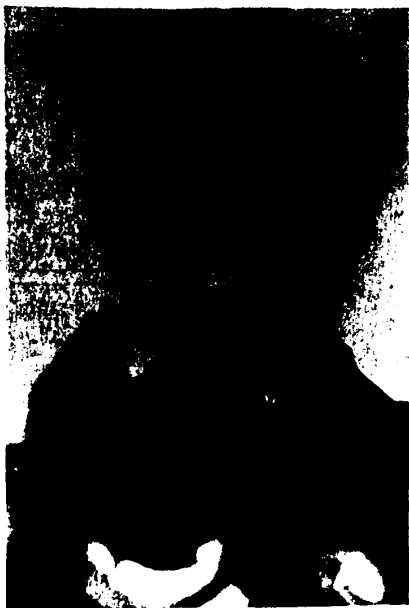




Summer in the Park

The three concert-a-week series called "Summer in the Park" is in full swing now and will run through Aug. 10 in Shawwassee Park. Richard Cardaccia, a member of the Farmington Community Band, led the series off in June and will be back for more summer performances. The Farmington Community Band is scheduled to perform on Tuesday, July 1. The Farmington Community Jazz Band plays on Thursday, July 10. The concert band returns on Thursday, July 17 and Friday, July 25. The jazz band makes another appearance on Saturday, July 26. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman.)

Farmington AAUW starts book drive

The hubbub down in the basement of the Farmington Community Library is the sorting, marking, and pricing of used books being collected for the Farmington American Association of Univer-

Impact study says

New drain would stop floods

The proposed Perrick Drain will provide protection against flooding hazards, according to a final environmental impact statement on the project.

The statement prepared for the Oakland County Drain Board by Hubbell, Roth and Clark Inc., consulting engineers, says the proposed facility will be able to handle runoff from 10 year storms — storms which hit no more than once every 10 years.

The drainage district lies within Southfield, Farmington Hills and Franklin. All construction will be in Southfield.

"The improved facility will provide capacity to receive flow from tributary drains needed to complete the drainage system within the district," according to the environmental impact statement.

"The facility will discharge to the River Rouge south of the 14th-Northwestern Highway interchange."

THE PERRICK Drain and its proposed branches, the Nowak and Peterson drains, are part of a 21-drain master plan drawn up for Southfield six years ago.

According to the statement, the projects will eliminate unsightly and hazardous conditions, support present zoning and land use planning in the drainage district and bring nearer to completion the established utility system.

"Some unusual plant life will be disturbed or eliminated because of improved drainage and construction. Reduced flow of water through Lake Genshens and the stream above it will adversely affect the environment and esthetics of the area. But further development of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be facilitated."

TWO ALTERNATE projects considered would present hazardous conditions in retention ponds, create breeding grounds for insects and require ex-

tensive maintenance, according to engineering consultants.

"The alternative of taking no action was also considered," the impact statement says. "This would maintain present problems of inadequate drainage, flooding, road maintenance and difficulties in using the land as currently zoned."

The proposed project was initiated by the Oakland County Drain Commissioner acting on petitions by the Southfield City Council and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The recommended project is primarily an enclosed drainage system which will parallel the central line of the existing natural drainage system in the area, according to the impact statement.

"The project was initiated to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public," the statement says. "This purpose is met by providing protection against the hazards of flooding lands, buildings and roads."

"THE FACILITY will eliminate or reduce excessively deep ditches and ponds of water. The protection provided by such projects in southeastern Michigan is historically against flooding."

The drain will provide capacity for other tributary drains and flow from parts of communities upstream from Southfield — Franklin and Farmington Hills, engineers maintain.

"The tributary drains proposed for future construction in Southfield will complete the system in this part of the city, providing solutions to drainage problems," according to the statement.

"The outlets available to Franklin at its south limit into the Perrick Drain and its tributaries will allow the village the option of extending improved drains if problems occur. The

drain will allow construction of local storm sewers for site and road drainage."

THE AREA of Southfield within the drainage district was divided into small parcels before the city was chartered in 1958. They were occupied by single-family homes. Sanitary sewage disposal was provided by individual septic tanks and wells, and storm drainage was provided by a natural drain system.

Since Southfield became a city, groups of small parcels have been consolidated under single ownerships and have been developed for more intense uses. Construction of the I-496-Northwestern Highway interchange included some improved drainage in the area.

Plans are being drawn for the Peterson Drain to serve an area bounded by Inkster, Northwestern Highway and I-496. It will discharge to the Perrick Drain.

According to engineers, flooding along Lockside Road between Twelve Mile Road and Northwestern Highway has been aggravated by storm water discharge from developments along Telegraph Road to the east.

Factors considered in choosing whether the drain should be open or enclosed by tunneling were capacity and service, flexibility of design, maintenance, safety, construction costs, appearance of the finished drain and conditions under which the drain is to be built.

Engineers opted for the tunnel construction as the best method.

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sity Women's upcoming fall book sale.

It will be the 22nd annual sale for the local chapter of the AAUW, set for Sept. 25-28 in the Livonia Mall.

As in past years, proceeds from the sale help further the association's Fellowship Fund for talented and qualified students; for the support of the Farmington Community Library; and for local scholarships.

This year, the branch will provide tuition scholarships at Oakland University for mature students with family responsibilities who have experienced interruptions in their education for the baccalaureate degree.

TWO COLLECTION barrels, both appropriately marked, have been placed in the Farmington area for those who wish to donate

books to the sale. One is at Wrigleys Market on Thirteen Mile and Orchard Lake roads. The other is at the A & P Market on Farmington Road south of Grand River.

Donated books may be dropped off at the library, on Twelve Mile Road.

Cochairpersons for this year's sale are Nancy Davis of Farmington and Duane Gaston of St. Clairsville. Their committee includes Lucille Rogers, Betty Ritchie, Peg Wright, Tina Seybold, Louise Sherwin, Pat Thompson, Mary Lou White, Stephanie Bury and Mrs. Huffman.

Oakway Symphony opens auditions for 1975-76

The Oakway Symphony Orchestra is opening its auditions for the 1975-76 season. There are openings in the orchestra for all strings, some woodwinds, brass and percussion.

Conductor of the symphony is Francesco DiBlasi and president of the symphony society is Rev. Bertil E. Anderson.

College credits for musicians who are members of the orchestra are given by Madonna College in Livonia, Marygrove College in Detroit, Mercy College in Detroit, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus.

in Farmington, and the University of Detroit.

The orchestra rehearses regularly from September through May at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Harrison High School Auditorium.

It will play a total of 12 concerts through the year, which includes a series of six subscriptions. The concerts will be performed in Birmingham, Farmington, Livonia, Southfield and Redford.

Persons interested in auditioning may write: Oakway Symphony Society, Inc., P. O. Box 171, Farmington, 48034.

Clergymen plot hunger appeal

FARMINGTON—Members of the Farmington Clergy Association, including area ministers, priests and rabbis, will hold their first meeting to organ-

ize a community hunger appeal at 7:30 p.m. Monday (June 23) at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, near Eleven

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