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THE KEY to Belfast was offered Robert McConnell by the Lord Mayor.

Belfast Gives Key To Favorite Son

When Farmington Hills Mayor Robert McConnell was running for election, the third political campaign in six months, he promised his wife he would take her to Scotland afterwards and forget about politics for a while. But on a side trip to Belfast, Ireland, McConnell's home town, he found himself in the spotlight again. A local boy who went to the United States to make his fortune 20 years before and returned as mayor of a new city deserved some recognition.

The Lord Mayor of Belfast recognized the occasion and gave him the key to the city, and the two mayors exchanged plaques to commemorate the occasion. McConnell left Belfast at the age of 24, after working in a warehouse of a textile factory in Belfast.

A textile engineer, he joined the Army as an instructor and later went to Wayne State University where he graduated in business management. He joined Ford Motor Co.

and worked in London before setting up his present business, a consulting design and sales representative firm dealing mainly in automotive textiles.

The Belfast paper notes "Mr. McConnell now has lost all traces of his Belfast accent," apparently replacing it with a kind of Irish Farmington Hills.

They visited McConnell's parents, still living in Belfast, and the home of his wife, June, in Scotland.

School Board Adopts New Code Of Ethics

A code of ethics adopted recently by the Farmington School Board would have drastically changed the handling of the dismissal of past Supt. Roderick Smith. The board unanimously adopted the code of ethics of the Michigan Assn. of School Administrators and the Assn. of School Boards recently.

The code of ethics was quoted by board members opposed to the firing of Smith last year, particularly Trustee William Corlies.

One section requires written notice of deficiencies, and an agreed upon time for their correction, as well as at least six months notice. Smith protested the lack of such a statement at the time of his abrupt dismissal.

The document adopted as policy by the board mainly outlines the board's relationship with the superintendent. "The board of education should delegate the administrative functions to its executive officer, the superintendent of schools, and through him to other administrative

officers," the code reads. The board decided against her suggestion the code be adopted as an "exhibit," rather than as part of board policy.

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Jac LeGoff
At Chamber
Breakfast

Merit Winners Are Announced

Students from all three Farmington area high schools have been named semi-finalists in the 1974 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Peter M. Cromwell, 33705 James Court, is a semi-finalist from Farmington High School. Harrison High School has the following five semi-finalists: Glenn B. Furnier, 22135 Inkster Road; Nancy L. Hebert, 25538 Arden Park Drive; Lisa M. Levit, 25305 Arden Parke Drive; Michael R. Shipce, 25708 West Moreland, and Marianne C. Walck, 30237 Pipers Lane.

Three students are semi-finalists at North Farmington High School: Richard W. Jewell, 3007 Fernhill; Michael J. Morrison, 38046 Quakerstown, and Steven K. Rothschild, 5571 Penbury in West Bloomfield.

County Approval Needed For 'Out-Reach' Center

By DAN McCOSH

The Farmington Area Advisory Council is waiting for Oakland County funding of an "outreach" medical care facility for the Farmington area, a major expansion of the group's activities.

The FAAC, which currently operates "rap line," hopes to add a two-hour, twice-a-week, medical care and public health education center to their building behind the school administration offices.

Funding for the program is supplied by a federal mental health grant administered by Oakland County. FAAC is currently awaiting county action on a \$25,000 budget request, according to Joseph Damiani, FAAC director.

The FAAC board already

has approved the program, pending the funding.

The purpose of the new program is to bring "hard to reach" populations into the medical treatment delivery network, Damiani said.

Oakland County has set up treatment centers at both St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac and Providence in Southfield. The Farmington center proposed would be part of a network including other centers in Birmingham and Hazel Park.

At the present time, only the Birmingham center is in operation.

"The clinic will offer not only direct services but also will act as an important out-reach and case finding system," a report from the FAAC said.

The center is expected to

deal mainly with drug users and young people involved with "substance abuse" — a term used to include alcohol, according to Damiani.

"Because of the average drug user's age, general life style and certain social determinants, special kinds of health problems are predominant among this group," the report continues.

"In addition to providing the necessary staff and equipment to diagnose such problems, other available

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— FAAC report

services at the center will include drug counseling, pregnancy counseling, venereal disease education, general health maintenance and education."

A total of 10 volunteer doctors are expected to donate their time on a rotating basis. There will be a full time nurse coordinator and a part-time secretary.

