

Retired administrator dies

Colleagues recall Byron Oliver

Byron E. Oliver, who worked as a teacher and administrator for the Farmington Public Schools for 32 years, died on Monday in Eustis, Fla. He was 68.

Former coworkers described Mr. Oliver as a fair-minded boss and a hard worker who usually had the school district upmost in his mind.

He retired in 1973, telling a newspa-

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per reporter that he was going to Florida and would pursue an interest in growing flowers. Since his retirement, he divided his time between Michigan and Florida.

Mr. Oliver joined the Farmington staff in September 1941 after working in other school districts for seven years.

In his first eight years with the district he was a teacher at Farmington High School. He became an assistant principal there in 1949.

In 1952, he was named principal of Farmington Junior High School, where he stayed until 1957. That year, he became principal at O.E. Dunkel Junior High.

He became an administrator and working in the central school office

in 1952 and stayed there until his retirement. As an administrator, Mr. Oliver was in charge of a school census project, annual Friday of the school year student counts, enrollment projections and school elections.

One co-worker recalled that while working at Farmington High in 1946, Mr. Oliver also drove a schoolbus part time. At that time, the school district was much smaller.

MR. OLIVER is survived by his wife, Josephine, son John J. of Manistee, three daughters, Mary Jane Cronin of

Farmington Hills, Sally Wojtowicz of Germantown, Tenn. and Patricia Wagner of Bloomfield Hills; and 11 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass is planned for today at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Monsignor Thomas P. Beahan officiating. Arrangements were made by the Thayer Rock Funeral Home of Farmington. Burial will be at Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning.

The Oliver family suggests that memorials be sent to the Michigan Cancer Society.

Car hits tree, driver injured

Donald Milewski White, 25, of Farmington, was listed in stable condition at Botsford Hospital on Tuesday afternoon following an accident at 6:35 a.m. that morning on the median of Eight Mile Road, near Poinciana.

Southfield Police spokesman Officer Steve Zutowski said White "failed to maintain control" of his VW van and struck a tree in the median. He was treated at the scene by Southfield's Life Support Unit and was transported to Botsford Hospital.

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John Carter Cole, director

7:30 pm
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Tues., May 5—1:00 pm
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7:30 pm
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Wed., May 6—1:00 pm
Birmingham Musicale Madrigal Singers in costume singing songs from the 16th and 17th century.
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7:30 pm
Robert Galke's Julie Adams School of Dance, Oak Park, with jazz and tap routines.

Thurs., May 7—1:00 pm
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7:30 pm
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Fri., May 8—8:00 pm
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