

## FARMINGTON

### Socially Speaking

by Kathy Ziska GR 4-7251



How's this for a plot of a TV soap opera, without all the five minute commercials? A family with five young-sters has two houses but not a roof to call their own and the grandfather of these five youngsters is hospitalized for the past several weeks, critically ill. His wife's constant vigil gives him courage to keep him going. How does this sad plight of the Jack Clayton family ever unwind? Does the tightly-woven, tangled web ever release hold? Suspense, there was plenty of, for four uncertain "what next?" type of days. Jack and Bea Clayton purchased a new, larger home which was to be completed the past weekend. Accordingly they agreed on the purchasers of their present home to move in on Monday evening. Not having a home to call their own and knowing the hardship it would cause the other family, they did not change their plans when their new home was not ready to move into. They stored whatever they could, wherever they could.

Saturday afternoon, they heard from Mrs. Clayton, Sr., that Jack's dad had passed away at Ford Hospital. Monday was an especially sad day for all the Claytons especially young John who loved his grandfather dearly.

In the meantime, they were housed on Sunday and Monday night by friends, the Ralph Downey's. And this—you can do it if you want to—just a little more push—a little more effort and being a good friend, you can do it. Under one roof, bedded down for the night were six grownups and eleven children (17 in all). That takes a lot of doing.

Where are the Jack Claytons in the meantime? They left for Boston Tuesday a.m. via the airlines for Jack was to be honorary usher and his daughter, Bea, was scheduled to be maid of honor at Mrs. Clayton's niece's wedding.

We wish we could send a fairy godmother over to the Clayton way—have her wave her magic wand and tell them "it was just a night mare, a bad dream. Your days of sunshine are straight ahead."

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## Big Crowd For FARC Program

Officials of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission have expressed themselves pleased with the number of youngsters answering the initial call for registrants in its annual summer recreational program. A total of 658 have thus far registered and total enrollment is expected to reach 1,500 during the six week program.

Last week a total of 167 youngsters from the south and 168 from north Farmington participated in the program at Maple Beach in Kensington Park. The Tiger ball game on Saturday was witnessed by more than 200 shouting youngsters of the north section. Southern section youngsters will see the Tigers in action Saturday, July 16 as guests of the Tiger Baseball Company.

In order to attend the game youngsters should bring a lunch. Buses will load on a first come, first served basis and return to Farmington approximately an hour after the end of the game.

A trip to the zoo is the order of the day Friday, July 15 for youngsters from the north section. Buses will load at the respective playground sites at 8:30 a.m. and arrive between 2 and 2:30 p.m.

Children will need 25 cents to cover the cost of the train ride and the "chimp" show. A bag lunch should be brought. Time is allotted for the purchase of refreshments and souvenirs. The children should also wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to do a great deal of walking.

The south section will visit the zoo Friday, July 22. Parents are reminded that children must be between the ages of 6 and 12 to participate in the program. The funds available to the commission for the pay of counselors, purchase of materials and cost of gasoline were the economic reasons for the age limitation. Other reasons are primarily safety in that youngsters under eight tend to forget instructions quickly, get lost and lose their personal belongings and sometimes become homesick.

Youngsters above 15 are generally too big to participate and enjoy the activities of the group which are geared to young members of the community.

Safety precautions are taken throughout the program. While swimming, for example, a total of eight counselors are stationed in the water at strategic positions with two more on the beach plus a life guard on a tower to oversee the entire area. In addition, the beach is constantly patrolled by Maple Beach lifeguards and buddy checks are held at six or seven minutes.

### Bureau Hears Thanks for Action

A letter of appreciation for a donation to the Oakland County Unit of the Sister Kenny Foundation from the West Farmington Farm Bureau was read at the July meeting.

The session was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Post on Millford Rd. Mrs. Post and Mrs. Wendell Green served as hostesses.

In other business the group discussed "Youth in Agriculture" lead by Discussion Leader Wendell Brown and named Wendell Green as representative with Leon Marsh, alternate, to serve on the nominating committee for the Oakland County Farm Bureau at the annual election scheduled for this fall.

Strolling musicians from the Detroit Federation of Musicians and civic bands created a gay spirit for the Freedom Festival Artists' Street Fair in downtown Detroit.

The Farmington Senior Citizens Social Club will meet Friday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the social room of the First Methodist Church of Farmington. Cards will be available.

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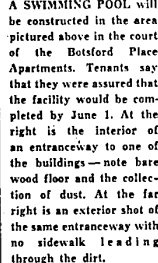
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A SWIMMING POOL will be constructed in the area pictured above in the court of the Botsford Place Apartments. Tenants say that they were assured that the facility would be completed by June 1. At the right is the interior of an entranceway to one of the buildings—note bare wood floor and the collection of dust. At the far right is an exterior shot of the same entranceway with no sidewalk leading through the dirt.



