



POLICE CAGE LEAGUE — Farmington City Public Safety Officer Norman Rose, Police League coordinator, teaches the fundamentals

of going for a jump ball to Mark Burns (left) of 21119 Meadowlark and Paul Fekety of 22466 Tuck. (Evert photo)



JUMP BALL — Two Farmington boys jump for the tipoff as a game begins in the Farmington Police Recreation League. The league was started so young boys can have the chance to mix with policemen out of uniform so both can better understand each other.

City Police Enjoying Youth Cage League

Farmington boys are getting a chance to play organized basketball each Saturday morning under the leadership of the City of Farmington Public Safety Department.

The city police, in conjunction with the City of Farmington recreation program, is sponsoring the Farmington Police League for boys in grades five and six.

LEAGUE coordinator is Officer Norman Rose who organized the program, established the rules, hired the referees and now helps out in coaching.

There are eight teams in the league with about 12 boys on each. The teams meet each Saturday from 8 a.m. until

noon in the gym at Longacre Elementary School. The season started Jan. 9 and the schedule will end March 20. For the first three weeks, the boys met in Farmington Senior High with FHS Varsity Basketball Coach Ray Boyle giving the boys lessons in the fundamental skills of the game.

"THE IDEA of the league was to acquaint young boys with police officers in civilian clothes," says Robert Deadman, public safety director.

"The boys and officers meet weekly, have a good time, and both learn understanding each other better after meeting."

"We hope the boys will learn to respect our officers and not have the idea that a policeman

is only someone who makes arrests and hands out tickets. I consider it very worthwhile to establish relations with these boys at a young age."

Deadman adds the program has been very successful to date with very few dropouts and large numbers of parents showing up to the games as spectators.

THE CITY furnished uniforms for the boys and pays for the referees. Hired referees are college students who play on college varsity basketball teams.

The coaches for the eight teams come from the city and public safety department, from interested parents and from a couple members of the Farmington Senior High varsity basketball team.

Jaycee Musical Tickets On Sale

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The Farmington Area Jaycees announce that tickets are now on sale for its 24th annual musical, this year's presentation entitled "The Case of the Purloined Proprietor" or "Who Heisted Hernandez?"

The musical mystery will be presented in the auditorium of Farmington Senior High on March 18, 19 and 20.

FHS Student Art Honored

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Art students at Farmington High School won recognition in the recent Scholastic Art Awards competition. In the jewelry division, Brad Read received a blue ribbon and two certificates; Curtis Olsen a gold key, Kip Anderson, Mark Shewbridge and Dick McAdams certificates. Holly Orr's graphics print also won a gold key.

In Symphony

James Rogers of 28609 Kendallwood Dr., Farmington Township, was among the musicians participating in the University Symphony Band in concert at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

AS A SLIGHT departure from the two performances usually given, the Jaycees have added the Thursday night date with the student councils of the three Farmington high schools selling tickets.

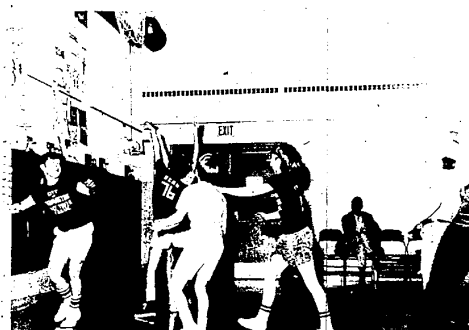
Each student council will keep some of the proceeds from the tickets sold by their respective schools to spend on a school project.

"For some of the Jaycees who have been around many of the past 23 shows, this year's marks a high point in fun and frolic and should not be missed," comments Frank Hill, Farmington Jaycee president.

TICKETS FOR THE Thursday, March 18 performance can be obtained from the three high schools' student council members.

Tickets for the March 19, 20 productions can be purchased from any Farmington Jaycee or at the following locations: Clappison & Conroy Insurance, 3325 Grand River, Farmington; Kwikie Duplacting, 33245 Grand River, Farmington; Godmar Rexall Pharmacy, 23366 Farmington Rd., Farmington; and the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Rd.

All tickets are priced at \$2 per person, as in past years.



UNDER THE BOARDS — Junior high students from Farmington are getting in a lot of basketball play each Saturday at Longacre Elementary School by participating in the Farmington Police Recreation League. The league consists of eight teams, about 12 boys each team, for fifth and sixth grade boys.

3 Stabbed In Brawl

A fight at Eight Mile and St. Francis in Farmington Township ended with three persons stabbed Friday night, Feb. 26.

Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes reports the fight started about 9:15 p.m. on Feb. 26. Stabbed

were: Leslie Chaston, 39, of 21174 Negaunee, Southfield; Robert Cote, 49, of 9436 Stark, Livonia; and Leroy Cote, 35, of 26115 Emmett, Southfield.

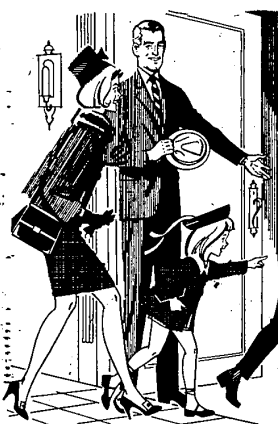
The younger of the Cote brothers was taken in critical condition to Botsford General

Hospital and then transferred to another hospital.

The other two men were taken to Botsford, treated for cuts, and released. The three were stabbed after a scuffle with another person or persons.

The case is still under investigation.

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