

memory lane

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CARL MUNSHAY, deputy superintendent of the Wayne County Board of Education, addressed a group of Clarenceville District residents Oct. 17 at the dedication of the new Westbrook Elementary School on Osms Street in southern Farmington Township.

"WHAT'S NEW WITH you?" asked an ad for Conner's Market and Food Lockers at 23534 Farmington Road. "Same old thing around here — including the help. Gotta good deal on waxpaper tho. It's on Freshap. That's the kind that's waxed on both sides and it's heavier than usual. This weekend yuh can get 2 rolls of it for 39 c. If yer packing lunches that ain't too much to have around."

OCT. 21, 1964 —

AN HISTORIC building, which served as the West Farmington Public School from 1912 to 1945 and more recently as a grocery store, was gutted by fire at 2 a.m. on Oct. 19. The store, located at 12 Mile and Halsted roads, was operated by Mrs. William Ladd and her daughter, Barbara Kohlman.

MILLIE DAVIDGE was crowned homecoming queen of North Farmington High School during the traditional half-time ceremonies at the Oct. 16 game against Oak Park. The homecoming court included Galsind Steinhauser, Carolyn Kikka, Mary Jo Hopkins, Clover Emmett and Lisa Facknitz. North Farmington blasted Oak Park, 27-6, in the football game.

SHORT ITEM: "It isn't the fear of criticism that bothers people — it's the fear that the critics might be right."

TERRY NIELSON scored a Farmington High School touchdown on a 75-yard pass play. Mike Wilson, but the Falcons dropped a 19-13 decision to East Detroit in another prep football game.

OCT. 21, 1974 —

MARY LOU MASKO, a 5-foot-11 forward, scored 18 points and grabbed 23 rebounds to help Farmington Our Lady of Mercy whip Redford bishop Borgess, 76-46, in Catholic League girls' basketball.

A "MYSTERY TRIP," sponsored by the Women of North Farmington, was scheduled for Nov. 4.

SOME 75 ECOLOGY-MINDED students from Farmington Junior High School gathered on a recent Wednesday to clean up a portion of a branch of the Rouge River, which flows near their school. Student council officers Roberta Shriver, Sue Wayne, Kerri Aldrich and Sherry Accettura were responsible for planning the cleanup. After clearing brush and litter from the river banks, the students returned to their school for refreshments and a volleyball game.

OFFICIALS OF A private school, Farmington Hills Christian, have approached officials of the Farmington School District about leasing the closed Bond Elementary School on 13 Mile. The school was closed to regular classroom use following the defeat of a school millage proposal in August. Parents in the Bond School area, however, have been campaigning to get the school reopened.

SINAL KOSHER salami and Bologna was available for \$1.39 a pound, according to an ad for Mel's Farmers Market at 28930 Northwestern Highway at 12 Mile Road. Also advertised: U.S. No. 1 Michigan potatoes for 6 cents a pound.

FARMINGTON HIGH made it seven-straight cross country victories this season by stopping Livonia Stevenson, 20-41, in an Inter Lakes League meet. Farmington's Al VanMeter finished second in the three-mile race with a time of 15:56."



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Famous gymnasts visit area school

By Neal Haldane
staff writer

With screams and chants of "USA, USA, USA" it sounded a lot like the Olympic Games Monday in the gym at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

The patriotic cheers were delivered to three members of the U.S. gymnastics team who appeared at the school for a local television show.

Gymnasts Bart Conner, Tim Daggett and Tracee Talavera were guests on Channel 7's "Kelly and Company."

The athletes were in the Detroit area to promote an upcoming performance of the "84 Tour of America's Gymnastics Champions" on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Joe Louis Arena.

And if the crowd reaction was any indication, Americans fondly remember the medal-winning efforts of the men's and women's teams in Los Angeles during August.

After performing a routine each in the school gymnasium, the three athletes answered questions from students.

ONE STUDENT asked what the Olympic gym-

nasts are doing now and Conner created quite a commotion when he said "Going to great places like this and meeting great people like you."

When the roar subsided, another student asked when the gymnasts began their training.

"I started when I was 10 years old," Conner said. "at a boy's program at the YMCA. I did a headstand and discovered a little success is a great motivator."

Daggett was asked what it was like to score a perfect 10 in the team competition.

"I didn't know I had a 10," he said. "It was the last routine and all I cared about was winning. I landed and I knew we won. The people were screaming and I looked down and saw a 10 and I knew why they were screaming so loud."

Curiosity finally became too much for one girl when she asked for a hug.

"I can tell why you're so affectionate," Conner said. "It must be the Detroit Tigers."

THAT HUG started the onslaught of requests for embraces and kisses and when the segment was completed, the students mobbed the athletes, just like they would have mobbed a musician asking for

hugs or autographs.

"It's a great feeling that so many people are taking it so well," Daggett said after the gym was cleared and the students hustled off to class. "Everywhere we go the people just go nuts."

With the Olympic fever still present, the gymnasts are trying to keep their sport in the spotlight and encourage young people to try the parallel bars or balance beams.

"I enjoy the traveling because I get to meet a lot of people and promote the sport," Daggett said. "It's a great sport and we'd like to remind people of that."

"Right now is a good time to do things for our sport," Conner said. "We are bringing gymnastics away from L.A., away from TV and closer to the people."

The feeling of winning, patriotism and accomplishment in the Olympics are the memories Daggett said will remain with him for the rest of his life.

"I will treasure the few moments when I was standing on the platform listening to the National Anthem," Daggett said.

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—Bart Conner
gymnast

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