

Tuesday's Parade at 10 a.m.

Woman Dies, 1st Fatality

A 24-year-old Redford Township woman was killed Thursday evening on Orchard Lake Rd., just south of Shilawasse in the City of Farmington when an auto struck the motorcycle on which she was riding. The traffic fatality was the first in the city since 1964.

Dead upon arrival at Botsford General Hospital was Mary Lou Rice of 15968 Delaware. Listed in serious condition at Botsford is her husband, Donald, 29. He was driving the motorcycle which was traveling south on Orchard Lake Rd.

According to Police Chief Robert F. Dealman, the accident occurred when a northbound auto driven by Ralph Arthur Fryer, 26, of 31220 Harlow, Farmington, went out of control and crossed the center line.

Dealman said that Fryer had apparently tried to pass an auto stopped to make a left turn on the right and had struck a cement pipe on the shoulder of the road and lost control of his auto.

Friday morning City Police were investigating the accident.

Planners Set Public Hearing

A public hearing concerning the rezoning of a 25-acre strip of currently unused land near Forestbrook Hills subdivision has been scheduled by the Farmington Township Planning Commission.

The hearing, to be conducted June 22, will concern proposals forwarded by Forestbrook Hills developers George and Thomas Duke to rezone land in section 13 of the township. The land runs off of Inkster Rd. along I-960 expressway.

The Duke brothers desire rezoning from residential to office, so as to construct an office complex and an athletic club on the 25-acre plot. The athletic club would be modeled after the Birmingham Athletic Club, a private organization, Thomas Duke said.

Members of the Planning Commission also favored a suggestion by commission member Russell Nankervis that Township Zoning Inspector William Taylor be invited to the commission's next closed planning session, to discuss Taylor's activities and the possible need for a second zoning inspector.

Nankervis' suggestion was prompted by a letter published in the ENTERPRISE AND OBSERVER concerning a complaint against the functioning of Taylor's office in a zoning question precipitated by an alleged violation on Northwestern

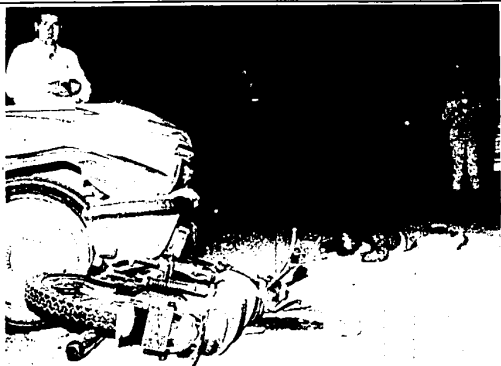
Driver Hits Brick Wall, Is Injured

A Northville driver was taken to Botsford General Hospital Tuesday after he lost control of his car and crashed into the wall of Gay-Way Bar at the corner of Grand River and Farmington Roads.

City police identified him as Harvey L. Gustaviller, 54, of 31250 Tall, Northville.

Gustaviller allegedly went through a red light on Grand River at Nine Mile, drove 50 mph in a 25 zone, swerved to avoid a vehicle stopped at the Farmington Road light, and crashed into the tavern. No one else was injured.

Police said Gustaviller apparently suffered an epileptic seizure.



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Board Questions Multiple Zoning for Special Usage

Splitting 3-2 in favor of approving the site plan for an apartment development on 12 Mile Rd. between Orchard Lake and Farmington Rds., the Farmington Township Board Monday faced the problem of rezoning for special purposes. The plot of land, located near Kendallview Connalescent Home, has previously been changed to multiple dwelling residential in a special rezoning for a plan to construct a "senior citizens' complex" to be associated with the convalescent home.

The original owner of the land then suffered a heart attack, and sold it to a builder who intended to construct apartments.

Trustee Thomas Nolan spoke in favor of approving the latter site plan, noting the new owner's purchase of the land "is good faith."

Nolan recognized the objections of fellow Trustee Earl

Oppertbauer, who argued that the board had had other intentions when rezoning the area for the original "senior citizens' development."

Voting with Oppertbauer was Trustee James Skillman.

