

Drummers Should Study Productivity Of Schools

FARMINGTON A Farmington school administrator said last week he was "aghast and appalled and alarmed when, from time to time, I find that the very thing that attracted people to this community is being attacked and destroyed piece by piece by piece."

This response to school critics was made by Asst. Supt. Marjorie Van Ameyde at the last board meeting.

VAN AMEYDE'S off-the-cuff remarks came in the middle of a board meeting which saw the board accepting two federal grants, one for \$2,500 and another for \$50,000 a year for three years.

"While I am not one of those who believe that federal money does not cost us anything, I am one of those who believe that a district such as this should take advantage of it to improve the educational experience of youngsters."

"This afternoon, Don Howell stepped into my office with \$120,000 federal grant in adult education, summer school and other areas."

"Every day of the week, some realtor or some family from outside the district calls and is attracted to this district because of the quality of the school program."

"I have sat here week after week, and month after month, and heard it attacked and have heard the people speak."

VAN AMEYDE added the district is losing some of its excellent leadership, and yet:

"I still hear the drummers beating 'cut out administrators.'"

"My message to you is simply this - that all of these dollars are flowing into the district; the economics of it is important because it saves the local taxpayers some dollars; and the more important factor is that it provides a good education."

"I hope that the teachers here take back the appreciation of this administrative staff and this board for your efforts. I hope that the parents will spread the word into the community so that this system can continue."

"Because the districts that surround us and are near our boundaries and, even those further away, have come to us for consultation, and advice and understanding, with regards to improving programs."

"AND THAT HAS to be because of the dedication and the devotion of the teaching staff and of its administrators. And the continual attrition and cutting back will soon destroy those kinds of efforts because people must have time to do the kinds of things that have been reported here this evening."

That same meeting, the board accepted with regrets the resignation of Ted Cuno as director of special education to take a position elsewhere. Earlier, Joe Nicita had resigned as secondary education director to take a superintendency in Jackson County.



LIBRARY DEDICATION -- Participating in the dedication of the new Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile just east of Farmington Rd. are (from left) Dr. George E. Gullen Jr., president of Wayne State University; Mary F. Allison, library board president; Peter Tarapata and Richard Albyn, principals of Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Corp., which designed the two-story, 38,000-square foot facility.

Library Now Open For 60,000 Residents

FARMINGTON With the cutting of the traditional ribbon by two long-time residents, the Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile in Farmington Township is now open for operation.

Dedication of the \$1.2 million library was attended June 11 by county officials, community leaders, and many local residents.

Wendell Brown and Mary Stoll, with a combined residency in Farmington of more than 50 years, cut the ribbon which officially inaugurated opening of library service to some 60,000 residents in the city and township.

Principal speaker at the ceremony was Dr. George Gullen Jr., president of Wayne State University. He praised the Farmington community for its decision to foster learning for all its residents through the resources of what he described as an "outstanding facility."

Gullen shared the platform with Mrs. Mary Mitchell, director of the library, and Mrs. Mary F. Allison, president of the Farmington Library Board of Trustees, who thanked Farmington area residents for helping the board to complete the library free of debt.

MRS. MITCHELL noted that the library is the realization of a 20-year-old dream.

She described the features of the building which include a "quiet room" for daily use; a multi-purpose room; a 200-seat capacity meeting room complete with stage and audio-visual furnishings; a tiered, carpeted "story hall" section for children; and a 4,500 square foot reading room designed to accommodate any need for future expansion.

Extensive use of architectural concrete has been made, and brick floors have been installed in areas of heavy traffic. Reading rooms and work stations have been carpeted for acoustical control and ease of maintenance.

The new building was designed by Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Corp., the Bloomfield Hills-based firm of architects, engineers and planners.

Freeman Darling, Inc. of Livonia was building contractor for the two-story, 38,000 square foot structure which has a capacity for 250,000 volumes.

