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Farmington Minister Acquitted In Peace March Case

Perhaps the most tragically funny scene in the Charlie Chaplin classic "Modern Times" is the one in front of the factory. Chaplin is at the end of a long employment line. The man in front of him is quickly hired, but when it is Charlie's turn, the gate is of course slammed in his face.

There he stands, his face pressed into the mesh of the fence. Suddenly, in back of him, a group of surly looking men carrying signs appear. Next come the police. In the next scene, we see poor Charlie in jail, reading a newspaper, in which he is seen leading a Communist attack on the factory.

This vignette was brought to mind by an incident in Detroit, on Thursday, July 1, in which three residents of this area, Robert Eddy and Wanda Pusey of 32545 14 Mile Road, Farmington, and Rev. Robert Eddy, of 23724 Warner, Farmington,

got in trouble by mistake. But the timing of their predicament was decidedly Chaplinesque.

Rev. Eddy is a Unitarian Minister, and a Quaker. He is a bona fide neighborhood pacifist. Mrs. Pusey dates her pacifism to the explosion of the first nuclear bomb. Mr. Eddy is not sure that he is a pacifist. But he regards our intervention in the Vietnam War as immoral and unwise, and a step toward nuclear holocaust.

These are the reasons they traveled into the central City of Detroit, on Thursday, to join a demonstration for peace in Vietnam, on the Canfield pedestrian overpass.

But two minutes after they got there and picked up their signs, the police arrived, and issued the demonstrators jolting tickets—though they had ignored the matter for three days previously. Seven demonstrators were

ticketed altogether, and they all arrived at Detroit's Old County Building, as scheduled on Friday morning. Along with them came two young but experienced civil liberties lawyers—Sheldon Oles, defense attorney in the Azam case, and Maurice Kelman, an instructor in the Wayne State University Law School, who frequently handles cases for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The case was originally assigned to a referee. But it was evident to him that it was bound to wind up in court, no matter what he decided, so he let the case go down the hall to Judge Richard M. Maher.

In court, Attorney Oles brought out the fact that the police sergeant on duty was aware that the demonstration had been going on and didn't move against it until some-

body from higher up finally gave him the word to break the thing up.

Oles tried to establish that the police had denied the demonstrators their constitutional right of free speech. Maher wouldn't buy this.

But he did accept the argument that the demonstrators were not idling, because they kept moving with a purpose. There was no testimony of hindrance, that is of they're trying to block the street, or force things on passers-by.

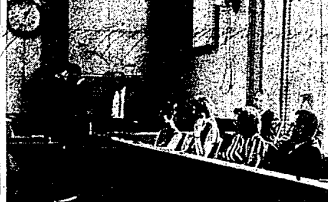
The prosecutor tried to make the point that they had interrupted expressway traffic below. Oles countered with a philosophic argument that signs advertising peace should not be any more startling than any other kinds of advertising signs.

Judge Maher used Oles' interpretation of what constitutes loitering, in dismissing the case. Kelman expressed approval of the Judge's "broad

interpretation" of the idling law, which he felt might discourage some future Judge from rendering differently on the basis of "slightly altered" circumstances.

Partly out of exuberance, and partly to establish the reality of the Judge's decision, the group, led by Robert Eddy, returned to the site to bring a resumed their demonstration.

In retrospect, it seems ironic that the prosecutor, Smith, was a Negro; that a Negro prosecutor should be attempting to picket a group of eight whites for picketing against a war which is being fought against non-whites. It goes to show what a complicated mess state we are, and why it is so difficult for the Communist Cause or any other Communist to understand us.



FOUR OF THE seven pickets arrested during the recent peace demonstration on a Detroit overpass can be seen here observing the course of their trial in the Court of Judge Joseph P. Maher. Second from right, in the striped blouse, is Wanda Pusey, of 32545 14 Mile Road, Farmington. Next to her on the right is Rev. Robert Eddy, of 23724 Warner, Farmington.



ROBERT EDDY discusses his acquittal with WXYZ reporter Trudy Hayes.

Woodcroft Sympathetic To Curt Hall's Arguments

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall was clearly among friends, when he faced 80 residents of Woodcroft Subdivision, at a meeting on the possibility that Subdivision permitting itself to be annexed to the City of Farmington. The meeting took place on Thursday, April 2, at the Longacre School.

Less than a week after the Township Supervisor was in firm control of the meeting from start to finish, and drew a round of applause and a circle of well-

wishers when it was over. Several residents of the Subdivision known to favor annexation were not present. Robert Chisley, who led the drive for signatures in Woodcroft, was among the missing.

