



ANY RESEMBLANCE??? - Olga F. Dworkin, 31401 Stonewood Court West, Farmington, president of the Wayne State Fund at Wayne State University, takes a close look at John VanWormer, of St. Clair Shores, posing with the giant Gen. Anthony Wayne medallion, which will be officially unveiled during homecoming ceremonies at WSU. VanWormer is a descendant of the famous Revolutionary War General. The four-foot medallion, weighing 350 pounds, will be installed in the Alumni Centennial Court on campus. Funds for both the medallion and court were provided through the Wayne State Fund in the first step of the campus beautification program.

Godzilla Had Man-Like Molars

ATLANTA - Some 5 million to 10 million years ago a variety of primates, unlike those living today, roamed northern India near the foothills of the Himalayas.

One of these species was very large, as big or bigger than present-day gorillas, with man-like front teeth. Apparently the creature traveled north to China, there to become extinct about 1 million or 2 million years ago.

But it left a lesser jaw in excellent condition with a nearly complete set of dentures for an Indian - United States research team. The find, discovered in April, was reported this week by Dr. Elyse L. Simons, paleontologist at the Yale University Peabody Museum, and his Indian colleague Dr. S.R.K. Chopra of the University of Patna, at the Second International Congress of Primatology here.

ALTHOUGH the scientists do not place this fossil in the direct ancestral human line, they believe it lies close to a common pool of primates, which also produced hominids - man and near-man species. The huge ape may well have been an uncle to later hominids. And while its heirs were becoming extinct in Southern China, their remote hominid cousins were arising in Africa.

Judging by the dental formation, this was a transitional animal between apes and hominids. Its large cheek molars cover the same jaw length as the apes. But the front teeth are profoundly different and smaller in size. In place of the apes' large slashing canina teeth, it has small incisors and eyeteeth. Reduced front teeth are the mark of a hominid, although Dr. Simons prefers to call the new fossil conservatively, "a very progressive line of apes."

The Northern Indian site in the State Himachal Pradesh has rich deposits of ape fossils from the late Miocene and early Pliocene periods, ranging from about 15 million to 10 million years ago. If there was a time when man came down out of the trees, this was probably it, says Dr. Simons, but of the years immediately following this period - the latter half of the Pliocene - almost nothing is known. For some reason few fossils of either human or ape affinity have been uncovered in Asia, Europe or Africa, leaving a gap from about 10 million to 5 million years ago.

Even if the new fossil is never established as a hominid, says Dr. Simons, it demonstrates an important fact - the reduction of front teeth was already underway in the Pliocene period.

A SHIFT in this dental formation would have meant a change in life from the y of apes to the way of tr, explains Dr. Simons. It is allowed for the first time sideways motion of the jaw and more efficient eating. Unable to slash or fight with his teeth the early manlike ape would probably have built larger social groups and defended himself by throwing rocks.

The new fossil appears to be the oldest lower jaw recovered whose teeth indicate an animal related to both apes and man.

Kuhn, Baker Support Highway Extensions

Two state legislators are endorsing a committee effort of housing developers who seek to assure timely completion of extensions of two highways.

Sen. George Kuhn (R-West Bloomfield) and State Rep. Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) offered their "wholehearted support."

A steering committee has been created to maintain liaison with county, state and federal authorities "to insure that the proposed extensions are completed by the dates presently scheduled."

Extensions eyed are those of Northwestern Highway and I-275 in West Bloomfield just north of Farmington Township, which are expected to have great impact on the entire Oakland County area.

THE COMMITTEE was endorsed by Kuhn, whose district includes Livonia, Farmington and Plymouth, and Baker, during a meeting of landowners, real estate developers, elected public officials and representatives of the Oakland County Road Commission.

To the committee were appointed: Roy J. Russell of Thompson-Brown development company of Farmington; Herman Frankel of the Herman Frankel development company; William E. Klockow of Pulte Homes, Inc. and Charles M. Bauer and Henry J. Moses, developers.

Russell is temporary chairman of the Northwestern Highway/I-275 Extension Committee.

acquisition of the right of way currently are planned to be completed by June 1973, with actual construction to follow shortly thereafter.

When extended, I-275 will continue from I-96 to M-59 and Northwestern Highway will extend its present point at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile to the proposed exit of I-275.

Attend String Festival

FARMINGTON Farmington music students recently attended a string festival in Royal Oak's Kimball High School.

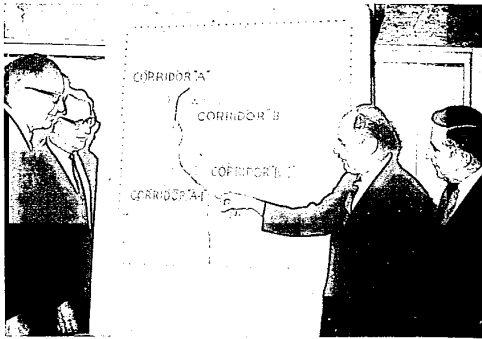
Miss Marjorie Mowatt, orchestra teacher, is first vice-president of the American String Teachers' Association's Michigan unit and as such was co-sponsor of the all-day program.

Attending students heard outstanding guest clinicians including: Miss Elizabeth Green from University of Michigan; Robert Ritsma and Harrison Ryker of Hope College, Dr. Marvin Ravin from University of Wisconsin, Thomas Rosenwold of Milwaukee, Lawrence Gushner from Midland, Carl Austin of Wayne State University, and Victor Hickman from Birmingham.

Attending from Farmington were: Dirk Bondi, Jim Brush, Lisa Bucher, Sue Chipman, Lynne Douglas, Jackie Elens, Carolann Francis, Jackie Grisdale, Eric Johnston, Patricia Langdon and Dennis Letzenbert.

Others present were: Rosanna Kobylarz, Deborah Korte, Martha Koblitzky, Kathy McGirr, Donna McGuire, Lisa Marsh, Carolyn Mekjian, Bill Nelson, Joan Neumwander, Arlayne Olson, Joan Patterson, Virginia Perry, Vigi Pesci, Gina Pierce, Marjorie Russell, Jill Schaeberger, Sally Slarto, Barbara and Mary Stolberg and Marianne Welch.

Chaperone on the bus was Mrs. George Kubitsey.



LEGISLATORS GIVE SUPPORT -- State Sen. George Kuhn points to I-275 and Northwestern Highway corridors while (from left) State Rep. Raymond Baker, W. Bloomfield Supervisor John N. Doherty and Roy J. Russell, vice president of Thompson Brown Co., look on.

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On Missile Ship
Fireman Charles W. Eirschele, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Eirschele, 33775 State in Farmington is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Waddell with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

During the current low point in combat activities the men of the Waddell were able to take part in skeet shooting and a barbecue aboard the ship.

Student On Radio
Phil McCullough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon McCullough of 3151 "Prestin in Farmington, has been named to the staff of KACC, student radio station at Abilene Christian College. McCullough is a sophomore communications major.

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