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## Warrant issued in synagogue vandalism

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

A warrant has been issued by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office charging a Southfield man with three counts of malicious destruction taking place in Farmington Hills last week-end.

The warrant was issued against John Wettlaufer, 19, of 19146 Dorsett. Information leading to the arrest warrant was gained through a tip-off to police. The Adat Shalom Congregation offered

a \$2,500 reward for information about the vandalism incidents.

Slogans such as "Hitler rules," "Do Cocaine" and "Smoke Dope" were spray-painted in two-inch high letters on the east and north walls of the synagogue last Friday night. Several swastikas and the legend, "ROA 714," the brand name for the depresso, quaalude, were scrawled over the concrete walls.

Also vandalized with similar slogans were North Farmington High School

and a house in Rolling Oaks subdivision. This was the second vandalism incident at the synagogue this year. The first occurred Feb. 23.

Workshippers attending Saturday morning services discovered the most recent vandalism.

"We were heartick on Saturday," said Norman Leeman, president of the congregation.

"It's almost inconceivable that anyone in his right mind would do such a

thing to a house of worship," he said. "Freedom of religion are just some words."

After seeing television reports about the incident, Jim McDonald, owner of Quality Pressure Wash and Wax in Garden City, volunteered to clean the walls.

BY TUESDAY afternoon the vandals' scrawls had been removed. The east wall was cleaned on Monday using steam under pressure. But that method

didn't work on the craggy north wall, so McDonald returned the following day to sandblast the wall clean.

"It demonstrates that there are nice people in the world, too," said Leeman. Similar slogans were also smeared in black spray paint across the outside gym wall at North Farmington High School on Saturday.

At North Farmington, vandals also singled out the athletes and cheerleaders in the school in obscene slogans. The northern section of Farmington

Hills was subject to a wave of anti-Semitic vandalism two years ago when residents found pro-Nazi sentiments scrawled on walls and put into notes stuck into windshields. A four-by-four foot wooden Star of David was burned on a front lawn at that time.

Police say the incidents of two years ago aren't related to the recent vandalism. Farmington Hills Police investigated the earlier occurrences but were unable to gather enough evidence to pursue the cases.

## Arab sympathizer draws mixed Jewish reviews

By MARY GNIEWEK

Citing the Middle East as "the place most likely to give us a nuclear holocaust," noted journalist I.F. Stone told a packed Birmingham Temple crowd Monday night that American intervention is paramount to settling the question of Jewish and Palestinian self-determination in Israel.

Stone, a 71-year-old Russian Jew with a half century of reporting experience (he authored 12 books and edited I.F. Stone's Weekly, a Washington newsletter, for 19 years), has drawn criticism recently from American Jews for his sympathetic views toward Palestinians.

He has spoken out against Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's stance in the Mideast peace talks, and called for recognition of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in negotiations. He advocates a homeland for Palestinians and Jews existing peacefully side by side.

The controversial Stone drew representatives from various Jewish organizations who cornered persons outside the synagogue on Twelve Mile in Farmington Hills with a barrage of pro and con literature. The National Labor Zionists and the Conference of Jewish Activists denounced Stone as inconsistent while the New American Movement, a socialist group, expressed solidarity with the author's position.

A CROWD OF more than 600 lis-



I.F. STONE

tened to Stone expound on the Middle East, an area he has known for decades.

His books include "The Rise of Israel" and "Underground to Palestine," an account of his illegal travels from Poland to Palestine with survivors of the Hitler death camps.

Stone was the first journalist to make that trip through the British blockade in the Eastern Mediterranean.

A Washington correspondent for more than 30 years, Stone covered the Arab-Israeli war of 1948. He was an

early supporter of Israel, which garnered him support from the American Jewish community.

Stone drew on his experiences for his commentary "Prospects for Peace." He stirred the crowd with some statements, but only once was interrupted by a heckler.

Stone urged "reconciliation with our Arab brothers."

"Israel has won several wars but eventually we will lose. We cannot have security without reconciliation. If Israel loses this chance for peace, it will move toward war."

