



A CERTIFICATE OF HONOR was awarded recently to the Kenbrook Elementary School Band, one of many bands that played in the Memorial Day Parade. VFW Commander Wilfred Puranen, Farmington Post 4033, presented the certificate to Judy Hughes, president of the Kenbrook Band. The occasion was the post's 26th anniversary dinner at the Post Hall. (Evert photo)

Readers Write

Why Can't \$158,555 Surplus Be Used To Fill Mudholes?

EDITOR: It is past time to direct the attention of the Farmington Township Board to the public disgrace existing on Kenwood Street. For six long months this street has been impassable because of a water-filled mudhole just north of Eight Mile.

The township considered this problem last spring and the only action taken was to formally request an estimate from township engineers for a study of a master drainage plan. This may be com-

mendable but it hardly does anything about the flooding of Kenwood. An estimate only, as far as I have been able to determine, ever has moved so much as an ounce of dirt or drained a pint of water!

At that time the township was poor-mouthed as having no money. The audit, however, shows a surplus of \$158,555 in the general fund unexpended as of March 31 and, on the same date, \$417,192 was on deposit in the improvement revolving fund.

Combined, this is \$575,747

compared to \$816,109 revenue from all property taxes during 1970-71. How many thousands of dollars have been expended from the township general fund in the intervening period for paving in subdivisions on a matching basis?

The pat answer of Pontius Pilate and the Farmington Township Board is that we have no responsibility in these matters. But I ask you, how long would the Township Board have permitted an impassable ford to exist on Kendallwood Drive or

Heritage Hills Drive? The Township Board has in the past and does at the present assume responsibility for the township general fund in its fancy as regards public facilities. As an example, consider all subdivision roads paved during the past year in part with public monies from the general fund.

As a solution to this disgraceful problem existing on Kenwood, I suggest that the township immediately take whatever steps are necessary with the Oakland County Road Commission to eliminate this problem and reopen Kenwood for public use. Short of this, the township should consider abandoning this street to the adjacent property owners. In this way the township and the road commission could trade an unusable public mudhole and eyesore for a private cesspool and eyesore which could be policed through the township's Zoning Department.

Many Aided Feasters

EDITOR: Two weeks of planning had preceded Friday, Sept. 28. Anxiously, the staff of the Farmington Area Advisory Council approached the first major public event of their kind in center, called "Someplace Else." With anticipation, the doors of "Someplace Else" were opened for a "Free Feast."

The feast grew from the idea of a young woman who worked very hard to plan, coordinate, and set in motion the evening of free food, laughter, and music. Cooperation and contributions overwhelming came from the people of Farmington.

Young people divided responsibility for cleaning and setting the drop-in center in order for the event. An anonymous donor gave enough food (i.e.: sloppy joe, rolls, salads, cup cakes, etc.) for everyone. Other adult brought cakes, beverages, and drop-in center, called "Someplace Else." With anticipation, the doors of "Someplace Else" were opened for a "Free Feast."

Two radio stations provided advertisement. Local school administrators gave permission for the youths to distribute posters and announcements of the event, which were creatively produced by one of the young men who has been working with the program.

Approximately 90 persons of varying ages and backgrounds came to the "Free Feast"; ate, talked, laughed, sang and seemed to enjoy themselves. For all of this, I am pleased.

To each of the people of Farmington who helped make the evening a success, I wish to sincerely say thank you for the very much for showing that you care.

SCOTT D. MATTHEWS, Director FAAC Special Projects

(The Farmington Enterprise & Observer accepts the unwritten gratitude for its coverage of this event and notes with pride it is being used as a vehicle to thank the two radio stations—editor.)

Rouge Cleaners Thanked

ROUGE RIVER CLEANERS: Through the combined effort of many concerned young adults, teens and children, 25 truckloads of junk and debris had been cleaned from the Rouge River. All who helped in this cleanup, I am sure, can now look at this section of the river with great pride; however, we realize at the same time that this is only the beginning of a continuous program to insure pollution control along the river.

Thank you again for all your help and cooperation that made the Rouge River cleanup the success that it was. We hope you will join us in the next community-wide river clean-up.

MRS. AUGUST BARBRICK, Chairman, Rouge Cleanup

19 Receive National Merit Commendation

Nineteen scholars from Farmington's three high schools have received letters of commendation for high scores on the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. They are among 35,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper two percent of those who are expected to graduate from high school in 1972.

