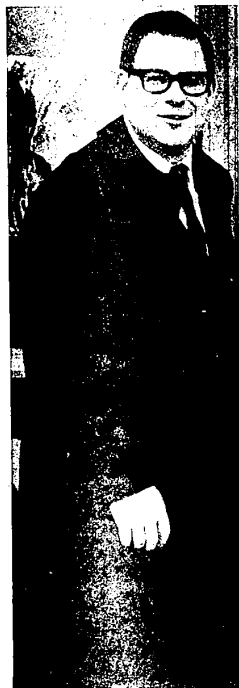


Administrative Intern Becomes Bond Principal



YOUNG EDUCATOR—Farmington's youngest and newest principal, Mel Blackman, heads back to Bond School after a stint in the administration building. Blackman is the first principal to have been trained via the administrative intern program which was initiated last year.

(Evert photo)

Special Help Coming

FARMINGTON—Farmington preschool children who are "between" global retardation and normalcy can look forward to help in the near future.

A school will be opened in the nursery room of the Orchard United Methodist Church, 3949 Farmington Rd., with plans to begin classes after the first of the year.

Objective of the school is to provide special teachers and facilities for a small group of children who have difficulty in a general nursery setting. These are educable children who may have a minimal brain injury or demonstrate a variety of learning problems.

In addition, some may have difficulty in correlating auditory and visual stimuli. Still others may have an expressive or receptive impairment.

All of these children will profit from special training before they are able to enter public school. Consequently, the teacher will be assisted in establishing the program by many professional consultants in the fields of psychology, language, perception and physical therapy.

Classes will be held in the mornings on a schedule conforming with the regular Farmington Public School calendar. Enrollment has not yet been finalized as there is still room for a few additional children.

Parents desiring information on this solution to a long-felt

Clark's Bail Denied

FARMINGTON—Oakland County Circuit Court Wednesday denied a motion for bail from a Farmington doctor convicted of manslaughter in the death of a Livonia woman. Attorneys for Dr. Ronald Clark, who is now serving a 15-year sentence in Marquette State Prison, asked that Clark be released on bond pending the outcome of an appeal of the conviction.

Clark, who practiced at 30335 Grand River in Farmington Township, was convicted of manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Grace Nell of Livonia.

A jury found Clark guilty of gross negligence in the death of Mrs. Nell, who was a part-time nurse in his office.

Mrs. Nell died in Dr. Clark's office Nov. 3, 1967 after being given an injection of sodium pentothal, an anesthetic often referred to as a "truth serum."

FARMINGTON—Farmington's first administrative intern to take over a principal's desk and Farmington's youngest administrator (at 28) is Bond School's Melvin Blackman.

His reaction to the intern program initiated in Farmington last year, is highly enthusiastic. "It gives one the opportunity of working for a year with an experienced principal and thus makes the step up much easier," he declared.

IN BLACKMAN'S case, it was Al Lanigan of Lakeshore School who was mentor and adviser.

"You share ideas with him, discuss methods of improving, meet other principals throughout the district, and gradually

learn just about all aspects of administration," Blackman continued. "This gives you confidence to jump in and get started."

Another good facet of the program, according to the former intern is the opportunity both to observe and teach at every level from kindergarten through grade six during the year. He was "touched by the response of one kindergarten who, hearing about the benefits of solar heat, asked 'Don't you have a furnace, Mr. Blackman?'"

PREVIOUSLY, Blackman had taught fifth and sixth grades at Highmeadow. He came to Farmington directly following the earning of his master's degree in education administration from Wayne State University.

His bachelor degree is from Western Michigan University.

Having gone through a school opening and closing at Lakeshore, getting Bond ready to open last fall was relatively painless.

Blackman heartily concurs with the Farmington philosophy of individualized instruction. "The important aspect of this is that each child should be given the opportunity to experience success each and every day," he declared. "Along with this, he should keep happy while learning. You just can't refuse

the importance of this idea."

FARMINGTON's new report card does a lot to foster this feeling of success, Blackman feels. "A need to improve is much better than failure as designated by D's and E's," he pointed out.

"A great majority of Bond parents indicate that the new card is providing a stronger means of communication in relating the child's progress," Blackman explained.

One new innovation introduced this year at Bond is the

Pledge of Allegiance recited over the public address system by a different pupil at the start of each day. This is another source of pride to all who take part.

Blackman is something of a misanthrope, having persuaded both his sister Elaine and a friend of her's to come and

teach in Farmington, Miss

Blackman teaches a special education class at Forest.

At home in Southfield, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Blackman are parents of two pre-school age boys. With their father for an example, it wouldn't be too surprising for them to contemplate careers in education.

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Dick and Marie France, with Ed and Helen Sly, flew down to Freeport, Grand Bahamas, where they spent a day and a night before flying back to Fort Lauderdale and the Rolling Hills Country Club for three days of soiling.

They also attended a bar mitzvah given for a business friend's son at the club. They returned home on Sunday, Nov. 16, went to the parking lot at Metropolis where they had left their new Cadillac only to find that it had been stolen. They had to come home by taxi.

AS MANY KNOW, Dick Lam had completed his law course at the University of Michigan; had taken the very rigorous bar exams—five half-day sessions—in Lansing in August, and they were still awaiting the outcome of those exams.

Last Friday, the Detroit papers published the names of the 577 applicants admitted to the Michigan State bar. Somehow Bill Holden picked out Dick's name from that long list for Dick was listed as a Pennsylvania graduate.

Bill rushed to the Lams with the good news. Marian was so thrilled, she immediately pho-

ed Dick at work to tell him the news for the written notice had not yet reached him. Dick has been taking an eight-month training course in the tax division of Gulf Oil Co., whose headquarters are in Pittsburgh. Congratulations Dick!

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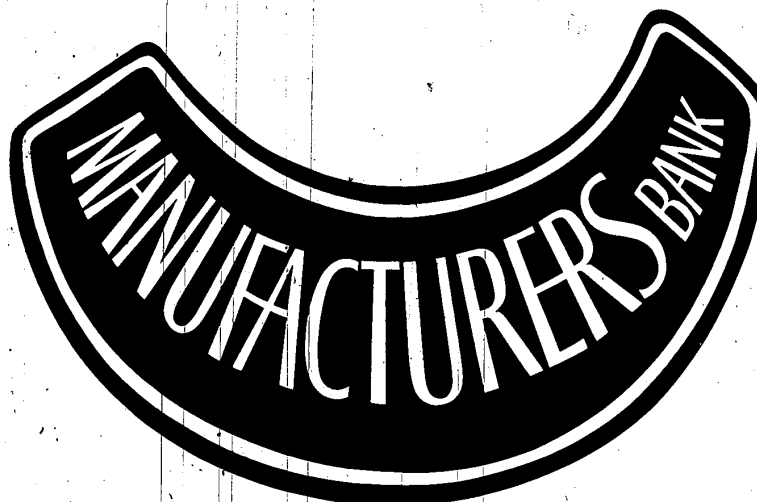
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