Stone said the peace talks represent an important chapter of Jewish history.

"People will say when there was a Jewish state, how did it treat its minorities. We who have been a minority for almost 3,000 years may have a very bitter answer."

"Israel has never been in a more powerful position to negotiate peace. The U.S. could simultaneously recognize terms for Israel and the PLO."

STONE SAID "(Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat opened the door to peace, in Jerusalem."

But he criticized Begin's philosophy of "Arab autonomy of the person — not land or water."

"Where will they have autonomy — in heaven? What kind of an answer is that? It's so mean and insulting. How can you agitate for Russian Jews and say to the Arabs, 'you have no right to the West Bank.' That's applying a double standard."

Stone said President Carter should begin an embargo against Israel until Jewish settlements are removed from the West Bank.

"When I had compassion for Jews, I was a hero. When I have compassion for Arabs, I am an enemy. If we harden our hearts, we betray our heritage."

"I think peace is already destroyed unless Americans intervene. The world needs peace in the Middle East. There cannot be peace without facing the problems of the Palestinians."

Stone denounced terrorist acts of the PLO.

"I didn't like terrorism when Begin waged it, and I don't like it now." The assembly broke out in a frenzy briefly as a small group of listeners bombarded Stone with accusations and hostile comments.

"The picture you give is unbalanced. If you can say they (Arabs) are not treated as human beings, it is not true," said one man who claimed to be a veteran of the 1948, 1967 and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars.

"THE KORAN (the Moslem holy book) considers Jews as second class citizens. The PLO wants to see the destruction of Israel," he continued.

Though some were vehement in verbal attacks against Stone, the journalist answered a host of questions with short replies and ignored some of the more flaming accusations: "You are a spokesman of the PLO. Why don't you peddle your propaganda in front of an Arab audience?"



Farmington High teacher Thomas Peace was caught by the yearbook camera last year giving a helping hand to one of his students.

## Athletic teacher dies umpiring game

For 27 years, Thomas Peace tried to instill into his students at Farmington High School values and aspirations they could follow for the rest of their lives.

Colleagues said he was a teacher dedicated to his students in his social studies classroom.

When Peace died on June 2, he was serving the school and indulging in a pastime he had enjoyed every spring for 23 years. He died while umpiring a women's district softball tournament in Oak Park. Peace, 58, suffered a fatal heart attack during the game.

In recent years, he had switched to umpiring women's games instead of the men's teams after a heart condition forced to slow down.

"He was involved in athletics all his adult life," said umpiring teacher, Al Judge.

In 1958, when Judge was new to the school, Peace took him "under his wing."

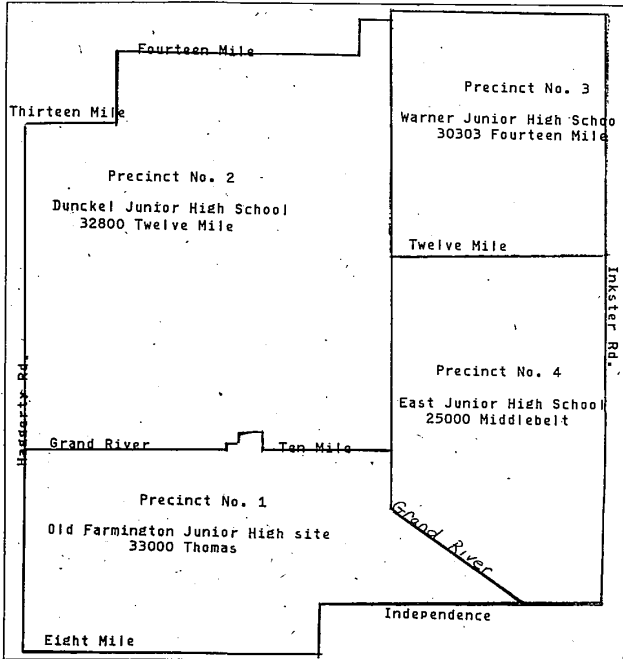
"He was much like a big brother," said Judge.

