

# Roll The Press For Nankin Teen Express

Teenagers in Nankin Township and Garden City have a new voice.

A thousand copies of a new publication, the "Nankin Teen Express," rolled off the presses of the Observer and were on their way to teens throughout the two communities.

Engineered by two junior high school students, the new paper will be published on a monthly basis. It contains school news, sports items and advertising. The first issue, a single page sheet, is being distributed free.

Editor of the new paper, is Jim Kerr, 13, who lives at 3356 Lyra Rd., Garden City; his assistant is Ken Bjornbatt, 14, a ninth grader at the same school, who lives at 7528 Bison, Nankin.

The two write the news and sell advertising and can already point to a bank with a balance entered in the name of the paper.

Future editions, the two said, will be eight pages in size and subscriptions are being sold by the students now.



THEY ARE HELPING, won't you? The above are preparing for the Mothers' March on Feb. 1 to collect money in Livonia to continue the fight against birth defects. There is a baby born every other minute, 700 a day with some sort of birth defect. March of Dimes is working against time to study the problem and experimenting with methods to prevent the

problem. More Mother Marchers are desperately needed for the evening Tuesday, Feb. 1. Call any of the above if you will aid them (seated l-r) Mrs. Ernest Grant, Mrs. Keith Paulson, Mrs. Sigman Gliner (standing l-r) Chairman Mrs. Robert Fox, GR 4-1372; Mrs. Walter Meyers, Mrs. Robert J. Milewicz.

# Farmington Kids Have Holiday While Teachers Are Taught

Farmington's elementary school students will have the afternoons of Jan. 26 and 27 off while their teachers continue their "learning process."

The relationship of mental health to the rapid growth of a suburban community and its schools will be examined in depth at the annual workshop of the Farmington Schools elementary teachers on those afternoons.

Theme of the conference, which will begin each day at 12:30 p.m. at Farmington Junior High, "With Growth Comes Change."

Regular morning sessions will be conducted in the elementary schools on the days of the workshop.

Guided by experts in the field of mental health, the teachers will explore the broad needs of parents, teachers, children and the community.

National trends in the treatment of mental illness will be examined and related to the needs of the local community and its schools and the effect of urban change on suburban communities and the integration

of the suburban community to the larger metropolitan area will be discussed at the sessions.

Organized in pools from each elementary school will bring all elementary teachers in the school system together for lectures, panel discussions and talk sessions.

Workshop planning committee members include Minnie Ziekle, director of elementary education; Margaret Cottrell, Eagle School; Mrs. Phyllis Alton, Larkshire School; David Coffin, Shawassess School; Mrs. Lee Ann Dugan, Longene School; Mrs. Vera Hoekstra, Gill School; Robert McLean, Planders School; John Schmidt, speech correctionist; and Mary Severance, Kenbrook School.

**Airman Assigned**

Airman Richard D. Blal, 9254 Florida, Livonia, has been selected for training at Chantue AFB, Ill., as an Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist.

The airman, a 1964 graduate of Franklin High School, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

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# Les Ellerhorst Sentenced To Jackson State Prison, Judge Declares Five-Year Sentence Is Too Light

Circuit Judge Vincent J. Brennan reluctantly sentenced Garden City contractor Lester Ellerhorst to five years in Jackson State Prison Monday on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and extort \$150,000 from Detroit attorney Arthur Birchen.

Brennan dished out the sentence with reluctance because as he put it, "the statute is limited to a maximum of five years."

Also receiving the maximum five-year term were conspirators James Clark and Edward Steles, both of Florida.

Police claimed that Rep. James Tierney, former Garden City mayor, and Municipal Judge Russell Swarthout were also objects of the plot.

Ellerhorst has been in and out of court since 1957 when he critically wounded Tierney at a public meeting and took a pot shot at Swarthout, then city attorney. For this incident, he was charged with felonious assault and released on four-years probation by Circuit Judge James E. Canham.

Ellerhorst was later cited by Judge Canham for violating his probation by not submitting to periodic psychiatric examination. But before coming to trial on probation violation, the murder conspiracy story leaked out.

Birchen became an object for the plot after winning a \$150,000 damage suit against Ellerhorst on behalf of Tierney.

Detroit police were informed

of the plot by Floyd Kupowski of Livonia and Donald Sundberg of Sylvan Lake, both former Ellerhorst business associates.

Testimony in Recorder's Court revealed the plot which was to have Tierney, Swarthout and Birchen sign blank checks, be placed in oil drums filled with cement and dumped in the river.

Sundberg's aid led to failure of the plot and after becoming the chief prosecution witness, police named him as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant.

Sundberg was cited for contempt after refusing to answer defense questions. Attorney General Frank J. Kelley is still investigating the bribery charges made by Sundberg on the witness stand.

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# Army Promotes Bentley Grad To Sergeant First Class in France

Harold J. McVicar of Livonia has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant First Class while serving at Headquarters, U.S. Army Communications Zone, Europe, in Orleans, France.

Sgt. McVicar is an Administrative Supervisor with the Adjutant General Division of this command which provides logistical, communications and administrative support to all U.S. military forces in Europe.

A 1955 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School, Sergeant McVicar entered the Army in September of that year.

He went to France in May 1964 from Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he served with the U.S. Army Artillery and Missile Center.

The sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. McVicar, also reside at 20320 Shady-side, Livonia.

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# Farmington Man Killed in Accident

The first traffic fatality in Farmington was recorded Jan. 11 when Jack E. Nelson, 32, of 20117 Fink, Farmington, was killed as his car crashed into the back of a garbage truck on Middlebelt Rd. between Grand River and Liberty St. in Farmington Township.

Nelson was pronounced dead on arrival at 1:19 a.m. at the Botsford General Hospital.

The garbage truck was driven by Harvey E. Willard, 48, of Milford.

Farmington Township police reports stated that both vehicles were traveling north on Middlebelt. Police measured 20 foot skid marks from Nelson's 1957 Mercury. The garbage truck travelled a total of 54 feet after the impact, according to the investigating officer.

Nelson is survived by his wife, Nancy, and three children, Linda G., Tammy A., and Kelly L., all at home.

Also surviving are: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Nelson of Southfield; three brothers, Leroy of Warren; James of Southfield; and Bruce of Detroit; and four sisters, Mrs. Elva Witkowski of Livonia; Mrs. Joyce Cardwell and Mrs. Marlan Smith of Farmington and Mrs. Sandra Schuman of Warren.

Nelson, who moved to Farmington a year and a half ago from Redford Township, owned a used car dealership in Detroit.

Services were conducted Jan. 7 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington by the Rev. Elsie A. Johns, pastor of the Clarenceville Methodist Church. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The following were winners in the weekly duplicate bridge at the Plymouth Bridge Club:

North-South: Dr. Harelik and Ray Sherrills, Dr. and Mrs. Carriere, Irene and Jim McCormick.

East-West: John Kunkle and Vic Ross; Aileen and Stan Hinch; Fern and Terry Hudyma.

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