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### Honor Student

Jon Elsen, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. Deane Elsen, 2842 West 8 Mile Road, was named to the dean's scholastic honor roll for the second grade month of the first semester at Kemper Military School, Boonville, Mo., according to an announcement from the office of Col. F. J. Marston, dean.

## Farmington High School News

Material for this column is prepared by members of the Farmington High School Journalism Class.

### Third Year Spanish Class Proposed for Next Year

Students now taking Spanish II may be able to enroll in a more advanced Spanish III next fall, if present plans are carried out.

Miss Marjorie Cramer, Spanish and French teacher, said, since Spanish was taught in junior high, many sophomores are now in Spanish II and could easily take Spanish III in their junior year.

Miss Cramer said Spanish III would be informal with more conversation and reading from books of great Spanish authors.

"The language department will draw up the course of study for the class. We hope to have it ready for next fall," Miss Cramer said.

Regarding the other languages, Miss Cramer commented, "Eventually we hope to have three years of French and Latin, but at the present time we are going to experiment with Spanish. It will depend on how well Spanish III is accepted."

Dr. James B. Conant, honorary president of Harvard University, in a speech last week at the Backham Memorial Building said, "Talented students should have a minimum program of four years English, three years of social studies (including two of history), three years of science; four of mathematics and four of a foreign language."

"Some students," he said, "are capable of studying a second foreign language."

Dr. Conant said that his model curriculum might be considered as stiff by critics. He said it would amount to 18 courses with homework in the four year high school span.

"This is not unusual," he explained. "I know of schools where the programs of some academically talented students are even wider."

### Teen Problems Discussion Set

The sociology classes will host an evening discussion of teen problems. The meeting will be held, Tuesday, December 2, 7:30-9:00, in room 118-B.

David Crockett, a social worker, will act as moderator for the evening. Gary Sheridan will act as general chairman in a panel discussion. The purpose of the discussion will be to answer some of the questions a senior might have on various types of teenage problems.

Mrs. Bernice Volmer will combine her sociology classes for this meeting. All the work on the part of the students is strictly voluntary.

Any personal questions sent to her may have been brought to Mr. Crockett's attention in private after the meeting.

Refreshments, including punch and cookies, will be served.

### F.H.S. Band to Go On Hayride Tonight

The Farmington High band is going to have a hayride tonight at Rice's Barn, Eleven Mile and Seely Road. Band members and their dates will meet at 8:30 and go on the hayride. After the hayride everyone will adjourn to Rice's Barn for refreshments.

Mr. Bruce Orr, a teacher of music in Livonia, spoke to FHS students at the last career conference on November 19. He remained in Farmington and conducted the Farmington Senior High and Junior High bands during their rehearsals.

### Guys-Dolls Teen Dance Program Starts Again

The Guys and Dolls Teen Dance program has been reopened with new and lower prices for the dances being offered.

Dances are held each Friday night at the VFW Hall on Seven Mile at Grand River starting at 8:30 and running until 11:30 p.m. Live bands are featured each week with records for dancing being played during intermission.

This Friday some lucky person attending the dance will win a gift certificate.

The teen club, a branch of the Federated Teen Clubs of Detroit, has two rules which are strictly enforced. No one is admitted to these dances wearing blue jeans and no one leaving the dance may enter again the same night. The Redford Twp. Police Dept. is co-operating to keep unobjectionable persons from the property.

Richard Sloop has been re-elected president of the club and his new officers have been elected for activities during the year. Among these activities is a free Christmas dance at which a top band will play and several prizes will be given.

For further information call Richard Sloop at KEenwood 2-1523.

### Botsford PTA

### Many Adults Go Back to School

It was just like being back in school again for the parents of the Botsford School children at the P.T.A. Meeting Thursday, Nov. 20.

Opinionaires regarding Education in Michigan had 110 statements which the parents filled out. Four choices on the statements were possible — strongly agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree and strongly disagree.

These Opinionaires will be checked over by the board and at the January meeting questions related to the opinionaires will be answered for the parents.

On Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Christmas Party for children at Botsford School who will be required to be with their parents or an attending adult.

Parents are asked to help by bringing an Emergency Closet at Botsford School by bringing laundered clothes of suitable use for some unfortunate children. Hats, coats, dresses, sweaters, etc. are accepted. They can be turned in at the Principal's office.

Anyone wishing to attend the Regional Conference at Ann Arbor regarding the above mentioned Opinionaires may do so. Notify Mrs. Kelly at GR. 4-5299 and she'll give you more information. The date is Jan. 17.

### Area Artist to Exhibit Works

The biggest events in the lives of many amateur and professional artists are the times their work is seen and criticized.

Whether the criticism is constructive or destructive seems to make little difference. Apparently they take solace in masters such as Van Gogh, whose work was heartily disliked until several years after his death.

There have been extremely few opportunities in this area for artists and would-be artists to exhibit their creations. This is one of the purposes behind the Farmington Art Exhibit to be held December 9-12 at the Farmington Universalist Church.

The other purpose is to acquaint the residents of this and adjacent communities with the fine creative work being done by their friends and neighbors.

Those interested in exhibiting their work should call Mrs. Arthur Pusey, GR. 4-5299.

