

# FHS Receives High Praise

FARMINGTON Farmington High School passed its latest accreditation check conducted by Dr. Philip H. Schoo, consultant from the University of Michigan Bureau of School Services.

**Versatile** Bob Solomon, starting sophomore forward on Wayne State University's 1970-71 cage team, led WSU's freshman baseball team with a .455 average last spring and was named to the Detroit Baseball Federation All-Star team in his division last summer.

## Spartan Bred

John Ralston, coach of Stanford's 1971 Rose Bowl winning team, is the son of Milo Ralston who earned a baseball manager letter at Michigan State in 1923. His uncle Merle was a Spartan basketball letterman in 1924. John graduated from Norway, Mich., High School.

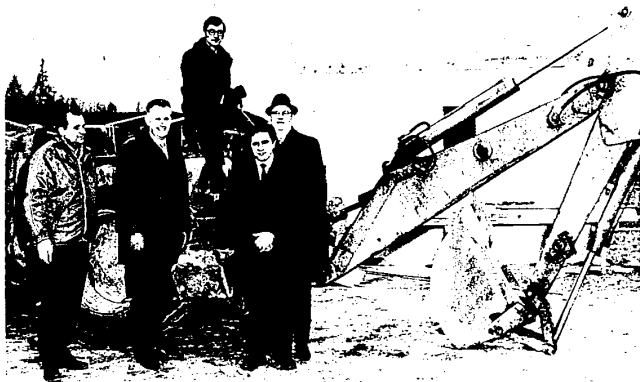
A letter reporting the results of Dr. Schoo's visit contained the following statement: "Farmington High School has a diversified curriculum which offers both college and non-college students the opportunity to receive a well-rounded education. The staff recognizes the strengths and weaknesses of the existing program and is continuing its efforts to offer a program of studies which meets the needs of each student."

"This visitor was truly impressed by all aspects of Farmington High School — its

personnel, student body and curriculum. Every effort should be made to maintain the present quality of this school."

"It is evident that the staff is committed to maintaining a high quality educational program at Farmington High School, and the Board of Education must seek the same commitment from Farmington residents."

"Without adequate financial support, the excellent program at Farmington School cannot be maintained."



**BITING THE DUST**—Longacre principal Walter Jablonski scoops up the first bite of earth for a new addition getting under way at his school building. Two classrooms and a media center will help to accommodate a school population of over 400 that continues to grow

due to construction projects in the surrounding area. Also present for the ground-breaking ceremonies are (from left) building contractor Ray Wallace, Supt. Roderick J. Smith, architect Tom Zoedes, and assistant superintendent Marinus VanAmeyde. (Ever photo)

## County Denies Park Increase

By JACKIE KLEIN

Proposed state legislation seeking to double property taxes for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is being opposed by an Oakland County Legislative committee.

The amendment, soon to be introduced, would hike the park unit tax from one-quarter of a mill (25 cents per \$1,000 equalized valuation) to one-half mill. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' legislative committee voted to recommend that the board oppose the amendment.

William Richards (D-Royal Oak), board chairman said the board has no control over funds for the park authority and has no say in determining how the funds are spent.

"The statute gives the park authority the power to levy a quarter of a mill and charges this to the county's allocated millage," he said. "In order to finance the increased millage, the county would have to cut back other programs," he added.

The current quarter of a mill property tax was voted by the people in 1940. The State Supreme Court has ruled that it must be levied as part of the county's share of allocated millage.

The proposed increase would need another vote of the people but would not increase tax bills if taken from county funds.

Daniel Murphy, chairman of the County Board of Auditors, said by 1976, land values in Oakland County are expected to stabilize and revenues will not increase as

rapidly as they are now. "We're going to need that quarter of a mill," he predicted.

Members of the legislative committee noted that the tax increase would cut into the county operating portion of the statutory 15-mill allocation.

Army Lt. and Mrs. John L. Young Jr., stationed at Fort Knox, announce the birth of son John L. Young III on Jan. 12 at the base hospital. Weight was eight pounds, seven ounces. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. M.B. Dowling of Oakland Avenue and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John L. Young Sr. of Grand Rapids.

The mother is the former Majorie Dowling, a 1965 graduate of Farmington High School. She also attended Central Michigan University.

**WILLIAM CHECKETTS** and his mother, Mrs. Mable Checketts of Oakland Avenue flew to Hawaii for a wonderful 24-week vacation on the islands.

