

Farmington's Castle Transformed From Gambling Den to Cozy Home

Ten years ago the Sylvan Broadman family was house hunting. After a fourteen month search Dr. Broadman received an advertisement for an unusual house in the mail. It sounded so outlandish and so far from what the family was seeking Dr. Broadman took it home to show his wife, Margaret, as a joke.

His wife, however, had a different idea about the house described. She was curious and liked the idea so she called and made an appointment to see it.

She returned home raving about the edifice located in Farmington Township. The end result was that the Broadmans made an offer on the home, and soon they moved into what they named "Hilltop Castle" on Middlebelt and 11 Mile Rd. in the Township.

The house, which was built in 1938, looked in the words of Dr. Broadman "like a haunted house" at the time. It was originally built by an engineer, Howard Yoder, of the Penberthy Injector Corp. Yoder saw the building on a trip to England and reproduced it when he returned to America. "The Castle" is actually a replica of a Nuremberg Castle in Germany.

It was sold in 1959 to another party. On Oct. 18, 1952 the house was raided as a gambling den. This caused a small problem for the Broadmans when they moved in as people would frequently knock on their front door and ask where the "gambling den" was.

"Mrs. Broadman was discouraged and wanted to sell the house and give up the whole idea. Dr. Broadman, however, said that he had put too much work into the house to let it go. The couple did strike a compromise on the matter though. They agreed to wait five years and if the still wanted to sell the house then he would agree. At the end of five years the house was such a comfortable and pleasant spot to live that the family decided to stay.

This decision has been fine with the three Broadman children, Evan, 17, Howard, 14, and Alfred, 10.

Eva, who graduates this January from Farmington High School and plans to attend Michigan State University, summed up her feelings when she said the house was "interesting" to live in, because it is "different from everyone else." She said that her friends enjoy the house also.

A qualified endorsement to castle living was given by son Howard who is Student Council President at Farmington East



THE BROADMANS—Sylvan, Alfred, Margaret, Eva, and Howard pass on the circular staircase which dominates the

Junior High. He said that he likes living in the house "now," but that "we first moved in I didn't like it because there was no one to play with."

Alfred likes the size of the house and the rooms because "there is lots of room to play in." He attends the City and Country Day School.

The entire Broadman family seems to be guided by the motto inscribed in the ceiling of their oval shaped library located in the turret of the building, "Through seas of Knowledge We Our Course Advance — Discovering Still New Worlds of Ignorance."

Dr. Broadman is a man of many hobbies. He has a fully equipped workshop in which he repairs watches and his collection of antique watches is extensive.

Mrs. Broadman collects antiques. Her house is tastefully furnished with them and this adds to overall charm of the home. In addition to her antique interest Mrs. Broadman sews and makes tapestries. An example of this hobby is displayed on the stair railing of the Broadman's large circular staircase in the main hallway.

Dr. Broadman is a member of the Michigan Legislature commending her for her work as a "Youth for Understanding."

As already explained Howard has taken, and is taking, an active part in student government at Farmington East Junior High. His room displays his collection of ship models, unusual fish and rare coins. Ten-year-old Alfred plays to piano and drums and is in the process of learning how to play the clarinet.

One work that describes the house "elegantly." It is a blend of the old and the new. In other words the Broadmans have succeeded in installing all the modern charm and conveniences in the house while still retaining the charm and atmosphere of the old.

From the sunken tub in the bathroom (the top floor of the turret) to modern up-to-date kitchen (furnished in an early American design) it is truly a "Castle."

"THIS SIGN GUARDS THE Entrance to Farmington Township's Hilltop Castle."

ing den, its turret rooms and unique architectural design now houses a Farmington doctor and his family.

69 Graduate From Farmington Baby-Sitting Clinic

Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary held a very successful baby-sitting clinic—"Parents by the Hour" in 1964. The clinic, which concluded after six successive sessions, graduated all of its 69 participating students. Certificates of graduation were awarded during the final session as refreshments, prepared by the auxiliary members, were served.

An expression of gratitude is conveyed to everyone who participated in making "Parents by the Hour" a success. Special thanks to Mrs. Ralph Yoder, registered nurse and Mrs. Ralph Parnin, wife of the present Jaycee President for handling the "First Aid Program."