As a whole, the board recognized the need for a re-evaluation of provisions connected with special purpose rezoning.

This subject was also discussed at last month's meeting of the Township Planning Commission with the consensus being to explore the possibility of establishing a classification of special usage.

At this month's planning session, the commission held a public hearing on the possibility of rezoning a parcel on Farmington Rd. from multiple to single family residential.

The T.N.T.'s, Farmington Chapter of the Buxom Belles, joined other Detroit area chapters at their annual banquet at the Latin Quarter Monday evening.

Awards were given and among those receiving awards from the T.N.T.'s were Joyce Kolb, for highest loser in the chapter, Aimee Lundsten for a 50 pound loss, Elida Compton and Florence Kring for maintaining their desired weight for another year.

The Queens selected were Mrs. Millie Katalinich from the Trinites chapter, the Bantam Queen and Mrs. Betty Coursey of the Sylo-Aites, the Buxom Queen.

NEW ARMY INDUCTEES received a warm sendoff last week as Howard Legg, Past Master of the Farmington F. & A.M. No. 151, and Lucille Hargraves, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, passed out coffee and donuts to the departing draftees. In the past, inductees would be instructed to be at the Farmington Masonic Temple at 6:30 on a given morning to meet a bus for the induction center, and often waited in cars or on the lawn of the Temple for two

This parcel was originally rezoned to the multiple classification to allow for the construction of a funeral home. Since no home has been constructed, and the commission has seen no plans for the establishment, the public hearing was set so that a multiple development could not be proposed under the existing zoning.

The Township Board also passed a resolution Monday requesting the planners reconsider, lowering maximum density requirements in apartment developments.

Tickets, available through Cotton at the School Administration Bldg., are \$4 apiece.

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Veterans, Marching Units Participate

Farmington's annual Memorial Day parade will begin at 10 a.m. with the passover of RF-84 jets from the Air National Guard 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing based at Inkster.

The parade route is Grand River beginning at Thomas and School Sts., west to the Oakwood Cemetery at Gill Rd. and Shilawasse. General theme of the parade is "Air Power for Peace."

Official memorial cere-

Harrison Dinner Plans Set

A farewell dinner for retiring Farmington Superintendent of Schools Gerald Harrison will be held Thursday evening, June 1, at 6:30 p.m., at Farmington Senior High School, as friends of the outgoing administrator will pay tribute to the man who has led Farmington's educational progress over the past 10 years.

The dinner, to be held in the high school's gymnasium, has been planned by a six-member committee headed by John K. Cotton, the Farmington Schools' Director of Athletics.

Special guests at the banquet will be Sen. George Kuhn (R-14th District) and Rep. Ray Baker (R-Farmington), in addition to Harrison's replacement, Dr. Rodney Baker.

The convocation will be delivered by Mgr. Thomas P. Behan, and entertainment will be provided by the "Pops and Punks," a string ensemble of school children, directed by Marjorie Mowatt.

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monies will be conducted at the Oakwood Cemetery beginning at 10:45 a.m. with a pause at the veterans monument at Grand River and Farmington Rds.

MAJOR GENERAL William T. Smith, United States Air Force, who is assistant deputy director with the Defense Communications Agency in Washington will speak at the ceremonies. His speech is entitled "Preparedness for Peace."

Elements in the parade, termed the "largest in the history of the community" by the planners, include personnel and mobilized units from the military forces, various veterans' organizations, 1966 Farmington Founders Festival Queen Deborah Mann flanked by a special Military Court of Honor from the United States Air Force, scouting units, school bands, and VFW Queen Tamee LaMe of Detroit as "Junior Miss Americanism of 1967," a U.S. Marine Corps float displaying flags in keeping the theme "Respect for Your Flag."



MAJOR GEN. WILLIAM T. SMITH

DISTINGUISHED visitors and guest speakers will include: General Smith; Farmington's Congressional Medal of Honor Holder Robert E. Simanek; Robert Virgil Randolph, Michigan 18th American Legion District Chaplain; Col. Kenneth E. Hoesbush, commander of the 1st Fighter Wing at Selfridge; Col. Naif H. Keel, chief of staff of the 300th Military Police Prisoner of War Command; Col. Robert McMahon, commander of the 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing of the Air National Guard; State Representative Raymond L. Baker; Farmington's Mayor Wilbur V. (Sandy) Brotherton; and Farmington Township Trustee Earl Oppertbauer.