Local News

By MARIE LONG
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Mr. and Mrs. David Rowe, formerly of Farmington, announce the birth of daughter Kimberly Susan in Hutzel Hospital, Detroit. She weighed eight pounds, one ounce. She was welcomed home by brother Philip, maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beggs of Detroit and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rowe of Detroit.

DR. R.J. MELDRUM of Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington, was in Denver, Colo., last month to receive an award on his graduate thesis in orthodontics.

He received his degree in orthodontics at the University of Montreal last summer and his research thesis was awarded highest honors by the American Assoc. of Orthodontists. His paper won over all entries from the U.S. and Canada.

While in Denver, he presented his work in a talk illustrated with slides showing his research with jaw growth in monkeys. Dr. Meldrum and wife live in Farmington where he is establishing a practice. He is also teaching at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Donald Youngs, formerly Miss Pat Brown of Farmington, would like to hear from 1953 graduates of Farmington Senior High. Mrs. Young who lives in Tawas City, Mich., says she has heard from only a couple of the 103 graduates that year and is very interested in what has happened to her classmates. Her address is Mrs. Donald Youngs, R. 1 Box 53, Tawas City, Mich. 48763.

A Mini-Mall is now being prepared in the old Farmington State Bank Building corner of Grand River and Farmington Rd.

It will contain a health food store run by Mr. and Mrs. Roche, daughter and son-in-law of the former Gene Buck who was employed by the Farmington Bakery for 17 years. There will also be a gift shop and flower shop.

It will be a welcome addition to Farmington because the old bank building was in a sad state of repair and the city needed something new on that particular corner to perk it up.

WHAT A nice surprise to have Francis and Gule Langthorne, formerly of Farmington and Redford but now living in Beverly Hills, Fla., drop by Sunday to say hello.

They are spending three weeks visiting many of their old friends and are staying with their daughter, Joanne, and son-in-law, Dr. Frank Quinn, and grandchild in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross of Alta Loma, Farmington, spent two weeks recently in Puerto Rico, Le Boleme, Jamaica, Port of Spain, Haiti.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens of Largo, Fla., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. James Morrone, Sr. of Roskill, Farmington. Mrs. Stevens is Morrone's sister. They attended the wedding of their nephew, Dr. Garon Klepac.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gilson of Floral attended the graduation exercises of their oldest granddaughter, Linda Jett, from Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, Mich.



PROPER BACKGROUND GRIP -- Mrs. Nancy Johnson demonstrates the proper backhand grip for effective tennis play. She will be the instructor for tennis classes offered by the Farmington Community Center beginning June 26. (Evert photo)

Tennis Instruction Popular At Center

Because of popular demand for tennis instruction, the Farmington Community Center has persuaded Mrs. Nancy Johnson to teach three evening classes in addition to those originally scheduled.

There will be a beginners class for adults and young persons, 15 years and older, from 5-6 p.m.; a beginners class for youth up to 15, from 6-7 p.m.; and an intermediate-advanced skills class for adults and teens from 7-8 p.m.

These classes will meet three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, for three weeks beginning June 26. Charge for the nine sessions is \$18.

All beginning classes will have their first meeting in the Center at 24705 Farmington Rd. and will hold future sessions on the Harrison High School courts.

All intermediate-advanced classes will go directly to the Harrison courts, with tennis racquets and balls, ready to play.

Because of the demand for beginners classes, the Center has also changed its announced second session, which starts July 18, to include three beginner classes. To avoid disappointment, persons interested in the July classes should register at the Center as soon as possible.

IN ADDITION to tennis, the Center is offering an outstanding program in art this summer.

Mrs. Mary Zrodowski, who comes highly recommended as a new talent to the Center staff, is billed as a serious artist and excellent teacher.

Her first classes in fine arts, beginning June 26, will run three days a week for three weeks, giving students an opportunity to concentrate on drawing from nature, still life, figure or oil.

The 9-10:30 a.m. class is for children 8-11, and the 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. class is for junior and senior high students.

