



MRS. JACK MARTIN, second from the left, is the first person ever awarded a life time membership in the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary. Mrs. Martin was rewarded for her dedicated service to the organization, of which she is a charter member. She is seen here, with her friends, admiring her award. From left to right: Mrs. John Richardson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Dick Tupper (President of the Jaycee Auxiliary), and Mrs. Mike Bonfield.

Oakland County Board May Call Vote on Raising School Taxes a Half Mill

The Oakland County Board of Education is considering a referendum on the June ballot which would raise the school tax for special education from one-half mill to one mill.

This was revealed at the Farmington Board of Education meeting Monday evening in a report by Superintendent George W. Harrison.

What this means to the average taxpayer is that their taxes could be raised from \$4 to approximately \$8 for special education.

A year ago the Oakland County Board of Education reported on special education programs that the one-half mill was not enough. No explanation was given for the special education program this year. Consequently, there were a number of children in the Farmington school system who did not fit into the program who should have.

The present one-half mill tax represents one-half of the cost of the program.

Accident Toll Heavy in Twp. Over Weekend

Jan. 22 through 24 was a rough weekend for motorists in Farmington Township.

There were 19 accidents on Friday, Jan. 22, three on Saturday, Jan. 23, and two on Sunday, Jan. 24. Two of them caused minor injuries.

The cause of the trouble was stormy weather, that created slick ice preventing cars from getting up the roads.

By Friday afternoon, radio newscasts were already pointing out the Farmington area as one of the places drivers should avoid given it possible.

Highway authorities normally describe driving conditions in bad weather as "hazardous." This is the first time this season that they used the descriptions "dangerous."

In the City of Farmington—a smaller area more responsive to treatment by salt trucks—there were only two or three accidents reported over the weekend, and no injuries.

A need for 54 more mental handicapped rooms, six more diagnostic, 23 more group correctionists, 19 more visit teachers, three homebound

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Farmington Man Teaches at WSU

A Farmington patent attorney has been named by Wayne State University as an instructor in a course on patents, trademarks and copyrights, beginning Feb. 8.



BERNARD CANTOR

Persons interested in the course may enroll at WSU's Applied Management and Technology Center, 640 Temple Ave. in person or by mail. Registration forms are available by

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FORMAL INSTALLATION picture of new installed officers of the Greater Farmington Shrine Club are (l-r, front row) Michael A. Gentile, High Priest and Prophet; F. Raymond Dasher, Chief Ruler; R. Harold Ling, Illustrious Potentate; Leo Harwood, President, also Ambassador for State Michigan; Frederick R. Morris, Assistant Ruler.

Leo Harrawood New Shrine President

Leo Harrawood has devoted his life to service. This is true both of his business and his outside interests.

This last week, at the age of 45, he was installed as president of the Farmington Shrine Club.

In addition, he is a veteran and life member of three veteran's clubs. He is the past District Commander of AMVETS for State of Michigan and past president of Novi Board of Commerce.

At the present time he is the president of the Novi Row

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Speaks to Accountants

Robert A. Storer, vice president of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, will speak on "Economic Forecasts for 1965-1969" at the January 23 meeting of the Oakland County Chapter of the National Association of Accountants to be held at Devon Gables.

Reservations may be made by

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Statistics Show:

Crime, Arrests Way Up in Farmington

The John Foster murder case—Farmington's only murder of 1964—was one more than was committed in the City in 1963. The single case of armed robbery in the City in 1964 was also one more than was committed in 1963. These are the violent highlights of the yearly report issued by the Farmington Dept. of Public Safety. The offenders' were apprehended in both cases.

There were also three incidents of aggravated assault in 1964, as opposed to none in

from the business community. In the past, many more larcenies went unreported.

Supporting this contention is the fact that 66 larcenies were solved in 1964, as opposed to 10 in 1963.

The same statistical situation exists in the Auto Theft category. There were 357 thefts in 1964, as opposed to 238 in 1963. And 351 cases were solved in 1964, while only 18 were solved in the previous year.

Minor assault cases dropped in 1964, from 15 to 12. The

bouncing check business maintained an even keel in 1964. There were 87 actual incidents of "Embezzlement" and "Fraud" last year, the same amount as the year before.

