

FARMINGTON

THRU BIFOCALS

By FRED DELANO

TO DEMONSTRATE what kind of a week it was the one behind this one, I sought to stimulate conversation, and divert attention from the PTA, by asking of my bride: "If you were standing on the sun, and it was all hot, at this kitchen would your own body turn the earth be spinning clockwise or counter-clockwise?"

Personally I thought this was a pretty good opening gambit, same being the sacrifice of a pawn to gain position, but she moved to an impossible check and mate with the reply: "I know the devil would turn your own body around whether I'm coming or going!"

She was polite enough under the trying circumstances not to throw me one: "What's a ferris wheel; does it turn clockwise or counter-clockwise?"

Had I would have answered, stamping from the room in high dudgeon to the tune of a ferris wheel; does it turn clockwise or counter-clockwise?"

This was the same day the courier brought annual invitation from the Governor of Kentucky that always invites us to the yearly be given for all Kentucky Colonels in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby.

We haven't made it yet since winning the through my youthful demonstration of valor to cause of horses, beautiful women and boubous, but I salved her wound momentarily by promising to bet a ducie on the '68 Derby winner with Bertram.

THE SAME WEEK, I marked my first anniversary as an Observer employee, and I also found two greens. It's hard to see the correlation but I'll show you.

As soon as my publisher got my note laughingly defining this generous anniversary bonus he bought me breakfast and used the rest to wrap up purchase of a 33-acre piece of ground for a new building complete with built-in picnic grounds.

After I had put away those skins, Bill Conroy bought two Scotties and had just enough winnings left to get another partner two beers. This wild spending just has to go.

DURING THAT SAME SEVEN-DAY SPAN, I sat through an entire meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, another of the Farmington Board of Education, still a third of the Farmington PTA, and a fourth of the board of directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce.

This is in answer to those who say, "My, but your job must be exciting."

The biggest thing I got out of it was the advice from the PTA speaker that husbands should exert their masculinity and go ahead and change the light bulbs whether they know how or not.

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Offer Golf Lessons

The Farmington Area YMCA has announced a series of golf instruction classes to begin the week of April 29.

Instructor of the series will be Tom King. The classes will be held at the Grand River Golf Range.

For the first-week class sessions are scheduled. They will meet on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m., and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The first date of the classes are April 29 and May 1.

Registration is required. Class fee is \$10 per person or \$18 per couple with a YMCA membership. A \$10 deposit or \$1 for each couple is required. In addition to the instruction fee a 75-cent charge will be collected at each lesson for a bucket of balls.

Enrollments for the classes may be taken by contacting



AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER — The Walter F. Jaske family of 21243 Robinwood, inspects a model of the Apollo/Saturn V space vehicle while visiting the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Kennedy, Fla. From left are, Mrs. Jaske, Jaske, Karen, 10, Karla, 14, Kirk, 12, and Kim, 15.

Local News Items

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Marlene Archambeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Archambeau of Ridgeway Dr., was married April 19 in St. Fabian's Church, 12 Mile Rd., and Farmington, to Edward Piegan, of Farmington. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rose Drane of Farmington.

BEST WISHES go to Sam Mekjian, of Wilmar St., Farmington, and his niece, Mrs. Stephen (Nellie) Boyajan, of Birmingham, who celebrated their birthdays together on Sunday, April 14, at the Mekjian residence.

An enormous birthday cake held 100 lighted candles. Sixteen relatives were present to wish Sam and his niece, Nellie, best wishes and to enjoy an elaborate birthday party and Easter dinner.

Engineers 3rd Class Petty Officers Michael D. Tilley arrived home last week from the Azores for a 30-day leave with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Michael D. Tilley, of Colgate St., Farmington. Michael will be flying back to the Azores where he will spend another six months in the Navy.

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Weekly Dances Slated

The weekly dances on the city tennis courts will again be held throughout the summer.

Sponsored by the YMCA's Farmington Area Teen Activities Council (YATAC), the dances will be held on Wednesday evenings from June 19 to Aug. 28.

Formal council approval of the project was obtained during this week's council meeting.

The FATAC dances will begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. The starting time is a half hour later than the starting point for the last two

years, but the teens attributed the change to Daylight Saving Time.

In response to the use of the tennis courts the teens offered their services for a service project for the community and asked for suggestions from the council.

City Manager John Dianan proposed to "paint them up" suggesting that perhaps the tennis courts could be lined and painted by the group.

Councilman John Allen observed that the drainage at the entrance to the court was inadequate.

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