



NINE CHAMPS -- Lined up for their official picture are the Mustangs, T-Ball playoff champs of South Farmington Little League. Boys in the front row from the left are Rick Cote, Mike Brown, Donny Diehr and Denny Moran. From the left in back are Mark

Lauson, Joey Matatesta, Jeff Wilson, Jeff Lernanski and Bobby Cote. Not pictured are Mark Yardley, James Carmichael, Mickey Moore and Paul Chenot.

(Event photo)

Board Undertakes Another Gill School Safety Study

FARMINGTON High students will be bused to Gill School and Power Junior High until the board of education's safety committee can find a better solution. Gill Road students have been saddled with a narrow, unpaved road which converts into a swamp after rainstorms.

A petition signed by 32 parents requesting busing was introduced at the last meeting.

THE BOARD had bused elementary students to Gill School last year and agreed to extend

the service to Power Junior High students this year, pending a report from the safety committee.

Oakland County's road commission has been at fault in not widening the road's shoulder and not providing proper drainage, school officials say. Both the school district and the township have paid fees to the county for correction of these faults.

William Prisk, business manager, reported the road commission has ignored requests to act. According to Prisk, the

road commission has referred the Gill problem to its maintenance division where prospects may be better.

Prisk said the commission promised to fix the road more than a year ago.

PARENTS in the audience complained their children had to walk on the road and arrived at school mud-soaked on rainy days.

After agreeing to the busing, the board referred the petition to the road commission.

"Maybe this will help get

some action," commented Richard Peters, board president.

THE BOARD also decided to request reimbursement from the state for the busing since Gill Road constituted a safety hazard.

"However, even when it is fixed, Gill Road isn't going to be a divided highway with sidewalks," Peters reminded the audience, "It isn't going to be much better until the property owners consent to upgrade it."

Gill runs partially through a low-income area where property owners have turned down school board overtures to pave the road on a share-the-cost basis.

IN OTHER action, the board ratified a contract for the school bus drivers.

The contract is expected to be signed immediately since the bus drivers had previously agreed to it.

Trustees Gary Liehtman and Aldo Vagozzini, however, went on record protesting one sentence in the contract. The sentence prohibits bus drivers from participating in any picketing on or at school-owned property.

as another. Each of us teaches himself and the learning goes on always not just within the walls of a classroom.

"Hope," Dr. Clute concluded, "lies in a vast and basic change in the elementary grades. There is nothing more destructive than our system of single right answers."

the conventional report card with far greater emphasis on parent-teacher conferences for progress evaluation.

Dr. Clute attributed the radical change in student reactions over the past 10 years to three factors:

● There has been a population shift throughout the world resulting in the 25-and-under age group now being in the majority.

● This emerging generation has been subject to the impact of information via television and mass media as no other has been.

● With a system designed for a democracy but built on European authoritarian principles there is not established method of feedback, so way for students to express their viewpoints.

"We think of ourselves as teachers, but no person teaches

"It is essential to decide whether a student is a citizen or just an inmate," said Dr. Clute. It is his opinion that students must be involved in making decisions and judging what is relevant to their education process.

"No people ever adopted a more ambitious program than we in America," Dr. Clute continued. "It is based on the ideas of personal freedom with respect for rights of others."

"Students most often complain, 'Much of our education is not relevant; we can't participate; the system is not humane.'"

As an example of the latter fault, Dr. Clute cited the statistical bell-shaped curve which immediately places 21 per cent of students in any class beyond the pale because they are destined to be graded D or E.

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By ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA 6-6335

How to catch up with all that goes on in Wood Creek? I'll start with one of the very busy families -- the Lams.

MARG (Lam) Leon's husband, Enrique, who is a teacher in Cimbuco, Peru, and who does a great deal of Scout work in that area, was asked to be a guest staff counselor at the Broadbrook Memorial Scout Camp in Baltimore, Md.

Of course, it is winter in Peru, schools are in session, but Enrique obtained a substitute and flew on for eight weeks at the camp, a tremendously valuable experience.

Marg, with six-month old Enrique Conrad -- called Enco -- flew directly to Wood Creek on July 19, her first trip home since her marriage two years ago.

How the grandparents have enjoyed a long visit with Enco! August 10, Marian's mother Mrs. Smith, arrived from North Dakota bringing the family to full quota for Janet's wedding.

AT TWELVE noon last Saturday, Janet became Mrs. Rudy Herman. Volkmann is a double ring ceremony at Franklin Community Church. It was an exceptionally interesting ceremony.

Rudy has his master's degree in music -- conducting and composing are his main interests. Rudy composed the professional. Wally Anderson, on the faculty at Lake Michigan, was the vocalist; Mary Beth Hutchinson, a fellow music major at DePaul, was the organist.

The three ushers, Jim Harter, Danny Asmus, and Duncan Jones, are members of Rudy's combo. Marg was a lovely matron-of-honor and Nancy Chamberlain, a friend of Janet's from grade school days, was her bridesmaid.

Following the church ceremony there was a reception at Orchard Lake Country Club after which the couple left for a honeymoon in northern Michigan. They will stop in Interlochen where they have many friends before returning to Greencastle, Ind. Rudy plans a teaching career in music.

AN IMPORTANT election

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SUNDAY we went to a delightful "at home" at the Sadelkas. For Paul and I that

was another fine opportunity to catch up on what has been going on in Wood Creek -- events we have missed so much.

From Frank and Jerry Kiger we heard that this year's picnic was the best ever -- wonderful parties preceded it -- the Kiger pool was enjoyed -- and the wonderful beef provided by Dick Carlson. There was an attendance of 90 which included a goodly number from the Hills -- and there were even parties following all this!

Yes, we did miss the picnic but we did have a fine trip to the British Isles. We got back last week Thursday and had a real problem turning our time clocks ahead six hrs. We wanted to eat and sleep way ahead of schedule. It is good to be back home!

Last week Marry and Nancy Brassert drove to Pennsylvania to pick up their daughters who had spent the summer at Camp Sequoia, and to visit in Nancy's home town of Mt. Union.

The visit home was particularly delightful because Nancy's brother, an Army major who had served in Vietnam, was visiting at home while enroute from Belgium to Fort Leavenworth. With him were his lovely Vietnamese wife and their three children. The Brasserts reached home last Sunday night.

AN IMPORTANT election

comes up this fall. All new Wood Creek residents must register and any old residents who are not registered please call Edna Abbott, our village clerk, at 551-2503 and

arrange to take care of this. The deadline is Oct. 3. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to the Labor Day holidays the monthly rubbish pickup will not be until Sept. 13.

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WOMEN: Wednesday 9:15 p.m. any average
Friday 12:30 140 average and up \$500 1st. Place.
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