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Pictures Tell Story Of Rex Cawley's Triumphant Farmington Return



FROM AIRPLANE RAMP to Main Street parade, Rex Cawley—Farmington's Olympic Gold Medal winner—made a triumphant return to his home town last weekend. The star, and his wife Judy, landed at Metropolitan Airport Wednesday night (first picture), and were greeted by a Farmington delegation, consisting of Tom Isely, John Cotton, Dick Habicht, Henry McGaw and Russ Gilbert. Gilbert handed them the keys to a new Dodge convertible to use while they were here.

On Thursday evening, a banquet was held in their honor at Farmington High School. Six hundred people attended the affair, the largest such crowd in the city's history. Actually, according to John Cotton, "We could

have drawn an even bigger crowd, if we had known we could handle it."

Rex and Judy heard themselves praised by such distinguished citizens as Mayor Lindbert (second picture). The Mayor proved to be a fund of knowledge about Rex, and about sports in general.

Among the distinguished citizens who paid homage to Rex that night were Don Canham, the University of Michigan track coach, and former Lt. Governor T. John Lesinski. Lesinski urged Rex to return to Michigan permanently. Paul Williams, News Director of WWJ-TV, was the toastmaster. He was provocative—but very funny.

At noon on Saturday, Rex and Judy rode in a

parade through the streets of Farmington. It was a splendid parade worthy of Rex's imperial triumphs.

Ned Ogelsby, representing the Board of Commerce, did wonders in getting the parade route decorated.

The plaque, bearing the key, is still on display at Welsby's House of Music, 22417 Grand River.

The parade committee, consisting of Ed Balden, Manager of the Farmington Center Corp.; Clayton Graham, representing Farmington High; and Warren McKenzie, representing North Farmington High.

Driving the Cawleys, in the parade (third picture), was Russ Gilbert. Next to Gilbert was John Cotton.

The parade ended at the City Hall. At the steps of the City Hall, acting Mayor Sandy Brotherton presented Rex with the Key to the City (fourth picture). Trustee Earl Oppertshausser (left), representing the Township, then presented him with a plaque. Monsignor Behan is on the right.

From the City Hall, the Cawleys went to see the Farmington-N. Farmington football game. Rex is seen speaking at half-time.

It was a very successful week. As Henry Forrest said, there wasn't a hitch. Numerous civic people contributed to this success: Space, unfortunately, does not permit mention of them all.

FACTS and OPINIONS

by Paul Chandler

Since the Editor has been back from his holiday only for a day, this week we'll have to serve Pot-Pourri—

COOKING HINT—Down Jamaica way, when they deliver "French Onion Soup" to the table, it is lightly spiced with chili powder, and the effect is magnificent.

OFFICIAL SALARIES—Trustees of Farmington Township recently elevated the salary of their Supervisor from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Facts and Opinions applauds the action, always having contended that the quality of public officials in America must be improved, from Washington all the way back to Township Hall. And if a good man is going to risk his private career for public service, with all its time demands and lack of security, then better pay is required. In addition, it serves to some extent to eliminate from the ranks those elected officials who look for favors and "honorariums" under the table. One irony within the news from Farmington Township, which is a community of 30,000, is that the \$15,000 now paid there to the chief executive compares to \$8,500 which Livonia gives to its Mayor, who serves a city of 85,000 people. Redford Township pays \$12,500 to its Supervisor. Livonia is far behind the times and it's a serious thing.

GOLF INFORMATION—Whatever else you may say about Barry Goldwater, don't knock his golf. While visiting the club where the Senator played in Jamaica, we received an intelligence report that he carries a golf handicap of only three . . . which puts him down in the almost-professional class. Barry's three-handicap compares, for instance, to Eisenhower's 16-handicap.

NOTE OF THANKS—To all the many good people who helped us in the recent campaign for State Senate, and to the 46,943 who voted for me, and to all those who worked for me, and to all those who have piled the desk with letters and telegrams since the victory . . . my heartfelt and humble thanks.

TIP OF THE HAT—Despite the Democratic landslide which buried GOP officials from coast to coast, three Republican Township Supervisors in our district bucked the trend, received votes of confidence from their constituents and were returned to their chairs for another term. Hats off, then, to Republicans Roy Lindsay of Plymouth Township; Jack McDonald of Redford

Beatles Come To Farmington

The Pied Piper of Hamelin would have had a thin time of it in Farmington this weekend as every available child in the city gathered for the Rex Cawley celebration or at the Civic Theatre viewing the Beatles Picture. Such long lines were in front of the theatre that several people called the "Observer" to find out the attraction. The lines did not seem to diminish in length but seemed to keep growing over Friday night and Saturday. The manager, Edward Hohler, far from being worn out, seemed delighted.

"I would compare this to a Walt Disney picture," he told us. "I expected only teenagers would attend, but instead whole families came. All were well behaved."

These words were accompanied by a background of piercing screams, interspersed with the busy ringing of the cash register. We asked him if he would mind identifying the Beatles to their admirers, the most screams and he obligingly left the phone. When he returned a few minutes later he said, "They're screaming for all of them. Some scream for Ringo, some for George. The crowd only plays no favorites."

He confessed that he was not a Beatle fan, but he had not intended to argue with his patient taste. When asked if he would ever play another Beatle picture, he replied, "Yes, indeed."

In fact, although several thousand have seen this one, I have had many requests to show it again."

He bowing to public demand, Beatle fans can see this picture again from Dec. 7 to 12 and Dec. 16 to 19.