Dr. Mrs. Robert Witt of Farmington and Mrs. Frank Clapperton, registered nurse, Farmington, for conducting the "Child Care" session. To Mrs. Christy of Farmington and Officer William Kelley of the Farmington Township Police Department for their message on "Safety in the Home."

To Mrs. Tom Oliver, first grade teacher at Middlebelt School, Mrs. Jean Ralph, Principal of the Ten Mile School, Mrs. Byron Oliver, third grade teacher at Middlebelt School, and Miss Pat Oliver, Farmington High School student, for their participation in the "Panel Discussion."

To Dr. Edwin Blumberg, local physician, for his demonstration on "Artificial Respiration."

To Mrs. Charles Boston of the Motor City Chorus, who was heard by an appreciative audience recently at the Farmington Junior High.

Highlight of the program was "Mississippi Mudd" which helped the group take top honors in the Michigan Regional Competition. And they showed wit as well as harmony. The children, as well as the group, enjoyed the road-wit of these men, as well as the program.

The program took the place of the regular January meeting of the Ten Mile PTA.

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key to D. Keith Deacon, the Branch Manager. From left to right: Guard Bill Kirchin, Bonnie Cookson, Tom Collins, and John Newbury. Vice President David Barry, Manager Deacon, Mrs. Deacon, Tom Trotman, and Dave Blery.

THE NEWLY OPENED Woodreck Farms branch of the Manufacturers Bank (Northwestern Highway and Inkster Rd.) held an open house on Feb. 8. Bank President Roland A. Newbury is pictured above, handing a silver

Farmington, Socially Speaking

Jerry Wendt

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A TRUE SURPRISE PARTY was the one given by Lee Bem, Corkey MacClaren, and Jackie Wetsch for Chris Lendin of North Kimberly. Learning that there would be the patter of little feet around the Lendin home in April, they put their heads together, decided to give a bang-up shower to the Bem home in Old Homestead.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE... you'd better believe it, because in walked the guest of honor, sheathed in the guests. There had been a mix-up in the time and the hostesses were on the receiving end of the surprise! It turned out to be a fun affair with guests competing for many prizes with the new game, called "Roll the Dice." Winner of the grand prize, a telephone, was Glen Stano. After the party, the men arrived to pick up their wives, remained for coffee and a visit.

SUBDIVISION, LIVONIA, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE... will be an elegant affair at the Raleigh House on Friday, Feb. 12. It will be \$12.75 a couple.

RITA BELL'S STAIRWAY... had as guest stars Stafford Preston 15, and Raymond Karbell, 17. They played a twin piano duet on Saturday, Feb. 12. It will be \$12.75 a couple.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MATTHEW HAIGH who was 10 on Saturday, Feb. 6. He will celebrate by attending "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad" with his guests. Among them were Bobby Douglas, Steven Haines, John Rowe.

FOREST PARK GARDEN CLUB... will meet Feb. 16 at 8:00 at the home of Pink Phillips on Leyte. Guests will be two foreign exchange students, Clinton Starr from Australia, and Jill McElroy of Brazil. Jill will show slides of Brazil. Chairman Rita Credele wants to remind all members to bring their plants to beautify the Blvd. at entrance. Tickets for the show at Cobo Hall will also be available members for \$3.85 and the funds of the \$1.50 at the door.

FUNNY FASHION SHOW... is the intriguing title of the couples party that Price of Peace Lutheran Church will have for its members on Feb. 12 at the church hall. It will be at 8:00. Refreshments will be served.

DIXIE OTT of Lincolnshire Estates decided a nice way for her new neighbor Mrs. Bill Sullivan to meet the neighborhood would be to have a coffee. On Friday some of the neighbors came over to welcome Mrs. Sullivan. Calorics were flown to the winds as the group enjoyed home made rolls, pastries, and a delicious known as Friendship Cookies.

THE BOWMAN FAMILY... Grace, Fred, and children are going to ski in Potosky this weekend. They will be staying at Harbor Inn.

GALLI COPPER... will be chairman of the Garden Therapy Group which will make the pretty valentines for handicapped children to take home. They will take a paper

plate, poke holes in it. Then take a small medicine bottle, and lace it to the plate with red yarn. Decorate with red construction paper hearts. Place ivy in bottle and lo and behold, a living valentine.