REPRESENTATIVES of the local veterans organizations include: Commander Raymond Hunt of the American Legion; Commander Vance LaMe of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mrs. Mary J. Brown, president of Farmington Chapter 49, Blue Star Mothers of America; Mrs. Kathryn Courtney, president of VFW Auxiliary; and Mrs. Mildred Griffin, president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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'Volunteer' Soldier Reminisces on War

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN Staff Writer

According to Clarence Reniff, the worst enemy he faced fighting the Spanish-American War (1898-1900) was yellow fever. Reniff of 21555 Hancock, served a year and nine months in Cuba following his enlistment on April 15, 1897.

A Walter Reed they have discovered a mosquito caused the fever in 1900, but cures didn't filter down to the troops in Cuba for years.

Reniff says, "If you could do was pack you in ice. If I had caught the fever I wouldn't be here today. They just didn't know what to do. I fourteen men in my outfit died."

He was in "Top C, 15th Cavalry. And in those days the cavalry meant horses. His horse's name was 'Forty-Six,' a name chosen by some whimsical soldier."

THE HORSES were specially trained for the cavalry, says Reniff, and the soldiers rode them six hours a day.

"You did all the caring of them," he notes, "or else you'd walk. If anything happened, the first thing they wanted to know was 'was the horse hurt?'"

The cavalry soldier rode the same horse during his tenure of service. If an enlisted didn't know how to ride he spent six weeks on horseback without a saddle.

Says Reniff, "When you got a saddle, it was just like getting into a rock chair."

The 79-year-old veteran is one of a dwindling 300 men in the Detroit area who served during the Spanish-American conflict.

These men have the distinction of serving in the only all-volunteer army in the history of the modern world. When

President McKinley called for 200,000 volunteers to fight the Spanish war, three times that number enlisted.

THIS WAR was also probably the last in which the horse-mounted soldier was the fighting unit. His weapons were a rifle, a revolver and a saber. His field artillery, mostly small cannons, was pulled by horses.

The men went into battle wearing the old wrap-around leggings which were discarded about the time of World War I.

Reniff says he never heard anybody yell "Charge" as Teddy Roosevelt has been portrayed doing during the war, but the army did have trumpeters who blew "Charge" before every skirmish.

Army housing, on the other hand, hasn't changed very much since this conflict in Cuba. In those days, soldiers also lived in barracks. In the field, they lived in tents.

But the food was better, says Reniff. "We didn't eat the stuff they eat today. What we had was cooked. Sure we had emergency rations to eat if we got lost, but the other stuff was hot and cooked."

RENIFF has lived in Farmington since 1920, building his home on Hancock himself. He is a charter member of the Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4033.

And he is one veteran who will not ride in a parade on Memorial Day. He rode in last year's Detroit parade, caught pneumonia and has suffered from complications ever since.

These days he leads a quiet life with his wife of 55 years. Mrs. Reniff says she is happy he like to work with woodcarving because it keeps him busy around the house.

Junior Champ Entry Blank

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Farmington Jaycees will hold an area-wide Junior Champ track and field competition for boys and girls between the ages of nine and 18 June 17 at Farmington High School. As a public service the Enterprise & Observer prints the entry form. Mail the completed form to: Junior Champ Meet, P.O. Box 507, Farmington.)

FARMINGTON JUNIOR CHAMP ENTRY BLANK

Full Name Sex
Address City
Age Date of Birth Place of Birth
List the events you would like to enter in order of preference:
1. (Alt)
2. (Alt)
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Parent's consent for Junior Champ participation:
I, the parent or legal guardian of do hereby authorize his/her appearance and participation in Jaycees Junior Champ, and in case of injury or accident, I will solve the Farmington Jaycees of all responsibility.

Date Parent or Legal Guardian
Contestant's Name Contestant's Signature