



REVERE'S MESSAGE -- Two young girls of Kendallwood I dressed in colonial uniforms and carried the message of Paul Revere for the 1966 July 4 parade of Kendallwood I and Colony Park. Instructions to those who would receive the message was: "One if by land, two if by sea." If you don't know, a trip to Farmington District Library might be necessary to find out which signal was actually given.

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FARMINGTON
Marine Pfc James H. Ralapaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ralapaugh of 25318 Bayberry, Farmington, is now serving at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Graduates
FARMINGTON
Paul Robert Jossman of 34543 Lytle, Farmington, was awarded a bachelor's degree in commencement exercises this June at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

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NOTICE OF HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET IMPROVEMENT KEMBERTON PARK SUBDIVISION FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP

The Oakland County Road Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed special assessment for the improvement of certain public streets located in Kemberton Park Subdivision, Section 28, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan. This hearing will be held at the Oakland County Auditorium, Court House, Room 1100, 1200 Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan, on the 8th day of July, 1970, at 10:30 A.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Sol D. Lomerson, Chairman
Board of Oakland County Road Commission
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Listen My Children - And Hear The Real Story Of Paul Revere

By EMORY DANIELS

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow made a hero of Paul Revere when he pointed the words "listen my children and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere."

This immortal poem has made Revere famous among school children because of that one ride. But he made many rides and his better contributions were not accomplished on horseback.

Although the poem has a nice ring and easy rhythm as a historical account it is highly inaccurate. Of course, we can't fault Longfellow for this because he did not pretend to be an historian and gave more emphasis to rhyme than reason.

But, because of its great popularity, the poem has caused a lot of myths to exist in the minds of many people not only about that one night in history but about Revere himself.

FIRST OF ALL, the lanterns hung in the church were not a signal to Revere but from Revere.

Revere first obtained the information that the British troops would advance and then passed the word on to Robert Newman who hung the lanterns in the steeple. Revere was in the church himself or on the street when the signal was given.

Chances are he never saw the lanterns. Certainly, he did not have to because he knew what the signal would be before Newman entered the church.

MOST OF US know Revere was not the only rider that night. Some will remember the name of William Daves as a rider who also carried the signal.

But there were three other riders carrying the same warning that night besides Revere and Daves. The other three were Ebenezer Dorr, Joseph Hall and Solomon Brown.

Revere made many other rides for the Sons of Liberty just as dangerous and strenuous as that famous ride in April, 1775.

Adams and Hancock had fled Boston and General Gage had a warrant for their arrest of both. The British troops were heading towards Lexington to confiscate arms collected by the colonists and to arrest Adams and Hancock.

In 1774, the year before, Revere was the official courier for the Massachusetts Provincial Assembly as well as rider for the Sons of Liberty. In May of that year he took a long horseback trip from Boston to Philadelphia to announce the passage of the Intolerable Acts.

REVERE, born in 1735, participated in the French and Indian War as a young man and took part in the capture of Crown Point in 1759. He was a silversmith and

(Leading up to July 4, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer is printing a series of articles examining the period in our nation's history preceding the American Revolution. Today's article is about the things Paul Revere did other than riding a horse.)

engraver and was quite good. Many of his silver-engraved punch bowls displayed in art museums show the delicate touch of a great artist. His silver pieces compare well with the works of other famous artists.

He was a good engraver; in most of his engravings art of historical importance and particularly works of art. Revere also cast a great number of bells and did very well.

BUT IN THE Revolutionary War period, Revere was pressed to find time for his occupation despite, instead, a great deal of his time in radical activities for the Sons of Liberty.

Revere helped lay the plans with Sam Adams, for the Boston Tea Party. In fact, he probably one of the individuals attending the party. History has verified, however, some of Revere's in-laws and cousins were among the participants.

After the Boston Massacre, Revere did two engraving jobs mapping out the incident. His printing in the Boston Gazette was inaccurate and used for propaganda. The second, done for John Adams and

Josiah Quincy, attorneys defending the British troops involved, was used during the trial and was accurate in detail.

Revere designed and printed the first issue of Continental money. He designed and engraved the first official seal for the Continental Congress and the state seal for Massachusetts.

