

# Youth Inherit Ignorance

# Must Define Sex Instruction Carefully--Kaltreider

By EMORY DANIELS  
Farmington suggests to offer sex instruction in public schools are opposed because they mistakenly believe such instruction would involve a "how and why" course on sexual behavior and techniques. But recommendations being studied for Farmington schools do not involve sexual technique instruction but the broader and more important area of human sexuality.

claims the Rev. Karl Kaltreider. KALTREIDER, pastor of the Amloch Lutheran Church in Farmington, defines human sexuality: "Everything we do in life relates to our sexuality and our humanity. And so we must ask the question, what does it mean to be a male or female in our society?" "Why don't we teach our children what it means to be a male or female human being in our society? We take this for granted."

Human sexuality training, he explained, is instruction on what it means to be a male or female in society. And this instruction has not been given today's youth, he added, or yesterday's. "It is essential to get to our youth and help them to understand themselves. They are in the laboratory and experimental stages of discovering themselves and we haven't given them the necessary foundation. It is human sexuality, in-

struction, not sex education, that is being studied by the Family Life Education (FLE) committee of the Farmington School District, explained Kaltreider. KALTREIDER SPOKE at the need of human sexuality instruction in the public schools at a noon luncheon Tuesday in the Botsford Inn to the Rotary Club of Farmington. "You become part of the scene of human sexuality at the point it was determined that you would be a male or female," he said. "Main first becomes aware he is sexually different than the opposite sex and then discovers he is a

human being and different than animals. A well-adjusted person, he said, must understand both his humanity and sexuality. MORAL LESSONS should be taught by the church or in the home, Kaltreider continued. But the church has done very little in this area and sole responsibility has been delegated to parents. "I'm not sure you are intellectually equipped or emotionally capable of teaching your children what they should know about human sexuality," he said. "I'm not blaming parents. After all, you are only capable of teaching in the manner in

which you yourself were taught." WHILE DISCUSSING the Newburgh, Calif. school said he did not feel a new morality is emerging. Instead, he said, society is in the process of screening out and refining our morality with the end result being a better understanding of our humanity and sexuality. Society must develop a broad program on human sexuality at the earliest possible age for students, he said. Such a program could be handled in the home or church, he added, but it would be easier to offer in the public schools.

Kaltreider observed that opponents of sex instruction claim it will lead to moral decadence if offered in the public schools. FLES usually cite Sweden as an example to back up that claim. Kaltreider then quoted statistics showing that the rate of divorces, female suicides, alcoholism, venereal disease, and the number of abortions performed are higher in the U.S. than in Sweden. AS A MINISTER, he said he has come across teens experiencing traumatic experiences simply because of a void of knowledge and information about sex. An increase in knowledge and information is as necessary as emotional experiences while discovering oneself, Kaltreider said.

and biology backgrounds would be well equipped. He added that in-service training for teachers will be a vital part of any program adopted in Farmington. KALTREIDER is a member of the FLE committee and serves as chairman of the task force on substance abuse (drugs, alcohol and tobacco). In addition, Kaltreider and Dr. Edwin Blumberg are the instructors for the human sexuality instructional program sponsored by the Farmington Area YMCA. He has been pastor at Antioch for eight years and has spent 20 years working closely with youth as minister and social worker in Saginaw County.



FEAST - Farmington's Cloverdale School recently held its annual Roman banquet and as usual the gladiators and deer come away with full tummies. Enjoying the fruits of the vine were Paul Waldoy and Cindy Benske. (Evert photo)

## wood creek farms

By ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA 6-6335  
Norma, with the two younger boys, went down to strain leaving the day after Christmas, while Mike and his father flew down in the afternoon. It was very informative for the boys for they toured the Astrodome, went to the museum, and to the planetarium. Kirk McFarland left early in January for Guatemala City, Guatemala where he will spend three months really with the Ricardo Datojov family. Karen Dalchow stayed some time here with the McFarlands. Now Kirk is spending three months with them. WE TRIED AGAIN to find a place we liked better than right here. We flew out to Tucson, Ariz. last week and spent three days touring that area. We flew home Sunday night and here we plan to stay indefinitely. True, a gorgeous hot sun drove the temperature up into the high 70s so we might go back for occasional visits. Conrad and Marjan Lams flew to Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 10 for a surgical convention. They were delighted it was held there as they could spend a weekend with their new-laws, Janet and Rudy. Janet works in a TV office. Rudy is teaching which

