

Sun, Success Shine On Strawberry Fair

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You don't have to live a charmed life to hold a successful Strawberry Festival, of course—but the Franklin Community Association is obviously imbued with all sorts of favorable attributes. Rain stopped and clouds parted, almost on cue, last Sunday afternoon as villagers in droves gathered on the green for the annual event.

Rain or shine, they would have come to hear the Franklin Village band in concert. But the occasion was even more delightful under sunny skies which obliged precisely from 3 to 5 p.m. This year's Strawberry Festival

was topped by the dramatic evidence of earth moving which breaks the way for the actual and long-awaited development of a community recreational center.

MUTE GUESTS at the concert were huge bulldozers and graders, sitting in Sunday silence after a busy week of huffing and puffing.

By next year's festival, there will be tennis courts in play, as well as shuffle board and other games to lend a new dimension to a town which has waited patiently for good things to happen.

Honored guests at the festival were Edmond Webb and Tom Barnes. They were awarded an

honorary membership to the Franklin Community Association; Webb for having been the longest continuing member and Barnes for his many generous contributions of talent and equipment on community projects over the years.

LINDA INGALLIS, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ingalls of Seem, left last week for a summer in Europe. She and her traveling companion, Diana Flajole of Birmingham, will be the guests of Mr. Ingalls' sister, who is on the staff of the State Department stationed in Vienna.

The young travelers are hoping to see unusual places as they go to

Italy, France and Germany with their chaperone.

Westward went Tom and Paula Saponero, teen-age children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saponero of N. Cromwell.

Tom and his sister flew to San Diego, Cal. last week to be on deck for a family wedding in July. Mrs. Saponero will join them shortly for the eight-week holiday which may include a trip to Mexico.

FRANKLIN Village Players elected Mrs. John Baker Jr. and Jack Skeels to serve three-year terms on the board of directors.

An annual meeting Thursday at Farmington Barn culminated their 11th season and honored retiring board members Mrs. Phil Van Dyke and Oliver Garwood.

Players' President Harold Rowe announced that show dates have been scheduled for November and March of the next season and that arrangements to produce plays in the Farmington Barn were being negotiated. Dan Hacker and Richard Caskey were selected to direct the shows.

ADVENTURE is ahead for 17-year-old Mary Gidley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gidley of Seem.

Mary leaves this week as an American Field Service exchange student from Groves High to spend the summer with a family in Oberdorf, Germany. Mary's "adopted" family lives in the Black Forest area and will take her on their vacation trip to Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

Because her German "sister" will still be attending boarding school until July 25, Mary will have the rare opportunity to spend two weeks living at the school also.

THE BEST news this column has to offer this week is the introduction of a new Franklin social correspondent.

After seven happy, news-filled years of filling this space, this writer will turn the documenting of the pulse of the village over to Mrs. Marion Caskey of Applebee Lane.

Your new correspondent is a journalism graduate, mother of four children and a well-known member of the village. She will be delighted to hear about your parties, trips and programs.

Precious stones have been used for medical purposes by all barbarous peoples and, up to a short time ago, even among civilized men. It is said that when Lorenzo di Medici, the fifteenth century ruler of Florence, was dying, his physician tried to save him by giving him a powder of crushed rubies, sapphires and other gems. He was not cured by this costly medicine.

Thorson

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waive the right to trial by jury and "would be ready to try the case before any judge beginning tomorrow morning."

At this point Silverman interrupted and accused Kohl of making a grandstand play. He added that he "would be ready to start any time before judge or jury, but not tomorrow."

Davenport then out the protagonists off and said he did not want any more discussion of the matter.

THORSON'S WIFE, Joan, burst into tears when the jury announced that it could not reach a verdict, and Thorson held his head in his hands.

Reporters questioned the jurors in the hall later and determined that the jurors were 10 to 2 in favor of acquittal.

It was learned that the jurors were actually at 11 to 1 for acquittal when they were released for the night Tuesday. One man then changed his mind Wednesday morning. It was reported.

AT 10:35 A.M. Wednesday the jurors asked the judge if they could ask him a question and Davenport replied no.

"Do you think you can reach a verdict?" Davenport asked.

Jury foreman Edward W. McClaine replied, "I don't think we can ever reach a verdict."

"If you don't we'll have to declare a mistrial," said Davenport. He then sent the jurors back for five more minutes of deliberation.

Kohl then said he did not know whether there had ever been a precedent in such matters but that his client would accept a verdict of 10 members of the jury.

Davenport ruled that he couldn't do it, that this would be "too much of a gamble" for Thorson.

AT THE END of the five minutes, the jury came back in with the announcement that it could not reach a verdict and Davenport declared a mistrial and dismissed the jury.

The judge said he didn't doubt but what the jurors had tried hard enough but just couldn't reach a decision.

Davenport sent the jury home early Tuesday evening after they had informed him they were unable to reach a verdict. The 10 men and 5 women had been discussing the fate of Thorson for almost 11 hours.

JUDGE DAVENPORT said he was sending the jury home because the weather was hot and he didn't want to "tax your endurance."

"There is another day; you will return at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow," Davenport told the group in his nearly deserted courtroom.

Tuesday's deliberations saw the jury come out the bench three times during the day.

The first time they knocked at the jury room door, foreman Edward W. McClaine asked that they be taken to the scene of the murder at 9371 Appoline and also be brought to Bloomfield Township to observe the spot at Quanton and Chesterfield where Thorson had an automobile accident the morning after Mrs. Thomas' body was found.

Judge Davenport denied the request, saying that physical conditions at both locations had changed since the date of the crime 18 months ago.

A SHORT TIME later, McClaine asked the court if the jury might look at photographs taken at the death scene. He also requested permission to examine a blood-stained overcoat taken from Thorson's auto shortly after the crime.

Both requests were granted by Judge Davenport.

Angry voices could be heard coming from the locked jury room throughout the afternoon. As was the case in the first trial, jurors could be seen looking out of the windows at various times during the day.

Shortly before 5 p.m., the jury again came out and McClaine asked Judge Davenport if he might ask the court a question.

THE JUDGE denied the request and asked the foreman if the jury were near a verdict.

"I don't think we can reach a decision," McClaine said.

Before sending the jury back, Davenport quoted from a law book of the duties of a jury under the U.S. court system.



Williams House Supporters

Mrs. Graham John Graham, 2101 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (far right) was hostess at a luncheon for the senior board of Williams House, a Torch Drive agency which is administered by the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Admiring the Graham gardens were board members (left to right)

Mrs. Alfred Douglas of Royal Oak; Mrs. Dean Draper, 297 Barden Road, Bloomfield Hills; and Mrs. George Ransford, 1711 Cedar Hill Drive, Birmingham. Williams House provides supervised home training for teen-aged girls from broken homes or those with disturbing environments.

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