During the war, Revere opened a powder mill at Canton. (That was gun powder he was manufacturing, not cosmetics) Revere opened a copper mill and invented the process for rolling sheet copper.

After the war, Revere opened a factory in Canton to roll sheet copper and make brass castings. In 1799, he assisted Gov. Sam Adams in laying the cornerstone for the new Massachusetts State House.

OUT OF ALL the Sons of Liberty, Revere comes out with the cleanest face. He was generally an errand boy and engraver for the band of radicals.

Although Revere attended planning meetings where radicals mapped out their infamous deeds of destruction, most of the time he was a

hanger-on. He merely rubber-stamped the plans of Sam Adams and took part in the discussions, but was no leader.

Probably the only act of violence Revere participated in was the tea party. But this remains speculation. He has not written any of the radical pieces being distributed and printed in Boston newspapers.

Revere allowed himself to be used because he believed in the cause. If he had talents for writing or speaking, Revere certainly would have played a more active role.

This is not to say his only contribution was as a horse-back rider. Revere was involved with the dissenters but King George was not overly concerned with Paul's involvement.

Tracy Thompson Spends One Semester At Sea

FARMINGTON
Tracy C. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Thompson of 35909 Quakertron Lane, Farmington, has been appointed a member of the Volunteer Enrollment Team for Chapman College's World Campus Afloat program.

A student during the spring 1970 study voyage of the world's only shipboard college program, Miss Thompson is available to tell of her experiences and to show a new, 27-minute, color film, "Semester At Sea" to student, community, civic and social groups.

Miss Thompson was named to the dean's list for work completed during her semester with World Campus Afloat.

She also has available a new brochure-catalog which pictorially and factually describes itineraries, courses, the shipboard campus, in-port projects, student activities, admission requirements, costs and financial aids available for the upcoming fall 1970 and spring 1971 semesters.

Emphasis in fall semesters on Mediterranean and Latin

American studies, and in spring semesters on Asian and African studies.

Beginning in 1965, World Campus Afloat, a unique aspect of the International Studies Division of Chapman College, has conducted two-shipboard study semesters yearly for up to 500 students each semester. Students come from all 50 states and represent as many as 200 colleges and universities. Most students transfer credits earned with World Campus Afloat back to their home institutions.

Home campus for Chapman College, one of California's oldest, private colleges, is in Orange, near Los Angeles.

Interested persons may contact Miss Thompson at 474-4307.

Readers Write Writer Urges Board To Listen To Parents

EDITOR:
Because I was not acknowledged by the chair to speak a second time Monday night, June 22, at the Farmington Board of Education meeting, I am writing to clarify a few points.

When I spoke, I was accused by one of the members of the board of not reading the outline prepared by the committee on sex education. I was later ridiculed for coming to the meeting not knowing what was being done, and of speaking so emotionally to arouse the people.

In answer to these accusations, I wish to state that I had read the outline, and I did know what was in it. It is true that I did refer to a questionnaire handed me as I entered, and this questionnaire was filthy and disgusting. But it was recommended for use by high school students on page 54, of the San Mateo County Family Life Education Teacher's Resource Guide. I referred to that California questionnaire as representing what most probably will develop here in Farmington, if the sex education program is introduced into the public schools.

Sex education courses can be taught in a religious manner, relating to God's laws and the natural law regarding the use of sex; or they can be taught without any guidelines laid down by God or found in natural law.

Remember that the right to educate the child belongs to the parents, and not the Board of Education. The teachers are paid by the parents to teach their children what the parents want them taught.

I was both shocked and amazed after hearing so many sensible people protest the sex education program, to see and hear every member of the board disregard their protests and unanimously pass the resolution to put sex education in the Farmington public schools.

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Fact Or Fable?
Many authorities believe the fabulous unicorn was not actually member of the animal family. Its prototype probably is the one-horned rhinoceros of India.

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SHIAWASSEE EXHIBIT -- Farmington Boy Scout Troop 162, which meets at "Good and Country" exhibit in Expo 70. Shown are Joseph Cicerello (left) and John Cable. (Ever photo)

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