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Farmington Calendar

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

June 18. Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers will hold its monthly meeting and potluck dinner to honor secret pals at 11 a.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Members only.

HANDICRAFTERS SALE AND SHOW

Through June 20. A Michigan Handicrafters Sale and Show will be daily from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Oakland Mall Shopping Center, 410 W. 14 Mile, Troy. All items are made by hand-crafted, homebound people. For information call the Department of Education, division of vocational rehabilitation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 22. Farmington Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in Farmington High School, 3200 Shivassee. The monthly curriculum report will be "Secondary Social Studies."

OCCCEO PUBLIC HEARING

June 24. The Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity will hold a public hearing and commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 1 Lafayette, Pontiac, to discuss problems, program desires and objectives, and to get suggestions and ideas from county residents. Records of the meeting will be used to plan the OCCCEO 1971 program.

CLASS REUNION

June 27. The class of 1950 of Farmington High School will hold its 20-year class reunion in the Farmington Elks Club.

OAKLAND COUNTY FAIR

June 24-28. Oakland County will hold its annual fair at the CAI building grounds, 5640 Williams Lake Rd.

Primary Safe For Incumbents

Two relatively unknown Democrats will battle each other for their party's nomination to run against incumbent Raymond L. Baker in the 5th district in the State House of Representatives.

The race between Leonard T. Baruch of Southfield and Howard J. Fried of Walled Lake for the Democratic nomination from the 5th district appears to be the only area contest in August 4 primary.

BAKER, the Farmington Republican, was unopposed with the filing deadline approaching Tuesday afternoon. He is completing his fifth term.

Baruch was defeated by Baker two years ago after taking the Democratic primary. Neither he nor Fried issued statements of their candidacies.

The 5th district includes Farmington, West Bloomfield, Lathrup Village, Keego Harbor and part of Southfield west of Lahser and north of 12 Mile.

**Has Passion
Blinded Critics?**

Isn't it amazing sometimes how small groups of people can be so noticeable amongst huge crowds? A case in point is the North Farmington High School marching band, one group which stands out in a crowd.

The 50 or so musicians making up the Raider marching band were criticized because, after marching in Farmington's Memorial Day Parade, they did not stick around to hear a general's speech at the Monument. Some feel the Raiders showed poor taste and a lack of patriotism.

Editorial

But isn't it strange how their exit from the Monument was observed so quickly? Some 10,000 Farmington residents watched that parade, but when it was over only a small group of about 500 gathered around the Monument to hear the general's speech.

The 500 who stayed amount to 5% of those 10,000 spectators of a few minutes earlier. The Raider marching band represents about 1/2% of that crowd of 10,000. If the Raiders were unpatriotic, cannot the same be said for the 95%?

For some reason, those who choose to leave the North Farmington musicians for leaving immediately after the parade have chosen to ignore the 9,500 Farmington residents who did the same. This seems a bit strange.

By the way, there were two speeches that day - one at the monument and one in the American Legion Hall. The Farmington Enterprise & Observer covered both speeches and is also aware some occurred the meal but did not stick around for the honored military speaker at the banquet.

Protocol is one of the least of our community issues.

EMORY C. DANIELS



OLD NORTH? ... On July 4, 1966, these children from Kendallwood I in Farmington Township entered a float of the Old North Church to depict the hanging of the lanterns. But a book published in 1969 by Hiller Zobel, Harvard lawyer turned historian, includes new evidence the lanterns were hung in Christ's Episcopal Church. But it's not the kids' fault - Paul Revere made the historical boo-boo.

Derby Prize Is LIT Scholarship

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A record number of registrations to compete in the Oakland County Sesquicentennial Soap Box Derby were received from boys throughout Oakland County and from boys living in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, Bay City, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids.

The grand prize is a four-year college scholarship given by Lawrence Institute of Technology.

All boys who have registered to compete in the Chevrolet-sanctioned soap box derby competition are eligible to compete for the scholarship and for \$600 in other prizes, said Gerard Lacer, organizer of the event. All other racers will receive a registration form from Tom Jackson, director of Oakland County Soap Box Derby, 2900 Watkins Lake Rd., Pontiac.