The students from Farmington Senior High are: Sherri Chastain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chastain of 20916 Meadowlark; Charles Cook, son of the Robert Cooks of 21224 Robinwood; Glen McGregor, son of the Richard McGregors of 23625 Warner; Mary Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller of 22794 Warner; and Daniel Rankin, son of the Stuart Rankins of 28771 Johnstown.

Also: Theodore D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith of 28275 Mooney; Gary Sondergaard, son of the Christian Sondergaards of 23051 Tuck Dr.; Gregory Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Steele of 21144 Robinwood; Glynis VanDoorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George VanDoorne of 38342 Old Homestead; and James McDroy, son of the James McDroys of 32215 Valley View.

Six students from Harrison High are: Robert Albertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Albertson of 28101 Wellington;

Bussing: A Few Arguments Which Shouldn't Be Argued

Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

Wasn't it Thoreau who said each man must follow the beat of his own drummer? Anyhow, I find myself opposed to bussing for integration, but disagreeing with most of the reasons given and actions taken by fellow foes.

My bussing position has already been stated editorially but can be summed up by saying bussing would not be necessary if the suburbs were integrated; honest open housing is our real challenge.

welfare of children is, in part, only an academic point because we know nothing of the type of children to be bused.

Bussing for long distances would be a hardship for elementary children, but it is entirely possible that elementary pupils will not be included in bussing plans.

Indeed, it is very probable that only junior and senior high students would be bused and nobody will convince me that a 10-mile stint on a bus is a hardship for secondary students.

ONE THING that irritates me is the call by anti-bussing persons for rallies and school boycotts to "demonstrate" to Judge Roth public opposition to bussing.

If Judge Roth lets one whimper of public opinion affect his ruling, he ought to be impeached on the spot. In this country, the courts rule on the basis of fact and law only, and public sentiment has no place in the thinking of magistrates while interpreting law.

BEFORE MAKING any comments, it should be noted and stressed that the courts have not ordered bussing and the suburbs have not yet been drawn as defendants into the lawsuit being heard by Federal District Judge Stephen Roth.

My opposition to bussing is that it achieves integration only during school hours. It uses children as a ransom to stave off adults, and it delays integrated housing.

The claim that bussing will be injurious to the health or

mington School District is owned by the state. Taxpayers do not own the schools.

It has also been argued that bussing is a threat to the right of citizens to control their own local public schools. This right has never existed.

There is nothing in the state or federal constitutions which gives any rights to local school districts. Local districts are creatures of the state and have no constitutional rights of their own.

The state constitution simply places upon the state the obligation to provide each child with a free, public education and delegates authority for doing so to the Legislature and the State Board of Education.

THUS, ROTH IS entirely correct in the manner he has handled the lawsuit to date.

The decision that segregation exists and must be corrected is a judicial function while the plans to integrate are a legislative function. After having discovered segregation and ordering its correction, Roth

gave to the state board the chance to come up with the legislative plans to remedy the problem.

The historian will remember that when the U.S. Constitution was first written and ratified, no mention was made of public education. It was many years after ratification that public education was born and only after hard fights by such proponents as Thomas Jefferson.

Because the Constitution insists on equality, when public schools were established the educational system fell under the equality provisions.

Because public education did not come first, the Constitution fails to specify requirements for schools. Thus, the courts have had to make numerous interpretations on how the Constitution applies to education.

To trace those rulings is beyond the scope of this column, but it should be agreed that the Constitution's ban on segregated schools by far outweighs the "rights" and "privileges" claimed by suburbanites which have no constitutional basis.

local news

By MARIE LONG GR-4-3114

The delay in having local news items published is due to the fact that I recently underwent major surgery in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. I am now recuperating and will pass on these news items.

Two young men from Farmington have left for San Diego under the buddy system enlistment program for basic training in the Air Cadet Division. They are Robert Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Tucker, and James Robbie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Robbie. Robert, a graduate of North Farmington High School, will serve four years and James will serve three years.

Mrs. Alice Warner Brown of Farmington has returned from overseas after attending the third International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists. She was one of over 300 women from 35 countries attending the seven-day conference.

