

# Clarenceville High School News

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## CHS Chess Team Beats Southfield

Clarenceville's Chess Club came home victorious from a tournament held at Southfield High, March 26. The ten players attending the tournament were: Bob Allen, Jeff Hawkins, Tom Mahon, Paul Stevenson, Tom Macek, Alvin Wilson, Jim Squair, Gordon Hickick, Paul Fields and John Strellin. Clarenceville won a total of thirteen games and lost twelve. There was one draw in the matches.

Since match play started at Clarenceville between Clarenceville players, Jim Squair has won nine straight games with just one loss. Both of Alvin Wilson's wins came over the Southfield champion. One of Paul Stevenson's losses came when he faced Southfield's second best player.

Southfield will visit the Clarenceville High School this month.

## Sophomores Give Dance Fri. Night

Clarenceville students were treated to an evening of dancing Friday, March 29, sponsored by the sophomore class and titled "The Sands of Time."

Committee chairman for the dance were: Joyce Little, tickets; Carol Vast, decorations; Sandra Cropp, name; Betty Lipke, advertising; Tom Simin, entertainment; George Roberts, cleanup; and Lorraine Reaume, decorations.

The sophomore class is under the guidance of Mr. Robert Young and Mr. Richard Harding.

Parent chaperones for "The Sands of Time" were Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Nelson, Mrs. Edna Nelson, and Mrs. Donald McArthur.

"Music for 'The Sands of Time'" was on record.

## --Honor Roll--

**GRADE 12**  
Donald Melton, Catherine Barnes, Dorothy Berry, Karen Broyn, Elida Desseza, Nancy Labowski, Violet Paatala, Marie Wyss, Betty Edwards, James Healy, Carol Rickert.

**GRADE 11**  
Nancy Durd, James Lamb, Paul Stevenson, Sharon Tutthill, Gretchen VanCamp, Alvin Wilson, Clarence Hopp, Clarence Hopp, Beverly Tucker.

**GRADE 10**  
Sharon Hettis, Lois Giguere, Robert Goudie, Bonnie Karr, Gary LaChance, Robert Leeds, Frank Meade, Mary Snell, John Strellin, Pat Sullivan, Louis Allen, Randall Cauffiel, Phillip Chavone, Mary Kaye Pietilla, Juanita Robbins, Connie Rogers, Carol Vast.

**GRADE 9**  
Roger Allen, Karen Chappell, Earl Cook, David Frederick, Agnes Fuller, David Pillar, Barbara Russier, Gene Scholes, Robert Wilson, Nettie Wilson, Darlene Hamlin, Douglas Hanafor, John Labowski, Anita Laupitz, Lois Slickney, Sandra VanZant.

**GRADE 8**  
Barbara Watwood, Ralph Allen, Judy Bailey, Len Baldwin, Mary Bidwell, Marie Burry, Ronald Clemens, Julie Dietrich, Jerry Dejean, Diane Groves, Thomas Ripaldi, Marie Roberts, Ronald Welner, Shirley Baker, Rudolph Chagala, Barbara Crawford, Sharon Danel, by Sandra Harmon, Gordon Hoeft, Joann Hughes, Russell Lawrence, Joseph Nye, Goldie Saylor.

## Chorus To Give First Operetta

Early in May, the Clarenceville High Chorus will present the first operetta in the history of the organization. This newest venture in the field of music will be the presentation of the Kurt Weill American folk operetta, "Down in the Valley."

Joyce McKinney and Dave Stingle are cast in the leading roles of Jenny and Breck Weaver. Others included in the main roles are: Jenny's father, portrayed by Russell Waack; Thomas Buschene, played by Harry George and the leader, played by Gordon Hickick. Frank Baker and Bob Goudie have the minor roles of the guard and the prisoner.

The entire Clarenceville Chorus will provide background music for the production. Sets will be designed by the art department under the direction of Bill Deeter.

The plot of the operetta, "Down in the Valley," revolves around Breck Weaver, who has supposedly killed Thomas Buschene in a knife fight. Jenny, Breck's fiancée, is out of jail the day before he is to be hanged and goes to see Jenny. They reminisce over the first time they met.

The morning, Breck gives himself up to the authorities, against Jenny's pleading.

