

# Film Making Inventions, Just Part Of Growing

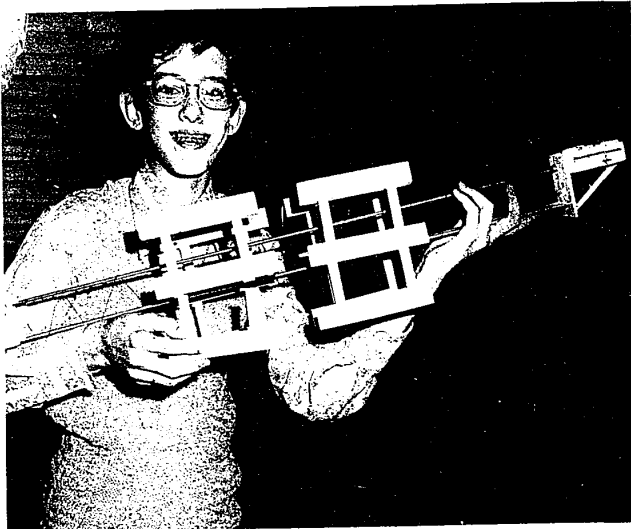
By STEVE BARNABY

FARMINGTON Astounding, utterly astounding, is the only way to describe Brian Belanger.

Already an author, cartoonist, musician, composer, science buff, he has, in his latest escapade, directed, produced, filmed and written a movie. You might say he is an all-around man. You could say that, but Brian is only 13 years old.

A RESIDENT OF Farmington Township, he has been creating and inventing since he was nine years old. His first venture was to come to the aid of his parents on a vacation when no bathing facilities were available. In the middle of the mountains he invented a make-shift bathtub.

At age 10 after a visit to Disneyland, he constructed a "Journey to the Moon," which featured a gondola ride with an anti-gravity walk.



BRIAN BELANGER shows one of the props he made for the science fiction movie. (Evert photo)

and laughed. "I made a complicated scientific movie."

In typical boyish abandon, tinted with a hint of mischief, he said his original idea was to make a movie of a "thing" that would attack a "certain school."

After he began writing the script, he dumped that idea and began working on what was to be a very sophisticated science fiction movie dealing

with man's struggle for survival. Speaking with pride of his work, Brian explained that his best ideas came to him while lying in bed at night.

One recalls Thomas Edison's statement that "genius is one per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration." This is never an idle moment in his day.

BESIDES HIS MOVIE he

plays the piano, guitar, and the English flute. He also writes the music for these instruments.

At present, he is working on a novel which deals with many of the socially significant issues of our day (fabrion and ecology) and more than likely of the future.

Ann, Brian's sister, is one of his most ardent admirers. "He's not like other brothers. He doesn't push me around," she said.

Last year he helped his sister construct a science project dealing with the causes and effects of bronchial cancer.

Brian, in some ways, is no different from many boys his age. When talking of the making of the movie he summed it up by saying: "I have to give a lot of the credit to my Ma." And a proud mother she must be.

# 3 Anti-Busing Groups Merge

FARMINGTON A new anti-busing group, Alliance for Neighborhood Schools, has been formed by merging three other groups into one, according to coordinator Joan Voight.

Farmington Against Busing, Farmington Community Against Busing and Voters Alliance have been joined into a single group with approximately 1,000 members.

"We felt there was a need for unity," Mrs. Voight said.

FARMINGTON Against Busing and Farmington Community Against Busing were affiliated with the "unity pledge" program, which is collecting \$1 contributions for a legal defense fund to defend parents who boycott the schools in the event of decision to bus and are prosecuted.

"In the event a constitutional amendment or other permanent legislation prohibiting forced busing is ratified, all monies remaining will be donated to the three Farmington high school athletic programs," she added.

Board members are Leo Miller, chairman; Pat Kennedy, secretary; Betty Whiting, pledge chairman; Dave Pearce and Nick Roban, business and finance; Mrs. Voight; Steve Patterson, Jack Leitch and Ed Miller, in charge of legislation and research.

People interested in working with the group may contact Mrs. Whiting, 3001 S.

Stockton; Mrs. Voight, 22264 N. Brandon, or Miller, 23231 Meadowlark.

"THE PURPOSE of Farmington Alliance for Neighborhood Schools is to unite the community to do everything legally and morally possible to prevent forced busing of our children away from the neighborhood school.

"The objectives are to organize the people of the community so that unified and effective action can be taken to protect basic rights, freedoms and beliefs.

"Specifically, they will work to determine the identity of every adult person in the community who believes as they do about busing.

"This will be accomplished through promotion of the unity pledge program and the placing of anti-busing signs in the windows of Farmington homes," Mrs. Voight said.

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# Women's Unit Sets Goal

Mrs. Felix Resnick, 25415 Wareham, Huntington Woods, has been named chairman of the Southfield - Royal Oak area committee of the Women's Association campaign for the Detroit Symphony maintenance fund.

Last year, the association raised \$72,000. This year's goal is \$150,000.

OTHER COMMITTEE chairmen are Mrs. John T. McMullen, Detroit; Mrs. Harry Taylor, Grosse Ile - Dearborn; Mrs. Robert Fife, Birmingham - Bloomfield; and Mrs. Joseph J. Marshall, Grosse Pointe.

This year, in addition to canvassing the hundreds of donors in Detroit and its suburbs, the association is planning to get many new contributors. The emphasis will be on gifts of \$1,000 or more, since these will be matched, up to \$150,000, by a grant from the Kresge Foundation.

The campaign will be conducted in two phases. In the first, each area committee will be composed of five

captains who will direct the work of five volunteers. These in turn will each solicit 20 people. Once these 500 prospects are reached, each worker in the second phase will contact about five new prospects, hopefully bringing another 125 contributions to the campaign.

Since its official formation in 1928, the association has provided important financial support and volunteer work for the many activities of the symphony. It is estimated that the

association has raised between \$500,000 and \$1 million in 44 years.

The work of the association actually began in 1914 when a dozen women raised \$100, so that the newly - formed ensemble could conduct its first rehearsal.

That group of 12 has since grown to 1,200. The association has always tried to foster the broadest possible support for the orchestra, according to Mrs. Thomas V. LoCicero, general chairman of the campaign.

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