

today's hot line

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\$\$ Well Spent

A very important proposal on the August 4 primary ballot is a request from Oakland County Parks & Recreation to renew one-quarter mill for park site acquisition and development. A pictorial report on what the quarter-mill has purchased over the past five years and what it will be spent for over the next five, if renewed, are given inside.

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Last Week's History

The 1970 Farmington Founders Festival is new history but not a dull one. A pictorial history of last week's Festival can be found inside today's edition which features the works of our photographers the Everts, Ralph and Fran.

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Lady In Politics

A Livonia campaigner who has seen the political picture both as candidate and manager is this week's Woman On The Go.

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Home-Grown Quartet

One Livonian has a string quartet in his own family, and what more could a music teacher want?

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Sew For Wedding

Wedding time is sewing time for several Plymouth sisters. They have lots of finery to stitch before Aug. 8.

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upcoming

Next Tuesday is an important primary election and this weekend's Farmington Enterprise & Observer will contain all the election information you should know to vote Aug. 4. A report on all the local candidates and ballot proposals will be given plus other election information.

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Don't Blame Him

Please don't blame your newsboy for delayed delivery of this edition. Mechanical production problems are at fault, not your carrier. Thank you.

Open Meetings, Citizen Group Proposed To Involve Public

By WYUJE GERDES

Two proposals now before the Farmington Board of Education should mean greater public participation in school board affairs if approved.

At Monday night's meeting, Trustee Aldo Vagnozzi renewed his proposal for an open meeting to replace private study sessions.

Mrs. Kay Stirling, elected to the board last month, presented a plan for a standing citizens advisory committee.

VAGNOZZI'S FORMAL proposal of the plan he introduced two weeks ago calls for public "committee of the whole" meetings to replace study sessions.

Study sessions, closed to public and press, are held the first and third Mondays of each month.

After Vagnozzi made his proposal at the last public meeting, he and Trustee Gary Lichtman announced they will not attend any more private meetings.

In his written proposal, Vagnozzi says "committee of the whole" meetings would allow free discussion of the issues under consideration without requiring formal action.

"Such a procedure would permit participation by non-board members as well as board members and would be suitable to the hearing type of meeting where the public could be heard on important education issues," Vagnozzi said.

IF A PRIVATE session is required to discuss personnel or labor negotiations, the board could vote in a public session to hold such a meeting, Vagnozzi suggested.

An alternative method of calling a private meeting, the trustee's proposal says, would be to have the president and two other board members, one of whom should not be an officer, call for the meeting.

Announcement that a private session was held should be made at the following public meeting.

Among the advantages Vagnozzi listed for his plan is it permits the public to hear the full discussion on matters before the board.

"At the present time discussion which takes place at the private sessions is often not repeated at the public meetings," Vagnozzi said.

THE PUBLIC would have an opportunity to get more information on school business if it were discussed before action is required, he added.

Vagnozzi also argued the plan would "eliminate public distrust of a board which meets in private."

The board, with Vagnozzi's agreement, postponed action to the next meeting. Although trustees reacted to some of the implied disapproval of the present plan, most appeared to favor it.

Board President John Washburn commented Vagnozzi's plan may be workable but the present arrangement has merits also.

"I don't really feel I have violated the public trust in anything I've said or done in a study session," Washburn said.

"In the last couple of years," the president said, "activity of the school board has changed dramatically."

Washburn said the board is much more involved with the public and noted in the past very few residents attended board meetings.

Other discussion centered on the wording of provisions for calling a private session.

Trustee Ken Perrin questioned Vagnozzi's reasons for requiring that a trustee, not an officer of the board, be needed to call private sessions.

Vagnozzi replied he could agree to change the wording of passage but Lichtman, who seconded the plan, disagreed.

Lichtman said he would not support the plan unless the provision remains. He said some of the past actions of the board require that the wording stand.

"The three of us who happen by choice or by chance not to be officers -- do have some votes left," Lichtman commented.

Lichtman, vice president of the board last year, turned down an officer's post after the board reversed precedent by not promoting him to board president.

Perrin moved to have the requirement changed to the board

president and two other board members but his motion died without support.

MRS. STIRLING'S proposal for a standing citizens advisory committee called for a group of 20 to 40 persons.

The committee, her recommendations say, would act as a fact-finding body and correlate efforts of other civic groups interested in schools.

Mrs. Stirling included a copy of the constitution of an advisory committee on which she served before moving to Farmington.

Trustees referred the proposal to the public relations committee of which Mrs. Stirling is a member.

Vagnozzi called Mrs. Stirling's plan a "good idea" and said it was well-presented.

Mrs. Stirling's plan also appears to have a good chance of being approved.

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DRAWS 1,000-A crowd of more than 1,000 Farmington residents gathered on the grounds of the Farmington Community Center Sunday afternoon to enjoy a concert by Max Davey Singers and Orchestra. The shade on the Center grounds (see below) sheltered the spectators from Sunday's heat. The concert featured songs from

our nation's early beginnings through the Civil War, Gay Nineties, two World Wars and the present era. One of the more rousing numbers was "Old Man River" being performed above with lead soloist Will Robinson. It was the second free concert Davey, a Farmington resident, has performed for the Center. (Ralph Evert Photos)



ARSON ATTEMPTED — An employe fired from the carnival staged at the Demery's Shopping Center during the Founders Festival attempted revenge. Lt. Russ Conway, head of the Farmington Township Detective Bureau, said Richard Wilson, 29, of Burlington, admitted he attempted to set fire to the show's tents early Friday morning. Another employe sleeping inside was awakened when Wilson threw gasoline on a tent. Wilson pleaded guilty to arson under \$50 and was fined \$25 plus costs and restitution (Evert photo)

Residents Hijacked To Cuba

By LIZ WISSMAN

"Honey, are we going to have to go to Cuba?" Mrs. James Carmody of 33822 Argonne, Farmington, asked her husband this at 7:15 a.m. last Saturday morning in Acapulco, Mexico, when four men armed with guns and dynamite boarded their plane as the Carmody's were about to take off for Detroit.

MRS. CARMODY'S fears were well-grounded. The men directed the plane to Mexico City and then on to Cuba, where the Carmody's and the 23 other persons on the plane were held for almost seven hours by Cuban authorities.

According to Mrs. Carmody, the hijackers were men from the Dominican Republic who wanted refuge in Cuba. She said the hijackers received "red carpet treatment once we landed in Cuba."

During the flight on the Aerovias Airlines plane from Mexico City to Cuba, the Farmington resident said that one of the men stood across from her in the aisle holding a gun on her with one hand and holding dynamite and a lighted cigarette in the other.

ONCE IN CUBA, the hijacked persons were held in the airport and questioned by Cuban officials.

Mrs. Carmody said, "They treated us well, but out the window we could see men in high boots and uniforms marching around. It is like a police state down there."

When released in Cuba, the passengers returned to Mexico City where Mexican authorities held its plans for three hours of questioning.

The Carmody's finally landed back home in Detroit at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

The Carmody's had planned the trip as a vacation and Mrs. Carmody commented on Monday, "My husband thought it would be real relaxing for me."