

To Discuss Lincoln

Weldon Pats, Forest Elementary School principal who has devoted a lifetime to the study of Lincoln will discuss the Civil War president at a public meeting of the Farmington Historical Society to be held at 8 p.m. Jan. 24 in the Farmington High School Library.

A professional student of Lincoln for more than 20 years, Pats' interest in him began when Pats was 12 years old. He has many Lincoln treasures which include 8,000 pictures and a rare November, 1860, Detroit Advertiser covering Lincoln's election as president.

An important fundamental of life that Pats feels he has learned through his study of Lincoln is that "Simplicity, directness, honesty and the

knowledge that a man can achieve greatness no matter what the circumstances of his birth."

The Lincoln scholar was principal of Bond School for four years before his appointment at Forest. He taught music in Detroit for four years, spent 11 years in auditorium work in Detroit and was administrator of Detroit summer school for 10 years before coming to Farmington.

At Viet Post

Army Pvt. First Class Robert E. Kennedy, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett P. Kennedy, 25723 Kilreigh Ct., Farmington, has been assigned as a truck driver to the 509th Engineer Company near Pleiku, Vietnam.

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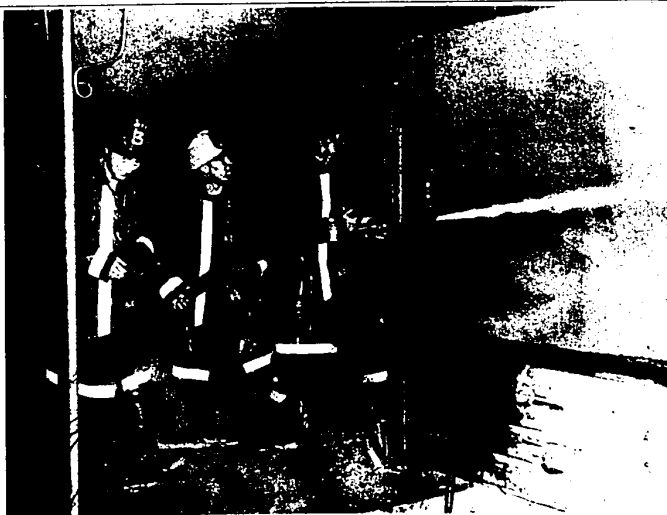
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DOUBLE TROUBLE -- Two house fires hit only 15 minutes apart in Farmington Township Jan. 19 and resulted in these two scenes of severe damage. In the photo above, firemen are seen trying to extinguish the blaze in the David Birkhimer home, 21221 Ontario. The fire started in the utility room and resulted in a considerable loss of furniture and personal belongings. Below, neighborhood children view the smoldering remains of a mattress from the residence of Nancy Nielson, 30117 Fink, after a bedroom went up in flames when a candle was left burning by a child.

County Honors Hamlin

Farmington's personification of county government, Delos Hamlin will be honored Friday, Jan. 26, at a dinner honoring "A Silver Anniversary of Service."

A reception will precede the dinner, at 7 p.m. in the New Raleigh House. "Delos Hamlin Day" has been proclaimed by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Township Board.

The dinner will mark Hamlin's 25 years as a member of the county board of supervisors and his 12 year tenure as the board chairman.

Hamlin, 63, was named as the city's representative to the county board in 1942. He was elected a member of the Farmington City Commission in 1930 and served as mayor of the city from 1939 to 1949.

City Fire

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City Hall as a considerable accomplishment.

Public Safety Director Robert Deadman, under whose direction both the municipal fire and police departments function, singled out Sgt. Jay Harrison for particular personal praise in mapping the program which brought national acclaim.

An specific head of fire prevention efforts, Harrison oversees a continuing safety program in schools and general community, directs the rigid inspection efforts and programs such added features as the emphasis upon Fire Prevention Week.

Notification of Farmington's high standing in this field came to Deadman from Percy Bugbee, general manager of the association, which has its headquarters in Boston.

In 1966, Farmington placed fifth among Michigan cities and on still lower rungs of the ladder of national ratings.

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School Board Approves High School Boundaries

Senior high school students residing in the area bounded by 12 Mile, the I-696 expressway, Inkster and Middle Belt will attend North Farmington High School during the 1968-1969 school year.

A total of nine 10th graders will be involved. The group was originally scheduled to attend Farmington High School under the proposal previously prepared by the administration.

However, Administrative Assistant Byron Oliver told the Farmington Board of Education Monday night that the students in this area had attended as many as six different elementary schools. With this in mind, along with the fact that some of the students had brothers and sisters currently attending North Farmington, the Board voted to change North's attendance boundaries.

THE BOARD also approved administration plans for 10th graders residing in the area bounded by 12 Mile, 11 Mile, Middle Belt and Inkster Rds. to attend Farmington High School.

This ruling does not hold for those students who have brothers and sisters currently attending North Farmington High. These students will have an opportunity to make a choice. The attendance boundaries will be redrawn when the third high school, Harrison High, opens.

Total attendance figures for the next school year for the high

schools will be: 1707 at North and 1520 at Farmington High. Currently 1600 students are enrolled at North Farmington and 1330 students attend classes in Farmington High School.

IN OTHER ACTION the Board of Education:

• Delayed any decision on the proposed resource center at the William Grace School until further studies could be conducted by the staff. As proposed the estimated 2400 square foot addition would cost \$9,046.

• Approved the purchase of seats for the 1200 auditoriums at a total cost of \$5247 and authorized the staff to prepare a change order calling for carpeting in the aisles of the auditoriums rather than tile. This change order will cost an additional \$9,000.

• Gave Michigan Bell permission to use a portion of the playground at the Eagle School while construction of a manhole on Middle Belt was underway. The Board stipulated, however, that a "permanent" type of fence should surround the construction site along with the dirt while the manhole is being dug.

Achieves Honors

Anne Michele Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Allen, of 23253 Shawnee, Farmington, was one of 146 Marygrove College students placed on the honors list for the first semester. Miss Allen is a senior.

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NFH Sale Nets \$235

The sale of 11,761 items, no matter how small, is worthy of note.

The sale of 11,761 Christmas Seals at two cents each to high school kids is worthy of applause--so a hip-hooray for the students at North Farmington High School.

NFH boys and girls bought that many seals in one week last holiday season at booths staffed by student-volunteers set up in the cafeteria.

These seals were then used for stamps on Inter-school Christmas cards. A student staff, again volunteer, sorted approximately 14,000 of these Yule school greetings.

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