Hal Beardley, who succeeded Peace as chairman of the social studies department several years ago, remembers old jokes between the two over Beardley's grammar and spelling.

"He was very precise. He started teaching English here," said Beardley.

PEACE'S TEACHING career began after he graduated cum laude from Alma College in 1950. In 1972, he earned his M.A. from Eastern Michigan University. For two years, he taught at Williamson High School before coming to Farmington.

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## Annual school election Monday in Farmington

By MARY GNIEWEK

Farmington school administrators are preparing for 5,100 voters to turn out at the polls Monday, June 11, in the annual election for school board trustees.

"We don't expect to draw that large a crowd, but that is what we are preparing for," said school administrator Scott Bacon. The number is based on past voter turn out and the number of registered voters (48,403) in the district.

Two races will be decided at the polls. In the race for a one-year term, candidates include Michael Erickson, William Gravius, James McGlinchy and Megan Saunders.

Breckneridge and Miss Saunders, both of Farmington Hills, are newcomers to the local political scene. Gravius, of Farmington Hills, completed a four-year term on the school board last year. He served his final year of the term as board president.

McGlinchy, of Farmington, has served on the Board since his appointment last

July. He filled the post of resigning trustee Dr. Mervyn Ross. The candidate elected Monday will serve the final year of Dr. Ross's term.

Board vice president Michael Spiece is running unopposed for another four-year seat. Spiece, 22, is a resident of Farmington Hills.

In the annual school election last June, just 1,103 voters of 29,632 active district voters, turned out to elect trustees Janice Rolnick and Jack Inch to four-year terms.

In June 1977, 5,881 voters cast ballots to elect board candidates and support a millage. In the latest school election last February, 1,748 voters supported a millage renewal.

"The crowds are getting smaller at each election," Bacon said.

BACON REMINDED voters to remember the same polling places in the February millage renewal election.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

In precinct 1, voters should go to the

old Farmington Junior High site at 33000 Thomas. Dunckel Junior High at 32800 Twelve Mile is the polling place for voters in precinct 2. In precinct 3, voters should go to Warner Junior High, 30303 14 Mile. East Junior High at 25000 Middlebelt is the designated polling place for voters in precinct 4.

Voters in the Clarenceville school district will also vote Monday on Schoolcraft College candidates and money issues.

Four candidates are seeking two full six-year terms: incumbents Nancie Blatt of Livonia and Gerald Cox of Garden City and challengers Michael Burley of Canton and Robert Ficano of Livonia.

Two candidates are seeking one two-year term: incumbent Richard Hayward of Livonia and challenger Thomas Moore of Northville.

Schoolcraft voters will decide the fate of two separate requests totaling one mill in property taxes for one year.

## College election set

Clarenceville School District voters will have no decision to make on the local board of education race Monday. But they will be involved in picking two Schoolcraft College board of trustees and deciding two college millage increases.

Clarenceville board members Samuel Prisk, nearing his 20th year of service, and Berry Sherman, seeking a two-year term, are unopposed for new four-year terms.

Sherman was elected two years ago to fill the balance of Thomas Wilson's term. Wilson had resigned.

In the Schoolcraft race, Clarenceville voters will have a choice of four persons competing for two six-year terms and two others running for a two-year term.

Seeking the six-year term are incumbents Nancie Blatt of Livonia and Gerald Cox of Garden City and challengers Michael Burley of Canton and Robert Ficano of Livonia. Going after the single two-year term is incumbent Richard Hayward of Livonia and Thomas Moore of Northville.

On the tax issues, there are two separate half-mill proposals sought by the college board.

The polls will be open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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#### THE SOUND OF MONEY

It wasn't exactly a symphony, but Eva Gant was pleased to hear her phone ringing last Thursday. That's because one of the many callers bought her used piano. But it really was no surprise that she sold the instrument so quickly — she had advertised in the classified pages of her hometown newspaper. Call us today with your ad.

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