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Boy K.O.'s Mad Dog; Saves Woman

Staebler Rebuts Romney

Addresses Kiwanians In Visit to Farmington

Gubernatorial candidate Neil Staebler challenged Gov. Romney's claim to credit for Michigan's current prosperity, in a "nonpolitical" speech before the Farmington Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Botsford Inn.

Kiwanis rules do not permit political discussion at its meetings. The guest speaker strictly adhered to these rules—during the first ten minutes of his talk.

Then, in his urbane and thoughtful way, he drew a bill of particulars against the Governor. Romney takes credit for the fact that, after years in debt, Michigan now has a surplus of 123 million dollars. Staebler argues that the real credit for this belongs to the cigarette smokers and beer drinkers of the state, who have created the surplus through the payment of nuisance taxes.

Michigan's current prosperity is part of the general national prosperity. He reminds us that 75 per cent of our cars are sold out of the state.

"But, you say, 'Why should the incumbent be replaced?' Because the great problems of the state have been neglected."

"We have not put enough money into our schools. If we continue to get the same proportion of drop-outs, we'll have 45,000 next year."

"These problems are increasing. People come to the city for security, and now they're leaving for the same reason."

"Many of these problems are being worked on by the federal government. But the state should do more."

"While Romney is putting money into a new office com-

Beechview PTA Hosts Panel

The Beechview School PTA will open its 1964-65 program at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19 with a panel discussion on educational issues at the local, state and national levels.

Beechview PTA chairman Harold Shipicek said the program is "in accord with the purposes and objectives laid down by state and national PTA to place more emphasis on legislation and public affairs."

Shipicek said the following candidates for public office have been invited to participate in the panel on education, legislation and public affairs.

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Vagnozzi-Hall: Round Three



ALDO VAGNOZZI

CURT HALL

"My Democrat opponent's weekly blasts at the administration get more and more ridiculous," was Supervisor Curt Hall's reaction to the charge by his opponent of laxity in health enforcement.

"Now he is criticizing us because we replaced a part-time health officer (a pediatrician with no training as a sanitarian, who gave us an afternoon's work when he was not busy), with all of the full time facilities of the Oakland County Health Department, including four doctors, eight trained sanitarians and a complete staff with adequate lab and other facilities," said Mr. Hall. "How silly can he get?"

"We now have the best health service we have ever had. A sanitarian is working in our township every day and the complete facilities of the Department are at our service," continued the Supervisor.

Mr. Hall pointed out that the only permanent solution to sewage disposal problems are adequate public sewers. "Our five and one-half years, we have 26 miles of trunk sewers built or under construction and 18 miles of

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A HERO to his sisters, and to his friends, John Newman, third from the left, discusses his harrowing experience. Surrounding him from left to right are his younger sister, Debra; his older sister, Barbara; his pal, Steve Vagnozzi; and Kathy O'Malley, whose mother he saved.

Victim Severely Injured by Dog

Last Monday afternoon, tall, sturdy John Newman was just an ordinary 13-year-old boy in his last class of the day—hoping he wouldn't get too much homework and idly day-dreaming about the good game of football in the brisk autumn air.

A scant three hours later, John entered into the ranks of "manhood."

It all started simply enough. John, accompanied by his miniature poodle, Nikki, went to borrow a card table from a neighbor, Mrs. Nancy O'Malley, 8, who pulled the boxer back and slammed the door.

As Mrs. O'Malley turned to scold the dog, the boxer suddenly attacked her. Mrs. O'Malley broke away and ran into the utility room where she tripped and fell. Immediately, the dog, barking and growling, started biting her. John and Steve O'Malley, 12, tried to pull the dog off as Mrs. O'Malley, lying on the floor, tried in vain to beat the dog back with her fists.

Cathy ran to get help from a neighbor, Linda O'Malley, 4, ran outside screaming for help. John finally managed to get a hold of the dog's choke collar. Twisting and tightening the collar, John dragged the dog, who was still relentlessly keep-

ing his grip on Mrs. O'Malley, into an upper room.

John hollered out to Steve to phone for help as he continued fighting to tighten the dog's collar. After a fierce struggle, he cut off the dog's air, and the boxer released his hold on Mrs. O'Malley. John dragged the still-struggling dog into the fenced-in yard and slammed the door.

The boys rushed back to aid Mrs. O'Malley. John applied a tourniquet to her badly-bloodied arm. Just then several neighbors ran in to help.

Mrs. John Newman, John's mother, and John drove Mrs. O'Malley to St. Mary hospital, accompanied by another neighbor, Mrs. Charles Evans.

Mrs. O'Malley, who was severely bitten on her arm, hip and leg, underwent five hours of surgery during the night. She will be in the hospital for at least two weeks, and may require plastic surgery.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newman, of 26226 Dundack Lane, in Farmington. He has two sisters, Barbara, 15, and Deborah, 10.