Before leaving the states, she flew from New York City to New Orleans to see Mrs. Hazel Pland, a former local resident on Grand River in Farmington.

Cities and sites Mrs. Brown visited include: Genoa; a solar power-station at Nervi; the Leaning Tower of Pisa; Florence; the Roman Theater; Sienna; the

chemical plants of Terni; the Vatican Museum; and archeological excavations of Ostia.

FHS Selects Ayn Rand Play

FARMINGTON Audience participation is the byword for Farmington High School's upcoming production of "The Night of January 16th," a three-act comedy-drama by Ayn Rand.

The play, set for 6 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19, centers on a murder trial. The jury will be called by lot from the audience and admission fees for jurors will be refunded.

Kidnapping Foiled, Man Arrested

FARMINGTON A young Detroit man was arrested Oct. 5 by township detectives and charged with kidnapping, felonious assault and entering a home without permission, says Ronald Holko, director of public safety for Farmington Township.

Neil P. Scott, 22, of Detroit, was arraigned Oct. 6 before Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand and stood mute on the kidnapping charge, two felonious assault charges and entering without permission. Bond was set at \$10,000 for all four charges.

Tell Change On Burning

FARMINGTON Permits to burn in Farmington Township will no longer be issued at any of the four township fire stations.

Instead, burning permits will be issued only at the township police station at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake.

The change was announced Thursday morning at the press conference conducted by Ronald Holko, director of public safety.

Holko also commented that residential burglaries have been increasing and will continue to increase from now through the holiday periods.

Holko urged homeowners to cooperate with the police department in its efforts to curb breaking and enterings in subdivisions and residential areas.

Anyone spotting a strange, suspicious automobile driving through their area urged to call police immediately so a patrol car can be dispatched to the area before the motorist leaves, Holko said.

Police have also urged residents to report to them any incident of an individual knocking on their door and then asking for a fictitious person or street.

Admission to "The Night of January 16th" will be \$1 in advance and \$1.50 at the door.

This jury will decide the verdict at the end of the play so the denouement will be a surprise to everyone, actors and audience alike.

The cast includes Seniors Al Vassilakos, Bruce Kennedy, Gail Nymshack, Craig Gugel, Nancy Moffatt, Marcia Cline, Tim Jamison, Claudia Karbon, Rusty Griffin, Greg Steele; Juniors Clay Tinham, Tom Williams, Jan Ingram and Mary Schwartz; and Sophomores Don Coleman, Jim Carmody and Charlie Audette.



TALENTED DOG — Bop, a golden retriever being trained as a guide dog for the blind, captured the attention of the Oakland County leaders of the 1971 Torch Drive at a recent workshop. Edward Lange, kennel manager at Rochester, introduced Bop to (from left) Mrs. Edmund J. Zeglen of Farmington, Mrs. David Stratton of Northville and Mrs. Thomas E. Seavey of Holly. Mrs. Zeglen is chairman of the Farmington, Novi and Lyon area for the drive.

Police Win 9 Trophies

FARMINGTON- Three Farmington Township police officers captured nine trophies recently at the National Police Combat Pistol Championships in Jackson, Miss.

Patrolmen Raymond Marchewitz and Charles Archambeau and Paul Phillips, auxiliary officer, drove to Jackson to represent the township police department in the meet sponsored Oct. 4-7 by the National Rifle Association.

Phillips won four trophies, Archambeau two and Marchewitz one trophy in individual matches. Phillips and Marchewitz combined to win second place in the sharp-shooter class in the two-man team event.

About 500 law enforcement officers, representing almost every state in the nation, entered the competition which consisted of six individual matches, two team matches and a police combat shotgun match.

Thanks Given 'New Faces'

EDITOR: You had such delightful write-ups on the show, "New Faces of 1971" put on by the Farmington youths, that I would like to see a write-up thanking them for their efforts.

The show was a delight. The girls and boys were great and deserve a tremendous amount of thanks for their nine weeks of hard work — some even skipped going on vacation so as to work with the group.

Another thing—the parents always knew where their teens were.

Of course it couldn't have come about without the help of the director, Mrs. A. Miller and the coordinator, Mrs. A. McPherson — they did a terrific job.

I haven't any teens so I'm not one of their mothers.

MRS. E. C. TAYLOR, Farmington