CEIL AND JOHN HOSKING... will host a gay cocktail party before the Kendallwood Swimming Club party on Sat., Feb. 13. Meeting at their home for drinks on to Plum Hollow will be Mary and Bill Lowery, Chris and John Hollins, Joan and Don Patrick, Pete and Jan Kollins, John and Charlene Heidman, Faye and Jim Craigie.

FARMINGTON WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED... in the Michigan Horticultural Show at Cobo Hall Feb. 20 thru 28. The show will be titled "Full Circle" and will feature flower arrangements. The name is derived from the full circle of the zodiac and the show sky and sea. Great interest will be shown in the entries from the Hill and Dale Garden Society.

HILL AND DALE... won the award last year for having the most entries that won blue ribbons. Good luck to you again this year. Mrs. Kathy Ziska and Mrs. Richard Steiger will be in charge of the entries. Betty Brown, chairman of the hillside garden society, will direct the Farmington Garden Club entries. Mrs. John Seerist will be hostess for the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Hilda and Don Niven of Ridgewood Drive, Sunday they will receive 75 guests to their 25th wedding anniversary. Best wishes for many more happy years.

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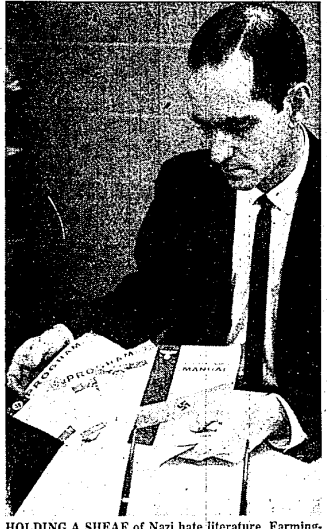
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HOLDING A SHEAF of Nazi hate literature, Farmington Police Chief Maurice Roberts exhibits some of the propaganda anti-Negro and anti-Semitic leaflets allegedly traced to Farmington Nazi Party leader Russell Roberts.

North Farmington High School News

By DONNA HUG

Many of us probably can't even remember being particularly fond of February. Many think of it as being the coldest and most unpleasant month of the whole winter. February is a fickle, unreliable, sneaky time of year, sometimes colder than January, sometimes as mild as March. A time of thaws and "unpredictable" freezes, of snow, rain, and sleet. But let's look at it in another way, it is a time for many of us to start a new school term, many of which should be better than the last.

Second semester began February 1, leaving exams behind, at least for another 18 weeks or so.

On Wednesday, February 3, at 7 p.m., a North West Suburban Student Council Meeting was held at Farmington High School.

The Student Council held its meeting on Monday, February 1, during 3rd hour. Senior privileges have been one of the main issues discussed at the last few meetings.

After the basketball game with Franklin at home on February 12, a dance dance will be held. The Junior Varsity game starts at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity game starts at 8 p.m.

The Y-Teens annual Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held on February 13, from 8 till 11 p.m., in the school gym. This is the one dance of the year where the girls must do the asking. The dress will be Sadie Hawkins style.

One of North Farmington's honor students, Deborah Mann, was chosen as one of a hundred Michigan youth to attend a United Nations Washington Peace Seminar, from January 23 to January 30.

During the tour the United Nations Building and talked with various speakers about the World Health Organization, present events in the Congo, and the attitude of the Arab nations toward Africa and Human Rights.

Several days were spent in Washington, D.C., touring the Capitol Building, meeting with Senators and Representatives, and visiting Foreign Embassies. The agenda also included a bus tour to Arlington Cemetery and Washington monuments.

council meeting on February 15, due to having a Student Day with Oak Park on February 18 and 19. On Thursday the students, chosen from Student Council, participated in the Exchange Day will travel to Oak Park, while on Friday, Oak Park will be guests of the North Farmington students. A student council meeting will be held last hour on the 18th.

Also on the 19th the French club will hold a bake sale at noon. All funds raised will go in the French club treasury.

There will be an American Field Service dance on Saturday, February 20, at the American Culture Center on Northwestern Highway.

There will also be a North-West Suburban Conference on Saturday, February 20 at Thurston High School.

Sgt. Harrison, Safety Expert, Speaks to Cubs

With actual demonstrations of careless handling of fuses, cleaning fluid, gasoline and aerosol cans, Sgt. Jay Harrison, Farmington Public Safety officer, exhibited ways fires start, at the January meeting of Cub Pack 168.

