city's Junior League.

Operating under the sponsorship of the State Department of Mental Health, the clinic offers its services to all residents of Oakland County.

Children are usually referred to the guidance clinic by parents, schools, social agencies, physicians, courts and health departments, but anyone may refer a child with the consent of the child's parents. One may write, telephone or visit the clinic in person to make a referral, it was pointed out. It was emphasized, however, that children must not be brought to the clinic without a definite appointment. The main clinic is located at 113 Franklin Boulevard, Pontiac, FE 2-6592; and the Birmingham office is at 385 East Maple, MI. 7-0022.

Children in the county up to sixteen years of age and all high school students are cared for by the clinic, it was pointed out. Personality and habit problems such as nervousness, day-dreaming, unpopularity, tears, bedwetting, temper tantrums, over-aggressiveness, and excessive shyness are treated. Conduct problems such as lying, stealing, and running away are cared for as are educational problems such as truancy and poor adjustment to school. Other behavior suggestive of developmental problems in the growing-up process are also treated.

The main clinic and its branch offices are staffed by trained psychiatric social workers. No fees are collected for services at the main clinic. Payment of fees based on income has been authorized at the Birmingham branch, however. State funds from the Department of Mental Health pay for professional salaries and comprise over half of the budget of the clinic. The rest of the budget is met mainly by allocations from the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and the Pontiac Area United Fund. The Birmingham branch is financed entirely by the Junior League of Birmingham.

Additional information about the clinic may be obtained by writing or calling at either of the offices.

F. H. S. Names 19 Honor Students

Nineteen Farmington High School seniors were elected to the local chapter of the National Honor Society last week. Students were notified by letter Saturday of their selection to the society. Winners were honored at an induction ceremony in the high school gymnasium Wednesday afternoon, February 29.

Students elected to the society were Joanne Auger, Gunilla Abelen, Swedish exchange student; Daniel Burnett, David Cargill, Carlene Daniels, Russell Desmelik, Gerald Flick, Diane Franjat, William Fulton, Charles Hanson, Frank Hummel, Guy Hoover, Alice Langford, Rodney Layton, George Mullin, Donald Nichols, Sharon Regentik, Roberta Spaller and Nicholas Spicer.

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