made a weekend visit so timely. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday were busy at convention sessions. From Atlanta they flew to Naples, Fla., for a week of golf with Birmingham friends. They got home Jan. 22. Conrad spent one day at home before leaving for Cincinnati for a dinner meeting Saturday night of the American Surgical Assoc. THE FLESHERS, Donald, Norma, and their three sons, had a delightful trip to Houston, Tex., where they spent five days with Donald's parents. ON THE SUBJECT of teacher training Kaltreider commented: "Anything as basic as understanding human relationships in a group can be taught by a responsible, young female teacher without too much difficulty. And I'm gambling she can do a better job than any of our parents did." Kaltreider said presently there are no college courses on how to teach human sexuality. He agreed, however, that teachers with home economics



ROBERT L. KLEPINGER of 23700 Warner, Farmington, has been appointed director of public relations for E. W. Tucker, Inc., Detroit advertising firm.

## Township Picks 21 Beautifiers

FARMINGTON Dorothy Gordon has been re-appointed chairman of the Township of Farmington Beautification Committee. Additional committee members appointed by the Farmington Township Board at its Jan. 25 meeting include Betty Frankel, Jan Dolan, Dorothy Vickland, Barbara Muehlman, Jerris Neumeister, Gerald Judge, Stella Strve, Lincoln Avery and Hartley Thornton. AVERY is presently serving as state chairman of education of the Keep Michigan Beautiful Committee. Thornton is a conservationist for the Grand Lake Recreation Area. Named to assist the beautifiers for a one-time project or to assist on a part-time basis are Keith Deacon, Helene Tim, Shirley Hartin, Pat Baker, Barb Bervo and Mrs. Clark Dyerberg. Representatives were also appointed from various ser-

## Farmington Calendar

- FLUORIDE TREATMENTS  
Feb. 2. Fluoride treatments will begin in Highwood School. Students with parental permission will pay \$5 for a series of four topical applications.
- MIDDLE BELT PANCAKE SUPPER  
Feb. 3. Middle Belt PTA will hold its annual pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Adults \$1.25, children 75 cents, families \$5.50. Tickets may be purchased at the door.
- WOOD CREEK WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
Feb. 3. The Women's Association of Wood Creek Farms will meet at noon in the home of Lee Ortmann, 28010 Harwich.
- BROTHERHOOD TEA  
Feb. 3. The women's division of the Detroit Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will sponsor a brotherhood tea at 12:30 p.m. in Orchard Methodist Church. The hostesses will be the women of St. Fabian.
- WOODDALE VALENTINE PARTY  
Feb. 3. Wooddale School girls will entertain their mothers at a Valentine party. "To Mother with Love" at 7:15 p.m. in the school. Mrs. Jean Hough, librarian, and Mrs. Beverly Ellis, art consultant, will assist the girls. The program will include books of mutual interest to girls and their mothers.
- FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB  
Feb. 4. The Farmington Woman's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Carol Shaw, 31831 Valleyview, Farmington. Mrs. William Hogan will show slides and speak on her trip to the British Isles.
- NAIM CONFERENCE  
Feb. 7. The NAIM Conference of Oakland County will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the K of C Hall, 1024 E. Nine Mile, Hazel Park. The group is for Catholic widows and widowers. For information, call 588-2199.
- OLS MARDI GRAS  
Feb. 7 and 8. Students of Our Lady of Sorrows High School will hold a mardi gras from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the school basement. Flowers and giveaways. Entertainment will include games and prizes. Proceeds will be used for audio visual equipment for the school.
- BLUE STAR MOTHERS  
Feb. 10. Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of America will hold a luncheon and card party at noon in the home of June Koehler, 29060 Mayfield, Farmington. The public is invited. For reservations, call GR 4-5383 or GR 4-5823.
- VFW LADIES AUXILIARY  
Feb. 10. The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4023 will hold a luncheon and card party at 12:30 p.m. in the post home, 2244 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington. There will be table and door prizes.
- WELCOME WAGON CLUB  
Feb. 10. Farmington Welcome Wagon Club will sponsor a decoupage demonstration at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. All new residents are invited to attend.
- VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I  
Feb. 12. The Veterans of World War I will meet at 2 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, Lakeway at Grand River, Farmington. All World War I veterans are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the business meeting.
- LARKSHIRE PANCAKE SUPPER  
Feb. 14. Larkshire School will hold its annual pancake supper from 9 to 7:30 p.m.

