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2nd Clark Trial Scheduled

FARMINGTON The manslaughter charge against Dr. Ronald E. Clark, former Farmington Township physician, will reach trial Monday, June 28, in District Recorder's Court.

The case has been assigned to Judge Robert Evans and will be prosecuted by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Avery Weisswasser. Defense attorney is James E. Wells.

Clark is being charged with the March 1967 death of Mrs. Hannah Bowerbank, a Detroit resident and former office manager for Clark's Grand River, Farmington.

Clark is now serving a

sentence in Jackson State Prison after being found guilty of manslaughter for the death of Mrs. Grace Neil of Livonia, the office manager who succeeded Mrs. Bowerbank.

Those receiving subpoenas to testify in the June 28 trial include George Bowerbank of Livonia, a nephew of the deceased, Farmington Township Detective Russell County and Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeples who was a township detective when both Mrs. Neil and Mrs. Bowerbank died.

ATTORNEYS FOR Clark have appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court asking for the doctor to be released from Jackson because his constitutional rights under the 14th amendment were violated during the Grace Neil trial.

The court has been in receipt of briefs filed by Clark's defense attorneys and just recently received the rebuttal briefs from Bruce Leitman, special assistant prosecuting attorney for Oakland County. Clark's pleas for dismissal of the Neil conviction have been denied by the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court.

The appeal claims Clark has been denied due process of law because evidence has been lost by the state and other evidence has been withheld.

Being contended is the prosecutor's refusal to give Clark's attorneys specimens of Mrs. Neil's body, organs and blood for examination by his scientific experts.

LEITMAN contends this request should have been made before the Circuit Court trial concluded and adds that Michigan law does not provide for discovery in criminal cases.

Leitman says the fact that requests for evidence by a defense attorney must be made on the trial level was confirmed by legal opinion made by Appellate Judge T. John Lesinski while hearing Clark's appeal.

"It is the general rule in Michigan that matters not properly preserved for appellate review," states Leitman, adding that Clark was aware the medical records in question were in custody of state officials for six months prior to the circuit trial.

Although Clark has been asking for the return of medical treatment cards taken by police from his office, Leitman says Clark's court conviction had "little if anything to do with non-production of treatment cards."

Clark has claimed that a defense expert, Dr. Roy Aston, examined Mrs. Neil's body and determined that "no sodium pentothal was present in appreciable quantities." Leitman claims, however, that Aston's opinion does not have as factual support in the trial record.

Leitman says Aston was allowed to examine Mrs. Neil's body before the trial but his testimony or findings were not used by the defense in the trial.

In both deaths, Clark is charged with negligently giving an overdose of sodium pentothal (a truth serum) to his patients causing their deaths.

Dunkel Helps Build School In Philippines

FARMINGTON A special presentation of \$1,000 to help build a school in the Philippines highlighted this year's honor assembly at O.E. Dunkel Junior High School, 32800 12 Mile, Farmington.

Representing the social studies department, Gerald Heinz, director, and seventh grader Carey Brooker of 31242 Bycroft presented the check to Ted Cass, regional director of the Peace Corps from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Students in the social studies department spent an entire school year Christmas carolling, sponsoring basketball games, dances and many other activities to raise the money for "A School for Maria." Heinz said about 12,000 one-room schools have been built through the Peace Corps school partnership program in which Dunkel participates.

AWARD WINNERS at the honors assembly were James Fredericks of 29921 Valley Side Drive, Farmington, who earned the O.E.D. boy's fitness award.

He was a starting end on the school's unbeaten football team, team leader in "just about everything" in basketball and record setter in scoring and rebounding, and a member of the track team. He maintained straight 'A's' in physical education class.

The girls' fitness award went to Diane McCallum of 32971 Thornhyke, Farmington. She set three new track records and is also a state champion gymnast. The Bernard McCraith award for outstanding academic achievement was presented to Sharon Ehlers of

28244 Peppermill, Farmington. Sharon attained a 3.88 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 during her three years at Dunkel.

Band scholarship awards were presented to seven students. Scholarships of merit went to Cynthia Leistikow, 26166 Bayberry; Tom Benesh, 29089 Kendallwood; and Craig Roshak, of 29947 Fernhill, all of Farmington.

Assistantships were given to Phyllis Hughes, 31940 Nottingham; Pam Stock, 32551 Nottingham; Roberta Shaffer, of 32541 Wayburn W.; and Jeff Starn, 29923 Ravenscroft, Farmington. These students will be attending the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer.

O.E.D. BAND scholarships were awarded to David Hammer, 32979 Thornhyke Ct., Gail Gruenwald, of 26881 Old Homestead; and Betsy Laurie. These scholarships are sponsored all or in part by the combined efforts of the Farmington junior high school bands.

Fractor and Gamble Co. "Crisco award," given to the girl who has performed high quality work throughout the year in home economics, was given to Diane Trathen, of 32442 Sprucewood.

Scholastic art awards went to Patti Page, of 32319 Nottingham, Farmington. She received a certificate award. Michelle Weening, of 32917 Thornhyke Ct., Farmington, received a Gold Key Award for a pen and ink drawing while Richard Jewell, 30037 Fernhill Dr., Farmington, earned a certificate award in oil painting.

Awards also went to Richard Jewell and Michelle Weening for use of various art media and mastering of the most techniques in the ninth grade art of craftsmanship.

Two ninth graders, Susan Ernatt, 29962 Club House and Michael Combes, 32449 Caryn, Farmington, won the American Legion citizenship awards. The awards are given each year to the ninth grade boy and girl who exemplify honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. Students vote on the two winners.

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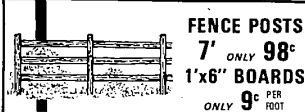
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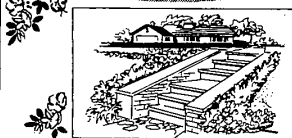
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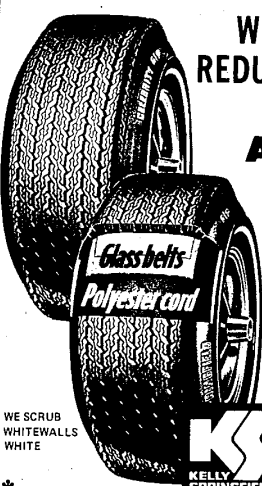
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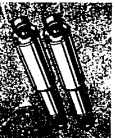
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