The operetta takes place in the northern mountains. The lines are both spoken and sung.

Director of the entire production is Mr. Donald Ferrin, Clarenceville vocal music instructor.

## Named To Attend Science Course At U. Of Alaska

Mr. Robert Thompson, biology and science instructor at Clarenceville High School, was notified March 15 of his acceptance by the University of Alaska for an institute there. The National Science Foundation is sponsoring an eight-week institute for secondary science and mathematics teachers at the University and Mr. Thompson was selected by the Foundation to attend the session.

Classes will be conducted at the University of Alaska, which is the site of the National Science Foundation's summer school. During the eight-week period for furthering of education in the secondary field, Mr. Thompson will study in the field of biology.

Among the features of the course will be scheduled trips to some points of interest as the Bering Sea, Ale Coast and the Yukon River and Valley.

Thompson was one of fifty teachers chosen to attend the session. Mr. Thompson has taught at Clarenceville High School for three years. Besides his teaching duties, he is sponsor of the Junior Class and the Clarenceville Science Club.

## To Attend Library Assistants' Meet

Eight students will represent Clarenceville at a regional meeting of library assistants at Eastern Michigan College in Ypsilanti. Attending will be Arlene Berg, Mary Ann Crouch, Pat Pekola, Virginia Moody, Sylvia Jones, Jim Reed, Sandy MacGregor, and Gordon Pekola. Mrs. Hames, librarian, will accompany the students. There will be a planned program and luncheon. Arrangements have also been made for a tour of Eastern Michigan College.

Those students going to the meeting are members of the Student Library Assistants Association of Michigan. This will be the first time Clarenceville students have attended such a meeting.

A man can't make a place for himself in the sun if he keeps taking refuge under the family tree.

## Township Planning Board Outlines Last Year's Activities; Indicates Future Program Plans

The following report was made by the Farmington Township Planning Board last week regarding the organization's activities and accomplishments during the past year also indicating the program planned by the group immediately ahead.

First, we want to give you a brief description of Township Planning. Nothing in our whole community is more important than the way it is developing, day by day. We must realize that the stores, homes, industries and streets we are being built today will be here for a long time. They will establish the pattern for years to come. Every mistake today will be magnified by time.

The Board is made up of nine citizens of the Community, who are working with the citizens at large, the Planning Consultants, the Township Board and the Board of Education. They meet twice monthly to work out a general scheme of future development and guide the day to day activities.

The most important thing a Planning Board should do is to develop a comprehensive plan, sometimes referred to as a "master plan" to guide future growth. Much has been done in this area but progress has been slower than hoped for. This is understandable when we consider that comprehensive planning is such a tremendous change from anything done previously. Most of the problems that confronted the Planning Board earlier in the year have now been overcome and considerable progress has been made, in recent months. Briefly, the parts of the comprehensive plan which have been completed, and other important activities, are as follows:

The Neighborhood Planning Unit, which is a study of the whole of the township land area to insure that all types of developments and land uses required will be provided for. It plans to provide a logical balance in residential areas, business areas, industrial areas, parks, schools and streets. For example, the plan indicates there will be 2,000 ultimately for 310 acres for school and playground sites. There will be a need for 1,300-1,400 acres of industrial land area. Shopper needs will require 245 acres. Considerable acreage should be reserved for neighborhood parks, community parks and recreational areas. This neighborhood planning unit was submitted to the Township Board almost a year ago, but has not yet been accepted for adoption as a general guide. We plan to present the Neighborhood Plan again for consideration in the next month or two. This will present a challenge to the new members of the Planning Board, and also to the new Township Board.

A second important aspect of Planning is the Subdivision Control. A wise set of Subdivision Regulations is as important to sound community growth as a zoning ordinance. These regulations are submitted to the Planning Board and Planning Consultants for review. The review includes lot sizes, streets, easements, school sites and other data required for good planning. These Subdivision Regulations have been adopted by the Township Board and are in operation. Elected subdivision plans have been reviewed during the past year.

Another important activity of Planning is the study of Commercial Land Use. The amount of commercial land zoned as commercial should be in balance with the ultimate build-up of residential land, and the population to be served. This study shows that we should ultimately consider about eleven shopping centers with an average size of 28 acres each. These shopping centers should be developed as residential areas are planned and as the population increase justifies their development. For each foot of floor space there should be three square feet of automobile parking space.