# Low Cost Housing Not Limited To Elderly

FARMINGTON The ordinance establishing a Housing Commission to investigate providing low-rental housing in Farmington Township for senior citizens also empowers that commission to provide low-income homes for persons of any age. Although intent of the trustees Monday night in adopting the ordinance was to investigate feasibility of low-rental housing for the elderly, the ordinance allows the commission to authorize construction of housing for low-income families. THE ORDINANCE DEFINES the Housing Commission's duty to "determine in what areas of the township it is necessary to provide proper sanitary housing facilities for families of low income, including housing for the elderly." Provisions are also included for the Housing Commission, under the power of eminent domain, to eliminate through condemnation proceedings housing conditions deemed detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare. This is not any new granting of powers, of course, because the township has always had authority to condemn property through eminent domain under the health, safety and welfare provisions. THE COMMISSION will consist of five members who will serve for five year terms. Members of the first commission, all trustees, will serve staggered terms. Each year thereafter, one member will be appointed to a five-year term. Trustees will serve as a temporary commission until after application for federal planning funds is approved. Permanent appointments will be made after federal planning monies are received. Members will serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the township supervisor. All meetings will be open to the public and all records made public. The commission may appoint a director and such officers and employees as deemed necessary. Compensation for officers and employees will be set by the commission with approval of the supervisor. Engineers, architects and consultants will also be retained. ANY FUNDS supplied by the township to the commis-

## Starting Time To Stay Same

FARMINGTON The starting time for elementary schools in the Farmington district will remain 9:30 a.m. for the remainder of the school year after the district's elementary teachers and some principals rejected a proposal which would have allowed elementary schools to start at 9 a.m. LAST FALL, parents and teachers complained to the school board that the 9:30 a.m. starting time wasted morning hours, which they claimed are the best hours for instruction. They also said the 9:30 opening hour gave children the opportunity to arrive at the school and play before their classes began at 9 a.m. last year. The Farmington Board of Education accepted the no-change policy recommended by its starting time committee at the board's last regular meeting. Richard Peters, school board president and a member of the starting time committee, said the committee met six times to discuss earlier starting times for elementary schools. Peters said the starting time committee reviewed a number of different proposals, but "most were not workable for financial reasons. THE ONE suggestion approved by the committee was rejected 'overwhelmingly' by elementary teachers," Peters said. The proposal called for the starting time to be changed to 9 a.m. and children dismissed at 3 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.

## Seniors Have Day At Community Center

FARMINGTON Tuesday each week has been set aside as Senior Citizen Day at the Farmington Community Center. From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., senior citizens bring sack lunches and are served Sanka and tea by the center for a 25-cent charge. All other activities are offered free. Seniors coming to the center for the first time will find pinocle and bridge games being played in the living room. Mrs. Paul Lentz, a volunteer at the center, serves as hostess. Seniors sex for the American Friends Service Committee which has a long record of assisting the poor all over the world. Each week special programs are planned for senior citizens. On Feb. 3 Farmington District Librarian Mildred Draege will review books that might appeal to senior citizens. On Feb. 10, Mrs. Clayton Timmons will discuss Haviland china and show samples of her collection of antique china. Mrs. Timmons is program chairman for the Quakertown Quarters and a member of a national organization of antique collectors. February 17 Mrs. Donald Briggs will show pictures of Egypt taken during a five-month stay in that country. On Feb. 24 the Farmington Musicals will present a dress rehearsal of their program scheduled for the next day. ABE JOHNSON has volunteered to teach seniors the art of cane weaving if enough interest is expressed. Mrs. Beverly Fons of the Farmington Artists has volunteered to give seniors an "Art Start." Mrs. Betty Scher has agreed to give bridge lessons. The center would like volunteer drivers to transport senior citizens on Tuesdays. Volunteers should call the center at 474-0871 or 474-2900. The "Swing for Others" group would appreciate received clothing, including coats, shoes, handkerchiefs, and cotton sheet blankets.

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