Drunk driving went up, in 1964, from 17 to 80. In other words, the number of arrests increased by that amount.

Malicious destruction of property took a huge jump in 1964; from 24 to 152.

The category including such crimes as obscene literature,

and phone calls; prowlers and window peepers; public nuisances; and malicious trespassers increased from two to 310. But 143 were solved in 1964. None were solved the year before.

The crime picture in Farmington thus roughly coincides with that across the nation. FBI figures indicate that crime is on the rise. But many experts lay the rise to a great increase in the number of reports law enforcement agencies are receiving, and to the increased efficiency of those agencies.

Cain Named 'Man of Year'

One hundred and nineteen Jaycees and Auxiliaries attended the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce's annual dance, which was held at the hotel on Saturday, Jan. 23. Russell O. Cain, who has lived in Farmington for only two years, was elected "Man of the Year Award."

The organization also honored Mildred Prager, president of the Farmington Jaycees, with the "Woman of Distinguished Service" as Farmington area librarian.

At the dance, it was kickoff night for the Jaycees' annual musical variety show, "Any-

thing Goes," which will be staged March 19 and 20.

Dance music was supplied by an excellent group known as the Distinguished Service Award goes, annually, to the member who has been in the 35 whom the organization decides was the outstanding community servant during the year.

After the dance, which was well prior to the dinner, that her husband had been selected, But Cain was taken to the hospital, where he was overwhelmed by the honor. Adding to his elation was a


congratulatory telegram from the President of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, Stan Hadley.

A native of Charlotte, Mich.,



Cain is employed at Star Cutter. He spends approximately three hours a day on community affairs.

He is a volunteer fireman; a



Sunday School teacher; a Boy Scout leader; a YMCA leader; and a Little League football and baseball coach. He coached the

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Farmington Twp. Man in Charge Of Hospital Drive

James N. Christianson, of 30115 W. 13 Mile Rd., in Farmington Township, has been named Director of the Department of College Development at the projected Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Pontiac. He will be in charge of fund raising.

Christianson, who is 51, has been employed by the United Foundation for 14 years. He has been Director of UFS's general manufacturing unit. He has also been in charge of the University of Michigan's effort to raise half a million dollars for research into peaceful uses of the atom.

In addition, Christianson was co-founder and manager of the famed ski resort — Boyne Mountain Lodge. He remains on the Lodge's Board of Directors.

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School Dropouts Is Topic At Farmington School Board

School drop-outs was a topic of major concern before the Farmington Board of Education Monday evening.

Miss Virginia Carley, a counselor at Farmington High School, presented a study of drop-outs from secondary school. It showed the Farmington system to be relatively high in holding power with only 9.1 per cent of their students dropping out before completing high school for the period 1963-1964. This figure is comparative to 1963 when the per cent was 10.7 in grades 10-12.

In Michigan about 30 per cent of students enrolled in high school drop out before

graduation. The average holding power is 70.2. A high holding power has been set at 98.7. Farmington school system rates 90.2.

The period covered in Miss Carley's study was from June 14, 1963, to June 12, 1964.

Statistics showed 71 dropouts during this year period—two

Township Board Meeting Is Very Short And Sweet

In what was probably a contemporary record, the Farmington Township Board meeting, of Jan. 10, 1901, was held at 7 p.m. with no arguing between the Board and the spectators—without even a single question from the audience.

The Township Board agreed to place on the April 15 ballot the Library Board's request for one millage to be levied for a period of 10 years, for

grade is expected because this is the time when many students turn 16-years-old and are no longer legally compelled to attend school.

- Five different factors seemed to be characteristic of the majority of drop-outs.
- Scholastic aptitude or intelligence seems to be a factor with 49 drop-outs being below average.

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Dog Bite Victim Getting Serum

An eleven year old Farmington Township newsmag, who was written by a German immigrant, said that the 13 series of underground newspapers were being sold by shopkeepers and radio operators for information and a Farmington Township police officer last week, turned up a number of suspicious dogs. But the newspaper man was unable to positively identify any one of them as his own.

He had already been given three shots. His mother decided to go ahead and give him the

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