Tuesday morning, he quietly attended his eighth grade classes at East Junior High School. In the afternoon he sat in his kitchen preparing an outline for his history assignment. He wondered aloud if his outline would be satisfactory.

Error Threatens School Worker's Retirement Pay

Due to an error by the old Bond School District, a 23-year veteran of the Farmington School System has been notified that he can draw no money from the retirement fund until an amount of \$340.50 is paid. The employee, Emil Pyzoral, is scheduled to retire as of Dec. 31 of this year.

The Farmington Board of Education, although not responsible for the error, acted at their regular bi-monthly meeting last Monday evening and decided to pay the entire amount (\$222.13 plus \$118.35 in interest) to the fund themselves.

Supporting the motion were Dates, Peters, Fisher, and Neil Naitsoff was opposed and absent were Brown and Clifford, board president.

From the years 1941-45, the mandatory amount was not taken from Pyzoral's check and put into the fund. Instead, without his knowledge, he received the money along with his regular check.

The Board further ruled that the payment could be made by

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FARMINGTON High School held its Homecoming Parade on Friday, Oct. 9. In picture above Homecoming Queen Cheryl Tucker is being driven in a '65 Thunderbolt donated by O'Green Ford. Her escort (pictured on right) was Jay Stoken.

Township Board OK's Agreement to Build New Industrial Sewer

The Farmington Township Board, meeting on Oct. 12, moved through its agenda with speed and unanimity.

It recorded the following results:

1. Consideration of a request to Oakland County Department of Public Works to construct the "Industrial Sewer" at Farmington Township Sewer Disposal System. Approved.
2. Consideration of an agreement with Oakland County Department of Public Works for construction of Extension No. 1 of Tarasbi Industrial Arm, Farmington Township Sewer Disposal System. Approved.
3. Consideration of a request to Oakland County Department of Public Works to construct a water supply system for the Industrial Section One. Approved.
4. Consideration of an agreement with Oakland County Department of Public Works to construct a water supply system for Farmington Township Industrial Section One. Approved.
5. Consideration of a request by Moore & Haidler for a SDM license (beer and wine) at 29470 Ten Mile Road. The meeting produced its only excitement, when the Board

Templin, Serelczuk Slighted in Articles

The Observer regrets not having mentioned that incumbent Robert Templin, was endorsed for re-election as Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney, by Governor Romney, during his recent tour of Farmington and Farmington Township.

The Observer regrets not having included the name of George Serelczuk, among the Farmington Association members, who pleaded the case for that subdivision at the recent Farmington City Council Meeting.

FACTS and OPINIONS

by Paul Chandler

School superintendents from the metropolitan area gathered in Detroit last week to make pleas to members of an interim committee of the State Legislature which has the mission of recommending changes in the school aid formula.

Since the Editor is a member of the Legislative interim committee himself, he was there and... departed saying to himself, again, that some of the answer to an improved State aid formula would be to budget at least a portion of the State money for building and site construction and maintenance. But before getting into that old crusade of ours, there are interesting figures—

Some of the testimony was built around the dollar performance of the several school districts. From the data it was possible to compare districts operating within the boundaries of our newspaper circulation.

One comparative figure is "Cost Per Pupil to Operate." This does not show the quality of the education offered in the districts, of course, nor does it show extra services (such as reading clinics, special education of various sorts, nursing assistance), but in general way it is a figure the educators watch closely.

In our area, the operating Costs Per Pupil: Northville \$502; Livonia \$471; South Redford \$465; Plymouth \$448; Redford Union \$430; Nankin Mills \$411; Farmington \$376; Clarenceville \$362; Garden City \$342.

Another vital figure is the amount of tax valuation per pupil in the several districts—this indicates the "amount of dollars behind each pupil" . . . or to put it otherwise, if the tax valuation per pupil is high, then it takes fewer tax mills to raise the same number of dollars for education.

Northville has \$12,757 of state equalized tax valuation behind each student. Livonia has \$13,552; South Redford \$15,692; Plymouth \$18,895; Redford Union \$7,618; Nankin Mills \$6,901; Farmington \$8,849; Clarenceville \$7,167; Garden City \$5,985.

Figures in the foregoing paragraph show that it would require spreading just about twice as much tax millage upon home owners in Redford Union or Clarenceville as it would upon home owners in South Redford or Plymouth to raise the identical amount for spending on a student's education.

Then there is a figure, "Total School Tax Rate in Mills": Northville 24.70; Livonia 26.75; South Redford 23.90; Plymouth 23.70; Redford Union 32.80; Nankin Mills 31.90; Farmington 29.95; Clarenceville 30.90; Garden City 30.90. (These figures include both operating costs and debt retirement costs.)

Thus, Plymouth has the lowest tax rate for schools in the immediate area and Redford Union the highest, with the spread going from 23.70 mills to 32.80 mills.

All of the aid to local districts for grades Kindergarten through 12 today is in the form of funds for

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