

Veterans Tell Queen Choices

FARMINGTON The Americanism Queen and Miss Liberty Bell for 1970 have been selected and will be shown first to the public in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

AMERICANISM QUEEN 1970 is Kathy Courtney, who was presented Sunday with a dozen red roses and crowned by Sue McArthur, the 1969 queen.

Chosen as Miss Liberty Bell 1970 was Pam Clifford. Both girls will be riding in the Memorial Day and Farmington Founders Festival parades.

The contest, sponsored by Farmington VFW Post 4033, was held April 12 in the VFW

Hall on Orchard Lake Rd. Selection was made by the Americanism chairman, Dean Oumedian, and her committee comprised of post and auxiliary members.

LAST YEAR'S VFW Queen, Miss McArthur, was given a trophy in honor of her year's reign. The Americanism Queen will have a court consisting of Miss Liberty Bell and the Little Liberty Bells who are: Patti Gibbons, Tracey Weatherford, Debra Smith, Robin McArthur, Patti Courtney, Janis Oumedian, Vicki Weatherford, Theresa Jankowski and Freda Bentley.

Picked as baton twirlers were Debbie Clifford and Virginia Forgette.



THE WINNERS—Americanism Queen 1970 is Kathy Courtney (left), selected by Farmington VFW Post 4033. At her side is Miss Liberty Bell 1970 Pam Clifford. (Evert photo)

North SMC Is Target Of Residents' Letters

FARMINGTON The Farmington Board of Education received a number of objections Monday night to the formation of a student mobilization committee at North Farmington High.

The board heard seven letters from district residents criticizing the board's decision to allow a group of North Farmington students to operate an anti-Vietnam war group under sponsorship of the school district.

SOME OBJECTIONS to the move have been raised at

every board meeting since the decision to treat the group as any other group seeking recognition from the school. Although the seven letters harped on the theme of the group's alleged connections with Communists, the school board continued to support the five member SMC.

Trustee Ken Perrin commented that the SMC at North Farmington is doing a good job presenting both sides of the Vietnam argument. The SMC group held a panel discussion with those of opposing views at a recent meeting of North Farmington parents.

"I am concerned not with how they are acting now, but with what might possibly come in the future," Perrin said. Board Secretary Aldo Vagnozzi, who read the seven letters, said the charges that the SMC is communist-dominated don't agree with what he has read in newspapers.

"WHAT I SEE in the press is that the Student Mobe is considered a moderate group on the near left," Vagnozzi said.

"I know many of the students and the parents of the students. To suggest they are part of some nefarious plot against the government is very unfair," he continued.

The comments in the letters ranged from merely stating opposition, as in a letter from John and Ella M. McCormick, to charges of treason.

Mrs. Clayton Musbeck, who in her letter said she was a Farmington resident and teacher, called the group an "agent of a foreign government" whose goals are "disruption of the orderly educational process." Letters from Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Case and Mrs. Shirley Sroka contained long quotations from the Congressional Record, a government publication reporting all action and materials introduced in the Congress.

The quotation is the views of a Midwestern congressman and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover concerning the SMC. It was introduced also to the Clarenceville School District Board of Education in their controversy about the SMC in Clarenceville High School.

IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, both government officials said the SMC is dominated by communists. However, Vagnozzi said almost anything can be inserted in the Congressional Record.

"Any congressman can insert any material in that Record and be completely immune from any liability, legal or otherwise," he said.

Another letter, from Robert J. Walker, said he could find no rhyme or reason for permitting the communist-dominated organization in the district.

Mrs. L.G. Rickert said the SMC is aiding and abetting the enemy, which is treason.

"I'd rather fight the Communists in Asia than in the United States," Mrs. Rickert said in her letter.

The final letter in opposition to the SMC came from Lucille D. Kern who sent five parts of a six part series on the SMC which appeared in a California newspaper.

The principal organizer of the group also sent a letter to the board. North Farmington student Maxine Graf thanked the board for its support and invited them to a program.

"April 15, Four adults, two Vietnam veterans and two Veterans of Foreign Wars members, will discuss the war issue, she said.

The meeting was staged before a full audience which included many principals of schools in the district.

Board President Richard Peters asked the administrators if they wished to speak regarding a specific subject.

Clayton Graham, principal of North Farmington High, said the employees were at the meeting as concerned administrators and citizens.

City Gas Lamp Sale Ends May 1

FARMINGTON Residents of the City of Farmington have until May 1 to order exterior gas lamps at bulk rates.

Order blanks are available from the city manager's office in the city hall. For more information, residents may telephone the city manager's office at 474-5500.

Through a bulk rate purchase arrangement, the city is offering residents a choice between two styles of lamps: a colonial model for \$25 and a provincial model for \$42. Both are available in black or white.

The program will save approximately \$8 on installation and 20% on each lamp. Pictures of the lamps are displayed at the Farmington District Library at 2333 Farmington Blvd., the City Hall at 23800 Liberty and several supermarkets in the area.

The program is sponsored by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee. It is designed to provide safety and illumination for homes in the city.

Gas lamps give a soft light with no glare, similar to moonlight. The operating cost is as low as a nickel a day with service provided by Consumers Power Company. The Detroit Edison Company has also offered lamps through their local office at some savings.