FAAC anticipates about 50 patients a week in the program. The proposal presented to

the Farmington City Council recently met with a lukewarm response, and the council scheduled a meeting with FAAC board members to review the program.

FAAC is an independent agency which depends on the school board and two cities for funding for a portion of their programs.

The proposed program is expected to be up for at least a review soon by all three units of government involved.



BRENDA GRUMBBLATT, a student at Farmington High, was the recipient of a \$350 scholarship from the Farmington Kiwanis. President Lloyd Smith presented the check. (Evert photo)

Madonna College Dean Killed In Car Crash

Sister Mary Catherine Homic, 37, dean of students at Madonna College, was killed in an automobile accident Wednesday night.

Two other nuns, Sr. Mary Janice Ziolkowski, 39, and Sr. Mary Rachel Bawal, 54, were seriously injured as was a third passenger, Miss Louise Bego, 36. All are in St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The accident occurred at 8:37 p.m. on U.S. 24, near the M-14 exchange north of Ann Arbor.

A Washtenaw County sheriff spokesman said Sr. Janice was driving the car on U.S. 24 and hit a stalled truck that was without lights.

Deputies said the flatbed truck, driven by Patrick Lee Evans, 20, of 8581 Hix, Westland, was carrying sod. Evans had lost some of the sod on the highway and stopped to pick it up. When he got back into his truck, in the left lane, it failed to start.

Sr. Janice apparently didn't see the truck until the last moment. She swerved to the right, hitting the right rear corner of the truck. The car became wedged under the vehicle.

Police say Evans was not injured and was released pending further investigation. Funeral services for Sr. Catherine will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the Mother House of the college. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

The body will be in the parlor of the Mother House of the college from Saturday afternoon until 5:30 p.m. Sunday when it will be moved to the chapel.

Sr. Catherine is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Homic of Hamtramck, and a brother, Donald of Warren.

Sr. Catherine and the other two nuns belonged to the Felician order. She was a member of the college's class of 1959.

In addition to being dean of students, she was also a faculty member at Madonna. Sr. Rachel is a member of the English faculty.

Miss Bego, who owned the car, lives at 1609 N. Wayne Rd. in Westland. She is an employee of the college. Sr. Janice is director of college development.

No Contract Ratification For C'Ville

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

Negotiating teams in the Clarenceville School District will return to the bargaining table Monday evening to renegotiate a contract following teachers' 2-1 rejection last Wednesday of a proposed settlement.

In a balloting, which was held at each school, teachers rejected the proposed contract by a vote of 105-49.

During a special meeting held Thursday evening, the board voted to extend the master contract of the teachers until Oct. 31. The action was taken in anticipation of such a request by the teachers.

"If negotiations are moving along, we will extend that date," said Supt. David McDowell.

"Teachers are optimistic about getting back to the bargaining table next week," said John Saltzgeber, Michigan Education Assn. executive director working with the Clarenceville Education Assn.

"Teachers are being told to return to work as usual. We do not intend to strike," emphasized Saltzgeber.

"We would like to settle this locally without using a mediator or fact finder. However, teachers do reserve the right to use them if neces-

sary," he continued. "There seems to be a close working relationship between the teachers and the administration. So why disturb that?"

Daniel Kelley, spokesman for the negotiating team, said that the contract was recommended to the CEA by the team, and that he had no idea why it was not ratified. A membership meeting was held late Thursday to determine why the contract was defeated.

"I expect the negotiating teams will discuss what they didn't like, but that will be withheld until the contract is renegotiated," said McDowell.

A new negotiating team has been named for the CEA: Carl Kippela, Linda Park, Evelyn Cohan, Paul Shultz and Robert Gregory with Saltzgeber as an advisor.

"Since the contract wasn't accepted, a new team was named that they felt better represented what the teachers wanted to settle," explained Saltzgeber.

Provisions of the rejected contract as released earlier to Observer Newspapers Inc. included a 7.5 per cent package increase for the first year with salary improvements up 4.7 per cent, and increments up 2.6 per cent.



CAROL KENNEDY is this year's chairman of the Meadowbrook Fashion Show and Luncheon. The benefit activity will include door prizes and a raffle. Once again Farmington Community Center is sponsoring the affair at Meadowbrook Country Club.

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