Using special equipment built for his talk, Sgt. Harrison demonstrated common errors made by householders that often cause fires.

One panel, consisting of a fuse box, lights, and a piece of wire connected to a heating element, showed how an overloaded circuit immediately causes the wire to burst into flame.

Fueling a power mower in operation was demonstrated by Sgt. Harrison, resulting in "popping" a lid that would be an explosion in an actual mower. Other equipment demonstrated how cleaning fluid can travel downstair from the kitchen and be ignited by a pilot light.

First uniform inspection since the Pack was started in October was won by Den 1, which also received the attendance award. Other awards were made to Craig Bevan, silver award; Steven Whaley, gold badge and gold arrow; Carl Brodsky, bear badge; Curtis DeMarco, bear badge and gold arrow; and Lou DeMarco, gold badge and gold arrow.

On Wednesday, January 13 the Seniors of North Farmington elected officers for the Student Government Day which was held on February 3.

The following elected student-assumed their chosen positions for a day and learned the basics of their office.

The results were: Supervisor — Ron Martini, Clerk — John Kraft, Deputy Clerk — Diane Anderson, Treasurer — Bob Lindner, Deputy Treasurer — Dy Ann Davidson, Drain Commissioner — Janet Lam, Zoning Enforcement Officer — Ron Watson, Building Inspector — Terry Sharbach, Chief of Police — Keith Swanton, Township Attorney — Jon Bond, Trustees — Danny Vartanian, Ron Peterson, Lisa Packnitz, and Jim Wrigglesworth. School Board Members — Dan Vartanian, Mark Oemke, Tom Croback, Roger Mingo, Debbie Saundry, Janice Foster, and Jim Jajich. Assessor — Randy Degrow, Consultant Engineer — Mike Maloney, and Planning Consultant — Nancy Chamberlain.

There will be no student



"HILLTOP CASTLE" STANDS AT Eleven Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington Township. A former gam-

By Jerry Wendt

Once again, the League of Women Voters in Farmington is performing a community service. Newsletters to a suburban community frequently criticize the laws under which a suburban community must function. The League is now authoring a booklet which should answer many of these questions entitled, "Know Your Town." Helping write the booklet is the structure of Township Government is Marion Gahagan, of Briar Hills. Marion has a political background few people can equal. Her father was sheriff of Norfolk County, just outside Boston and in those days it was considered a political upheaval. Marion attended many of the meetings and elections with him and learned first-hand many of the problems besetting the local townships. Joe Kennedy was around in those days, but he was not actively in politics, he was be-

When Marion attended Emmanuel College, political science was the natural choice. Then came further study at Harvard University and finally she became one of the few women to be awarded a Master's Degree in Political Science from Harvard University. She left her position as Director of Social Education at Margrove University for marriage to John Gahagan, account executive for the Bloomfield branch of MacManis, John, and Adams advertising agency. Raising five children, Tom, Sarah, Ellen, Steven, and Ann have kept her busy, but now she is able to devote more time to her avocation, politics.

Many questions that face us today had their counterpart in the Massachusetts towns that she saw as child. We had time to ask her several of the most

important ones. "What did the large towns do to prevent being annexed by the small towns?" was our first question. "Incorporation," was the method used to keep the township intact," she replied. This also allowed the townships a metropolitan form of government which allowed them more authority over the roads.

"What about zoning laws," we wondered. "I suppose since Massachusetts was a conservative, they favored uniform zoning." Her answer was surprising. No, the thing that makes the New England towns so fascinating is the difference of their culture. Absolute control over zoning tends to become a form of dictatorship in the hands of the people.

We had many more questions to ask, but we will have to wait until the "Know Your Town" is on the stands. This booklet should be of invaluable help to those of us who live under this form of government.

Farmington Board Approves Contracts For Two Teachers

Two appointments to the teaching staff were approved by the Farmington Board of Education at their regular meeting recently.

Elizabeth L. Grossman, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, will take over the duties of Mrs. Irene Bowerman in the third grade at Longacre Elementary School.

A 1955 Wayne State University graduate, Mary K. Springer, has been assigned to an early elementary grade. She will conduct one of three or four proposed new classrooms next semester which are scheduled to be completed by the increase of students since school opened last September.