On their return to Arizona, they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Plettenberg, former residents of Maple Avenue. The Plettenbergs make their permanent home in Arizona. Mrs. Checketts and son Bill arrived home in Farmington on Jan. 17.

Rev. Verner Mumolo, for-

mer pastor of the Nardin Park United Methodist Church, is convalescing in the Farmington Rest Home on Folsom Road.

Mrs. Mildred White of Oakland is enjoying an extended visit with her son and family in Bay City. Mildred is missed by her many friends at the Drop-In Center.

Mrs. Fred Billet of Hamilton, Mich., spent several weeks with her sister and brother-in-law, the Harry Pagels of Grand River, during our recent heavy snow storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Konkright Jr. of Redford Township welcomed the birth of daughter Carla Ann Jan. 25 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Weight was eight pounds and seven ounces. She was welcomed by sisters Cheryl and Carol. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Burl Estep of Livonia and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Konkright Sr., also of Livonia.

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Edwin Konkright Jr., gave birth to son Thomas Robert on Jan. 25 in Bokard General Hospital, Farmington. He weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was welcomed home by brother Timothy. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Reaume of Middle Belt Road and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Konkright Sr. of Livonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Newsom of Whittington Street and his brother and wife, the Gene Newsoms, attended a dinner dance for the installation of officers in the Masonic Temple on Jan. 23. Both brothers are Shriners.

**MR. AND MRS. LARRY** Pink of Independence Street and children, Rhonda, Sam, Dana, Tim and Cindy, enjoyed a week's visit in Port Lauderdale, Fla., with Larry's parents.

Mrs. Pink is the former Marlene Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson who live in northern Michigan. Marlene and Larry graduated from Farmington High School.

Mrs. Barbara Houlihan of Barrington, Ill., was a recent visitor at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, the John Mathys of Rockwell St., Farmington.

Sue Everets, who is attending college in Oak Harbor, Wash., enjoyed a visit with relatives here. She, a 1968 graduate of Farmington High, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Everets of Rockwell Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Jarski and children Tony Jr., Pam, Dana and Eric, formerly of Union Lake and Farmington, have moved to North Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ansbigan of Whittington Street enjoyed a recent vacation in Las Vegas while their four sons remained at home with grandma.

**THE JOHN MATHYS** of Rockwell Street recently had a family reunion in their home with son Paul home from Los Angeles where he makes his home, and brother Jerry and wife Helene, and son Jeff here on a visit from Evanston, Ill., and the senior Mathys' daughter, Louise, home from U. of M.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Newsom of Telegraph Road enjoyed several days at Houghton Lake with the Don Newsoms at their cottage, snowmobiling, ice skating and fishing.

Mrs. Lydia Hamlin of Independence Street was pleasantly surprised on her birthday evening on Jan. 31, by the arrival of 17 of her children and grandchildren with a big birthday cake and many lovely gifts.

**MR. AND MRS. GREGG** Newsom of Eight Mile and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Brown of Utica attended the Detroit Auto Show Jan. 23 for a pleasant evening on the town. Leonard Pilka surprised his wife Barbara and family by arriving home from Vietnam (unannounced) after one year of duty over there.

A dinner party was arranged in his honor. Len and Barb are residing with Barbara's parents, the Harry Hamjins, formerly of Farmington and

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**Estate of ERNEST MEINZINGER,**  
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It is Ordered that on April 28, 1971, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or before such hearing file their claims with the clerk of said court, with this Court, and serve a copy upon Director, Alfred E. Meininger, 2222 Beech Street, Dearborn, Michigan.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: February 4, 1971

**EUGENE ARTHUR MOORE,**  
Judge of Probate

Donald C. Deremo, Atty.

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## local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

now of Utica. He will have a 60-day leave before being stationed in the states. Barbara will join him in their own home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Karinen, formerly of Orchard Lake Road for many years, have moved to Higgins Lake where Mrs. Karinen is formerly from. Enjoying their new home, too, are the children, Lynn, Brett and Julie.

Dave Newsom graduated from Wayne State University. Family and friends gathered in his home on Telegraph Road for a small party

Happy birthday to the following: Jeanne Newsom celebrated her 16th birthday on Jan. 25 while her mother Mrs. Gene (Lois) Newsom celebrated Jan. 22 and her uncle, Robert Newsom, Jan. 13. Jeanne is the daughter of the Gene Newsoms of Oakley Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Salsbury, formerly of Glenmore Street and now of Clearwater, Fla., spent a few days in Farmington with relatives and friends. Their daughters Wendy and Jeanne were married in Florida.

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