Man-Made Wonder

The 5 1/2-mile long Mackinac Bridge which joins Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas is designated by the American Institute of Architects as one of the seven man-made wonders of the world, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

Cityhood & Roads

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ment for the entire township is doomed to failure. Residents who are already paying for paved roads in the township will not increase their taxes to pay for the paving of someone else's road. The study then reviewed the matching fund program.

THE REASONING behind this program, the committee explains, is that because available money is limited, matching funds will add \$1 or \$2 to each dollar. The township spends and double or triple the effectiveness of the money spent.

In the 1969-70 proposed budget, the following appeared under Capital Outlay: Road Matching Funds, \$90,000; Other Services-Roads, Highways and Signs, \$70,000.

The committee gave a breakdown of the various matching fund projects as follows:

- 1. Improvement of a mile road, still classified as a local road (example—Nine Mile, Drake Rd. project); county pays 50% and township pays 50%.
2. New roads (development of new roads within an existing subdivision); county pays 10% township pays 10%; property owner pays 80%.
3. Improvement of Existing Roads (example—Kendallwood project); county pays 10%; township pays 25%; property owner pays 65%.
4. Graveling; Breakdown is difficult because it involves services, committee reports, but program is the minimum-cost road improvement available.

Example—subdivision raises \$200 for gravel, township matches with another \$200 and pays \$400 to county which will spread 400 yards of gravel on the roads. Thus, for every subdivision dollar raised two yards of gravel are laid on the roads. The average price of gravel today is \$2.75 a yard.

Members of the committee at the time the study was made include: Bailey, chairman, Marshal Greene; Donald Greenbury; Harley McIntosh; James McVilhen; Richard Pustifil; Roy Rudolfska; Catherine Vignoe; Therese Planner.

The committee was formed in August 1969 by a township board resolution sponsored by trustees Mrs. Margaret Schafner and Fred Lichtman.

"I'm sure these resignations will not prevent these members of the Road Association from always having the answers to every question that comes up on roads," Opperhauser then expressed his personal distaste over indications given that Supervisor Curtis Hall had not cooperated in supplying the Road Committee with information.

"I feel for Mr. Hall and the other two members of the board who are subject to constant political harassment," Opperhauser was referring to Floyd Cairns and Mrs. Elise Avery, who are on the board as township administrators.

Opperhauser said there is no question parts of the southeast area of the township need road building and maintenance.

"But the fact remains, these so-called roads were made many years ago and are not up to correct standards.

"It is frustrating to see people beat at Town Hall on roads when this administration has nothing to do with roads. Everybody knows roads are controlled by Oakland County. Yet some people want to beat the closest person available on the head to get something done."

Hall commented that many residents do not realize that Farmington Township has a more progressive road program than any other township in Oakland County.

In cities where Hall said, roads are paved through special assessments with property owners paying 100%. But in Farmington Township, Hall added, the most a property owner must pay is 80%.

Hall said he has talked with some Road Committee members and the majority feels they have received full cooperation from the township board and administration.

"There is no solution for road and ditching problems except that the people will have to pay," concluded Hall.



LITTLE LIBERTY BELLS—Miss Americanism Kathy Courtney (center) poses with part of her court which includes Miss Liberty Bell and the Little Liberty Bells. Shown from left are: Robin McArthur, Janis Oumedian and Freda Bentley. (Evert photo)

Lichtman Disappointed On Road Resignations

FARMINGTON Farmington Township trustees Monday night accepted the resignations of Catherine Vignoe and Therese Planner from the Township Road Committee.

Trustee Fred Lichtman took the opportunity to express his disappointment and Earl Opperhauser his distaste.

DURING HIS remarks, Lichtman said a tongue-in-cheek compliment to the Farmington Township Road and Civic Association, which includes as members both Mrs. Vignoe and Mrs. Planner.

Lichtman first said he was disappointed both ladies saw fit to resign after such a short time when they both worked hard to have the Road Committee created.

"They gave as their reasons for resigning an inability to

work within the committee and an inability to obtain information," said Lichtman.

"But before creation of the committee, every time a question on roads came up, the Road Association and its representatives seemed to have all the answers.

"The minute these ladies became members of the township-created committee, however, the answers weren't there."

ANY PERSON, said Lichtman, who seeks and accepts an appointment has the right to information but also the responsibility to gather, assemble and analyze information.

The purpose of the Road Committee was to gather information, he added, which became the responsibility of its individual members.

PTA To Hear Barahal

Dr. George D. Barahal of Wayne State University will speak at the Beechview PTA meeting April 20 at 8 p.m.

Professor of educational and clinical psychology, he will talk about raising mentally healthy children with special emphasis on learning disabilities.

At the present time Dr. Barahal is psychological consultant to many school systems, working particularly with children who are emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded or perceptually handicapped. He was the first consultant to Operation Headstart in Detroit.

Formerly director of psychological services at Stanford University, Dr. Barahal is currently engaged in research on the hyperkinetic child. He is the father of three children.



DR. GEORGE BARAHAL

dially invited to attend this meeting. Because of the stature of this speaker, the public is cordially invited to attend this meeting at Beechview School.

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