What we must avoid is zoning all of the land along each mile road as commercial, and zoning considerably in excess of commercial land required. This is almost certain to occur without proper planning. The Commercial Land Use Study has been accepted by the Township Board in recent weeks and therefore will be used as a guide by the Planning Board in all its future reviews of requests for rezoning and of new subdivision plans.

The Township Supervisor requested the Planning Board to concentrate on a study of Industrial Land Use. Villan, Leman & Associates will present a plan for industrial development to the Planning Board early in April. A program of cooperation with the School Board for consideration of future school sites has been developed in recent months. Mr. Reed of the Board of Education is now a member of the Planning Board and serves in a liaison capacity between the two Boards. We are substantially in agreement that elementary school sites should be near the center of neighborhood units or sections rather than along the mile roads. All subdivisions will be required to negotiate with the School Board when their land lies within the area of a potential school site. All plans are now referred to the School Board prior to acceptance by the Planning Board.

There will be much activity in the area of rezoning recommendations in the near future. We will need the help of all citizens to accomplish zoning changes to implement our studies of neighborhood, commercial and industrial land uses. We have just referred a recommended change in zoning of residential R3 and R4 zones. Our recommendation is to change the minimum lot sizes to 12,500 sq. feet for Zones R3 and 20,000 sq. feet for Zones R4. Our Planning Consultants are presently preparing:

- (1) proposed districts and recommended zoning for planned commercial centers or shopping centers;
- (2) proposed districts and recommended zoning text for light industrial districts; and
- (3) proposed new section Zoning Ordinance on off street parking, loading and unloading.

Now just a few words about the present Planning Organization. Prior to this year we had only five members on the Board serving for an indefinite period. The group was too small to operate effectively and it was considered advisable to provide for staggered terms of office to allow for new additions annually.

We now have nine members on

the Planning Board: three being appointed for three-year terms; three for two years; and three for one year. One member represents the School Board and one the Zoning Board. None of the group is a recognized subdivision or land developer. The Township Supervisor or Clerk usually attends the Planning Board Meetings.

The present Planning Board includes Messrs. P. Gardhouse, C. J. Ghesbreuer, H. Warner, C. Hannan, D. N. Mills, H. West, C. E. Downing, R. Patterson and J. Reed.

Villan, Leman & Associates are hired as our consultants on a two-year contract at \$415 a month. Their contract expires in about 10 months. They have proven to be a highly competent organization and we believe the fee paid them is one of the most profitable expenditures made by the Township.

In conclusion, let me say that we hope to serve you in the way you want the community to develop and we will always welcome your suggestions. We plan to provide substantial publicity to keep you fully informed. We request your assistance in all our future activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. J. Ghesbreuer, Chairman  
Farmington Township Planning Board

## Joint Police-Fire Plan Completed

Farmington City's new Public Safety Ordinance, which provides for the integration of the Police and Fire Departments, will be in effect by next Monday, April 8.

Earl Scherffus, City Manager, stated that as an initial step in the integration program orders have been prepared for the purchase of various types of fire extinguishers to be installed in the police cars. The City Manager added that as soon as the extinguishers are received, the officers will be given extensive training in their proper use. The extinguishers will contain fluids for fighting various types of fires. Scherffus stated that these facilities will permit the extinguishing of many small fires by police officers without the necessity of calling the fire department.

Additional organization plans for the combining of the two departments will be initiated after the new Public Safety Ordinance has become effective. These plans include the appointment of a Director of Public Safety, the establishment of procedures in connection with fire or police emergencies, and the formation of a training program for both fire and police personnel.

Scherffus emphasized that the integration of the two departments will be carried out gradually in a step by step procedure.

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**A CLEARER** insight into the water and sewer situation in Farmington Township was given at a meeting on two subjects sponsored by the Township Civic Association last week. Guest speakers present to explain the water and sewer situation and answer questions were: left to right, Don Ringler, Oakland County Drain Commissioner; Lawrence Pate, consulting engineer; E. Bonnie Millard, executive secretary of the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission; and William N. Hettinger, bonding consultant of the Michigan Finance Commission.