Boys wishing to enter must bring their soap box racers to the Pontiac Mall at Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake Rd. in Pontiac, July 5.

Ellman To Arbitrate

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William N. Ellman, a labor arbitrator of Farmington, has been appointed chairman of an arbitration panel to hear the dispute between the international association of Firefighters Local 431 and the City of Royal Oak.

He was appointed after conducting hearings and mediation by the parties involved failed to result in any settlement. Under a recent state statute providing an effective and binding procedure for the resolution of disputes between police, fire departments, and the municipalities they serve, the arbitration procedure, the decision of the panel is binding on the participants.

Commissioned

Kim DeCourcey of Farmington, a cadet in the ROTC at Central Michigan University, has been commissioned a second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve.

Finishes Olivet

Gregory K. Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snider, 30051 Wicklow, Farmington, was one of 102 graduates to receive the BA degree from Olivet College this month.

Receives Honor

Virginia Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams Parsons of 25345 Ridgewood, Farmington, was recognized for superior achievement on the recent annual Honors Day at Northwood Institute.

Wins Award

Miss Baby J. Brush, of 22945 Manning, Farmington, received the Freshman YWCA Council Award at Butler University's Honor Day program.

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How Churches Helped Gain Nation's Freedom

Legend has it that the lanterns used as signals for Paul Revere's couriers were hung in the steeple of the Old North Church in Boston.

But, actually, the lanterns were hung in the steeple of Christ's Episcopal Church which is still standing in Boston. The confusion about which church was used can be blamed on Revere himself who led early historians to select the Old North Church as the spot.

REVERE, in an account he penned for the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1798, stated the lanterns were hung in the "North Church Steeple."

Only he was actually referring to Christ's Church. Old North Church was pulled down in 1766 by British troops for firewood. Because Christ's Church was the only remaining church in the north end of Boston, the popular nickname of North and Old North was transferred by the townsfolk to Christ's Church.

When Revere wrote in 1798, he was using the "popular verbiage of the times" by calling Christ's "North." Actually, the Old North Church could not have been used because its steeple was stumpy and any lantern hung there could only have been seen a few blocks away.

CHRIST'S was used for three reasons. First, because it had the tallest steeple in Boston.

Second, Revere was familiar with how far you could see from Christ's steeple because

(On July 4 residents of Kendallwood I and Colony Park will once again stage their special Independence Day observance which includes a parade with children acting out the history of the Revolutionary era. This year's theme is, "Massachusetts Bay's contribution to American Independence."

(Today's first in a series of articles examines the contributions of the churches in Boston to American Independence. Maybe parades can garner an idea for an entry from this and future articles. If not, it is hoped reading about our past will prove interesting to our readers.)

as a boy he had a part-time job as a bell-ringer for that same church.

Third, and most important, was the fact that the person who had the key to Christ's Church, Robert Newman, 23 years old when he hung the lanterns, had keys because he worked part-time as a sexton with his brother as organist.

Hanging of the lanterns was made popular by Longfellow's poetic account of Revere's ride (quite an inaccurate one by the way) but contributions of Boston churches to independence were held great and long discussions on policies, current events, local scandals and doctrine.

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In fact, the Sunday after the Boston Massacre a blistering sermon was delivered in Old North by the Rev. John Lathrop. Using Genesis 3:10 as a text, Rev. Lathrop exhorted the British Lobsters (troops) after the congregations were finally dismissed.

Churches in colonial days were hotbeds of sedition - especially in Boston. In fact, the Puritans of New England referred to their churches as "meeting houses."

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Thus, if a small incident

occurred somewhere in Boston between a Puritan and a thief or ruffian, a crowd could quickly assemble to that spot by tolling the bells of a church in that locality. Boston radicals fermenting unrest often relied on church bells to obtain an instant mob.

You might be interested to know Christ's Church had eight bells, the largest weighing 1,545 pounds and the smallest 620 pounds. One of the bells was cracked and recast by Revere. Revere's recast bell weighed 2,437 pounds and still hangs today.

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