The show will be open daily from 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Adams Hall of the Farmington Universalist Church located at Warner and Thomas Streets, Farmington, Michigan.

### CAP Enjoys Social Night

Saturday, November 8, Farmington Squadron of Civil Air Patrol had its social evening.

After meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eirischele, 23381 Wilmar, the squadron proceeded to the Northville theater and saw "The Reluctant Debutante" starring Rex Harrison.

Returning to the Eirischele residence at 9:00 p.m., the cadets danced, played games and enjoyed refreshments.

The senior member present was Squadron Commander, Major Thomas Dickinson along with his wife.

The writer does the most who gives his reader the most knowledge, and takes from him the least time — Sydney Smith

### Announces Candidacy for Oakland County Circuit Judge

James C. Allen, city attorney of Southfield and former mayor of Birmingham, announced last week that he would be a candidate for Oakland County Circuit Judge.

A partner in the law firm of Allen, Haas and Selander, Allen is a lifelong resident of Oakland County.

Like three generations of his forefathers, he has given much of his time since his graduation from the University of Michigan Law School to public service.

Following his admission to the Michigan, Oakland and Wayne County Bar Associations and eight years of private practice, Allen in 1951 was appointed deputy commissioner of the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission then headed by Philip A. Hart. Allen was named commissioner in 1953. He resigned in 1955 to resume his law practice.

In 1953 Allen was elected to the Birmingham City Commission and in 1956 was elected mayor of the city. He was named city attorney of Southfield this year. The 40-year-old father of four is also a director of the Family Service of Oakland County.

The candidate's father, the late Harry Allen, served as president of the Village of Birmingham and was its first mayor when it became a city in 1923. Allen's grandfather had also been village president and his great grandfather was a village trustee.

Allen was raised in Birmingham and graduated from Baldwin High School there in 1936. He received his AB degree from the University of Michigan in 1940 and his law degree in 1943.

While at the University he met Rosemary Aldrich, daughter of retired Prof. Fred Aldrich. They were married in 1944 and have two sons and two daughters, Bill, 13; James Jr., 11; Martha, 11; and Molly, 9. The Allens live at 1108 Maple, Birmingham.

### Democratic Club To Pick Officers

The next monthly meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club will be held Wednesday, December 2, at Farmington Savings and Loan beginning at 8 p.m.

Main item of business will be the election of officers for the coming year. Present officers are: Ted Zukosky, president; Leo P. Meagher, vice-president; Mrs. Eleanor Peterson, secretary; Mrs. Elsie Beck, treasurer; and W. E. Peterson, auditor.

Following the business meeting a social hour will be held with refreshments served.

Newcomers are welcome at these meetings, officials emphasized.



JAMES C. ALLEN

cy for circuit judge, Allen feels the administering of justice and interpreting of laws is more than just knowing what's in the books.

"I believe that since laws are the products of the minds of men, they must be interpreted with compassion and understanding, as well as justice, not with an electronic brain of slide rule."

"Oakland County has been very fortunate in selecting excellent judges over the years, and if I have the opportunity to serve the county again, I will do my best to continue this tradition of law for the people's sake, not law for law's sake," Allen concluded.

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### Awarded Good Conduct Medal

Army Specialist Four Jesse A. Cooke, son of Edwood L. Cooke, 21331 Hamilton Ave., Farmington, recently was awarded the Good Conduct Medal in Augsburg, Germany, while serving with the 54th Infantry.

Specialist Cooke, a driver in the infantry's Headquarters Company, received the decoration for his exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

The 26-year-old soldier, whose wife, Gertraude, is with him in Germany, entered the Army in June 1951 and arrived in Europe in March 1955.

### Hammondaires To Meet Dec. 2

The December meeting of the Hammondaires will be held at Grinnell's Grand River store in the auditorium on Tuesday evening, December 2, at 8 p.m.

A Christmas program is being arranged, this being the last meeting of the group before Christmas. All members are urged to attend and bring a friend.

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**Singing With Don Large Chorus on WJR**

"It is fun singing with the Don Large Chorus, and I also learn a lot about music," said Louise Lind, sophomore, who sings each Saturday over WJR on "Make Way for Youth."

The chorus is a select group of 50 voices. The program is broadcast coast to coast over the C.B.S. network and is also on the "Voice of America" program and to the G.I.s overseas.

The choir members are of young people of high school and college age. Don Large, the director also arranges all the choir's selections. There are also several small groups, mostly trios. Solos are sung frequently but by only very talented members.

Requirements of the group are strict. After you have made arrangements to have an audition and if you have a voice that qualifies for the chorus you are sent to a music clinic, which Louise attended one night. Your opportunity for getting in the chorus is slim, unless you have improved during the period of study.

Although a member of this hard working group, Louise still finds time for extra activities, such as Student Council, Future Nurses' Club and Girls' Club during the Farmington Senior Club, of which she is president, during their rehearsals.

It is a far cry from the scene of the first Thanksgiving to the festive tables in modern, streamlined homes at which we celebrate the holiday today. But, basic to the proper observance of the Day is the same spirit of devout thankfulness for the blessings vouchsafed to us by a Divine Providence . . . the same steadfast dedication to maintaining those freedoms for which the founders of our country braved the hazards of the New World.

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