Mrs. Zrodowski's July art classes will emphasize crafts-sculptures in clay, metal and wood, mobiles and popper. If students desire it, work will also be done in fibers such as needlepoint, macrame, stitchery. Both classes of nine sessions each will have a \$24 fee which includes materials.

CHILDREN 5-8 years will enjoy Mrs. Karyl Hill's creative art construction classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sandcasting, mosaics, plaster and wood creations, formed glass, tie dying and print making will be among the media explored. Cost of \$16 for six sessions includes materials.

Landscape painting with Marvin Beerbohn is one of summer time's pleasures for painters. Classes begin June 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a \$25 fee covering six sessions.

Other popular classes include: sewing for teens and adults; guitar; karate; tap dancing; and story time for tots. Two new classes are a chess school for young teens, which will conclude with a fashion show, and a class on bicycle maintenance and repair which should save cyclists and their parents a lot of time, inconvenience, and money.

These classes also start the week of June 26 and registration is in progress at the Center.

74 Competed In Tennis Tourney

Farmington Area Jaycees junior tennis program was concluded last weekend with 74 youths participating.

The tourney was held on the tennis courts of Harrison High School under the direction of Bob Hinchson, tournament director. Co-Chairman was Worth Robbins of the Jaycees.

Hinchson says the 74 who participated ranged in age from 11 to 18.

Trophies were awarded to the following boys: 18-17, Erik Rogind, first; Tom Maurer, second; 16-15, Miles Bentley, first; David Hayes, second; 14 and under, Paul Rogind, first, and Ray Fox, second.

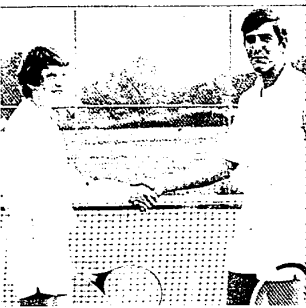
First place trophies awarded in the girls' competition were: 18-17, Denise Ramsey; 16-15, Sarah Bentley; and 14 and under, Betty Spreen.

Trophy winners in the 18 and under, and 16 and under divisions will compete the weekend of June 24 in Muskegon in the Michigan Jaycees junior tennis tournament.

Besides the trophies, the Jaycees presented plaques to Ginny Myers, Tony Myers and Joyce Ortwine for contributing their time as instructors for the tennis clinics preceding the tournament.

Carl Budde, owner of Budde's Sport Shop in Farmington, supplied tennis balls for the tourney and is sponsoring the entries to the state tourney.

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wood creek farms

By ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA 6-6335

Saturday morning of Family Fun Day looked very bleak but, in spite of very threatening skies in the morning, the afternoon was sunny and warm.

Between 225 and 250 heard the train go by and went to the McGraths for a delightful few hours. Lee Orman is to be congratulated on her fine organization of the train, the children enjoyed riding, and the clown who delighted them.

Malca Wechler was in

charge of the delicious food they enjoyed. And thanks to Carol Mesenbrink, Roland Stock, Pat deCook, the Hageburgs, and the Milbergers for their help in making this such a happy event. Of course, the clean up committee is due its full share of thanks.

ANN HUSTON had a most interesting program for the Women's Association on June 6. Twenty-two went to the Adams Castle, 900 Castle Drive, Bloomfield.

This castle has an interesting history. A man who had made a lot of money in the "Roaring 20s" had built for himself a small scale castle. Unfortunately, he and his family were able to enjoy it for a couple years because he lost all his money in the stock market crash of 1929.

About eight years ago, the Stevens bought this property and have restored it putting in new wiring, plumbing and heating, etc. In addition to the usual rooms on the ground floor, there are nine bedrooms and nine baths upstairs. It was a very interesting trip. The Stevens are a retired couple who maintain the castle and allow groups to tour it.

THE NEW OFFICERS of the Wood Creek Women's Association for the ensuing year are: president, Wilma Siefel; vice-president, Gerry Kiglar; secretary, Helen Sly; treasurer, Joanne Owen; and program chairman, Ann Huston.