Parking Stirs Row at Council

A group of about 25 angry residents of Warner Farms Subdivision appeared at the Farmington City Council Monday night, to demand action against Bill Root Chevrolet for constructing a parking lot on its property without a permit.

The roots of this problem go back last summer. At that time Bill Root appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals, to request variance permitting a parking lot on the property, immediately south of his use car lot. Further, that he not be required to stay within the established setback line. The request was denied.

On Nov. 2, Root is alleged to have gone ahead with construction of the parking lot without a building permit. This is a violation of the City law. And, further, he is said to have built the lot out to the side walk, which is a violation of the City ordinance.

While most of the Warner Farms residents present were irate against Root, one of them—Robert Rogers—directed his anger at the City officials for inaction.

Root now has a permit. But he apparently did not take it out until after the special Council meeting of Nov. 8.

The Council agreed to take the matter up with the City Attorney.

In other action, the Council tabled the request for a transfer of liquor license from the Danish Inn to the Farmington Inn. It also tabled the request for a transfer of liquor license to Homer J. Coleman and Richard C. Walker, from Irene Grimes.

The Council approved the request of the Farmington Youth Club Advisory Committee for permission to solicit for charitable purposes, from Dec. 1, 1964, to January 31, 1965.

'Nice Guys Don't Always Finish Last'

Rex Wins New Friends in Farmington

Leo Durocher's axiom "nice guys finish last" didn't prove out in Farmington last week. Rex Cawley, runner-up to Brundage's view that team sports, the totaling up of scores between nations, and the flag raisings and national anthems that signify victory, should all be done away with. However,

would make it very rough on some of the little countries. Cawley took exception to Brundage's view that team sports, the totaling up of scores between nations, and the flag raisings and national anthems that signify victory, should all be done away with. However,

he agreed that political barriers should not be created between the athletes.

"Brundage," he concluded, "wants to turn the Olympics into a rich man's affair."

Cawley is a man of unfeigned modesty. He was genuinely flabbergasted that 600 people turned out to honor him at the banquet Wednesday night. "I didn't know this many people cared whether I was alive." And he described his world's record of 0:49.1 in the 400-meter hurdles as "one of the poorest of the looks."

He said he had been hurt, but had kept it hushed up, "because you need every edge you can get in that kind of competition."

"In the first heat I had it relatively easy. But the next day, I was in quite a bit of pain."

"Before the final race, I was very nervous. Partly because I wasn't sure of my physical capacity. And besides — this is the biggest race in the world."

Of his return home, Cawley concluded: "These three days have been the happiest of my life."

To men like Ned Ogelsby, and John Cotton, and others who think seriously about the future of the Farmington area, it often galvanizes a community and gives it cohesion. They hope Rex has succeeded in doing it here.

For City Councilman Henry Forrest, and a lot of others, it was a happy end to a lot of hard and courageous work. Months ago, Forrest voiced determination to honor Cawley whether he won the Gold Medal or not.

But Cawley made that choice unnecessary.



Farmington Exceeds Quota In Torch Drive

Donald Langley, the Oakland county chairman of the Torch Drive, announced today that Farmington had exceeded its quota in both the "house to house" campaign and in the drive made in the business district.

Mrs. Margaret Secklach and Mrs. Bernard D. Tupper were in charge of the drive in Farmington. Mrs. Arthur Mazur was the regional chairman.

The "House to House" campaign netted \$14,469 which was 105 per cent above its goal. The campaign in the business district netted \$18,050, which was 113 per cent above their goal.

Donald Langley was well pleased with the results of the United Foundation Drive in this area and expressed himself in the following words: "Farmington in the past has always wholeheartedly supported the United Foundation Drive. This year, more than ever before, it has shown its wholehearted enthusiasm for our 'Give Once For All Campaign.'"

Meet Mom And Wife Of Cawley

By JERRY WENDT

Rex Cawley is a very fortunate young man. Not only because of his fame, youth, and talent, but because of the two ladies in his life—his wife, and his mother—who are among the most charming and gracious women this reporter has ever met.

On Saturday, when he was presented with the Key to the City of Farmington, his mother beamed with pride. Later, when I interviewed her at her home, she confessed that everything has been like a dream since her son won the Olympic Gold Medal.

She had been listening to an early morning news show, when her daughter called. At precisely the moment, her daughter told her that Rex had won, the scene flashed in front of her on the TV screen. From then on, events moved rapidly: culminating in the Celebration this week.

When I asked her what had excited her the most about Rex's victory, she replied: "I guess it is the fact that he will be home with me for the next few days. It has been lonely without him. Rex is the baby of the family. He hasn't been home for five years. And the house has been empty without him."

Rex is the youngest of four children, two boys, two girls. He will stay here and visit his old friends and enjoy his mother's cooking before he goes on to keep some business appointments in Chicago and New York. Nothing could make his mother happier.

Rex's wife, Judy, and Farmington were instantly attracted to each other. The community took the pretty blond girl, with her quiet, well-bred manner, to its heart. And for Judy the feeling was mutual.

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Still a Water Crisis

Despite prompt action by Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall, the Meadowbrook Hills water problem is still critical. Seven families in the subdivision are presently without water, and other homes along the line of the Tarabust Sewer Arm are threatened. These homes have been drawing their water from wells. But construction of the sewer has required pumping. And this pumping has drawn water from the wells.

The situation has created considerable anger in the Subdivision. But this anger is not directed toward the Township Supervisor. The residents appreciate the speed and sense of urgency with which he has attempted to alleviate their problem.

Relief will not come for the seven families, and the danger will not pass for the other families in the Subdivision, until the sewer has been completed. It has been stalled much of the time for technical reasons.

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