### Tenants Refuse To Pay Rent

(Continued from Page 1) point that he would write up eviction notices for all who did not pay the rent due.

Township officials have issued a stop work order on the third building in the complex; and have stopped further residents from moving into the building.

Under the law three different parties are liable for moving into the building before final approval by the inspection department—the landlord, Stollman, the building manager and the tenants.

Cairns said that he had a call Friday afternoon from a man in Indiana who was being transferred to the area and had his family and all the furniture packed up about why he couldn't move into the apartment.

Many of the residents in the building are new to the area and moved into the building in its unfinished state because they needed a place to live.

On Saturday afternoon The Observer met one resident who said that he had moved his furniture in, but did not intend to move in himself until the building was completed and did not intend to pay any rent until he could live in his apartment.

In their letter to Stollman declaring that the rent

### Horse Hit by Modern Machine

In the olden days many communities passed laws that automobiles must be preceded by a man warning all those with horses lest the horses be injured.

Not so any longer and Vern W. Taylor of 20891 Grand River, Farmington, must have been more than mildly surprised last week when his auto struck and killed a horse on Orchard Lake Rd.

The horse, a four year old belonging to Robert S. Heck of 28230 Parkhill, Farmington, was kept tied up on his owner's property, Heck told The Observer that he saw the horse get loose "just before the accident and started out after it."

The time was 1:05 a.m. and both Taylor and the horse, named Coco, were headed south on Orchard Lake. Just south of Parkhill, Taylor struck the animal from behind and killed him. Taylor received minor injuries in the accident.

Heck, who saw the accident, told police that Coco was running on the shoulder of the road but jumped in front of the car as it started to pass.

Taylor told police that he had no idea of where the horse came from and did not see it until the accident.

### Refreshing . . .

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checks are being held the tenants state that:

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a little surprised that you didn't take a public stand on the matters you discuss in the letter, prior to election. We met at church two or three times a month, during the campaign to preserve Farmington Township, yet you voiced no objection to me. Your letter comes three weeks after the close of the special election, at which the people spoke resoundingly for the retention of the township form of government. You are the only dissent which has come to my personal attention, other than one phone call. It's quite unlike you, to condemn without a hearing; not to recognize differences in viewpoint.

The annexation proposal will receive our attention. Please don't count the area lost, before battle has begun. Also remember, the major portion of the anticipated tax revenues to be derived someday (1955?) from the Industrial Area will go to the School District and for Education, regardless of the government collecting the taxes.

As you say, you and I have been personal friends for several years. Your withdrawal of your friendship with me is unilateral, and I am sorry you feel it has to be that way. From my standpoint, I shall always have a very friendly feeling for you and Mrs. Cope, irrespective of this turn of events.

Thank you for suggesting that, for stated purposes, you may support my candidacy at the coming primary. The support of so outstanding a citizen as you will always be welcome.

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### The "Centaur Post"

A column that appears every now and then in this space to let you know what's going on at Centaur Farm Stables.

LOOK, A HORSE!

Last weekend at Centaur Farm Stables, located at the crossroads of Drake and Walnut Lake Roads in West Bloomfield Township, a two-year-old in his father's arms posed ecstatically at every horse we have on location and said excitedly, "Look, doggy, doggy, doggy!"

Every one within earshot corrected him, with, "No, horsey, horsey, horsey," but with negligible results. As he drove away with his Mommy and Daddy, he was waving sadly and saying, "Bye, bye, doggy, doggy, doggy!"

TIME WAS . . .

Before automobiles took over, children knew all about horses for they saw them every day . . . as they steeled pulling fire engines, as wagon teams to be repaired with awe when the circus came to town, and as quacking animals and vegetables, the milk, etc., vegetable, junk and delivery wagons.

Children have always loved horses, real Hobby Horse "Hobby" comes from "hobby" meaning that the Hobby Horse's brood bitch, a gentle goat carried a rider almost as comfortably as the "hobby" which is the rocking chair place beside the English chair (inspired the favorite toy of all time. The first toy Hobby Horses were popular in England in the 17th Century, and were imported into America for Colonists' children as early as 1752.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

Back into horse history again, did you know that during World War I, between 1915-1918, approximately 250,000 horses (and 350,000 mules!) were sent overseas from America!

EXCITEMENT!

The regular Thursday night Dressage Class held their first level, second test competition the other evening. The gal in the junior division who scored 106 out of a possible 150 points and took green ribbon was Farmington's Carole Reed of 24422 Brookview, Centaur is one of the few stables in this area where Dressage instruction (classes just \$4.50 an hour) is available. If you'd like to observe for a trial class, come out to Centaur Farm Stables on Drake Road near Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township any day except Friday when we're closed—we're open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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