The Observer interviewed a number of those in attendance. A few stated they were still undecided. But most said they would be better off retaining their present status. Albert Charles, of 23806 Whitaker, a resident of Woodcroft for 1 1/2 years, was among those who had come to the meeting undecided. But he was clearly impressed by the Supervisor.

"He was humble, and pleasant. I'm for staying in the Township now," Orville Baker, of 23718 Wesley, said Hall had "opened our eyes," and that he now favored staying in the Township.

The most dramatic and effective support Hall got came from a respected, retired Edison Co. engineer, Mr. Edge Cope, of 23718 Longacre. Discussing the appearance of Farmington City Manager John Dinan before the same audience, early last month, Cope said Dinan had tried to win the residents over by "high pressure showmanship."

"He tried to cover a lot of ground and didn't do it very well," said Cope. When Hall said "we don't want to lose you in the Township," Cope replied: "Don't worry, you won't."

Less grim was an audible whisper of approval across the room.

Among those who remained undecided at the close of the meeting were residents of the wooded area outside of Woodcroft.

Hall talked for over three hours, this including a prepared blackboard presentation, and a question period. He was at all times mild in his manner, and modest in his statements. He expressed no bitterness toward the City. Woodcroft Sub. is in-

habited by comparatively older citizens, and this was obviously the proper take to take with them. They were a highly educated audience—particularly about matters of the purse.

"The thing that has attracted me most is the \$1,000 and \$1,500 savings," said Hall. "The City said could be saved on sewer and water costs, under its regime."

Hall had two main counterpoints. That the Township taxes average about \$100 a

year less than those in the City. Second, that the City Council has not definitely committed itself as to the cost of putting in sewers and water.

Hall cautioned that there might be hidden expenses and other drawbacks now unforeseen in a transfer to the City. For instance, if the City sees fit to pave Arundel Street, it can initiate proceedings and tax the residences for it.

He also pointed out that the

City is short of commercial and industrial property, and that "it doesn't take much to decide whether to take them, but in the City they can force you to take them."

The piece of property under discussion totals 560 acres, and is bounded by Grand River on the north, Gill Road on the east, Freedom Drive on the south, and Grand River on the north. Whether or not it is annexed will be decided by a majority vote of the people in the area, and of the City at large. The vote is likely to take place in November.

Gluckstein At Hearing Makes Grim Prediction

Martin E. Gluckstein, testifying at the Farmington Township Budget Hearing, concluded his demand for adult guards at school crossings with the grim prediction that if his advice were not heeded the result would be a child auto fatality "before long."

This sparked a bitter exchange between Gluckstein and Trustee Tom Duke. Trustee Byron Walter, and Earl Opperhauser, and Supervisor Curt Hall were equally unimpressed with Gluckstein's advice.

Gluckstein had obviously gone to considerable effort to prepare his plan, and had a detailed, professional looking chart to explain it. The plan was based on a school year of 200 days. Each of the 18 schools would have two guards working at \$1.50 per hour. Thus the cost of the guards at each of the schools would be \$1,200 per year.

He proposed to pay this expense out of the surplus in the Township's revolving fund. Supervisor Hall however argued that using the fund in this way would be breaking faith with those who voted the two mills, because the millage was put on the ballot for police and fire purposes. The Board argued that the surplus will be needed to increase police protection and increase the number of fire stations.

Even were the money available, it was the Board's view that it could better be spent on other needs. The Supervisor

pointed out that very few children had been hit by cars on their way to school, in the Township, and that, with one exception, the accidents which had been minor. That exception was a fatality, but it occurred many years ago.

Under deft cross-examination by Trustee Earl Opperhauser, Gluckstein conceded that no Township in north Wayne or Oakland/Founders had crossing guards. And there was a general discussion of the effective ness of such guards in stopping traffic. These men are usually senior citizens, and as Hall pointed out, they have no police powers. Gluckstein, however, argued that such officers are able to control traffic adequately.

The Board expressed the feeling that Gluckstein was playing politics with a serious matter, and grandstanding for the press. Trustee Byron Walter who has a fly-leopard lost it and lashed out at Gluckstein, and so did the normally calm Tom Duke.

When Gluckstein made his auto-death prediction, Duke, re-



AN OLD FASHIONED FOURTH in Kendallwood. This is an annual affair, of which Judge Robert Nelson is Chairman. For the Judge there was the added fun of presenting a first place prize to his daughter, Ingrid, for her representation of Benjamin Franklin signing the Declaration of Independence. A first-also went to Jim Homer (above) for his Minute Man.

Safety Factors Studied by Farmington Board

Representatives of the Farmington Area Safety Council met June 30 to study matters relating to the safety of Farmington children at school crossings and returning from school.

Those present represented the School Board Safety Committee, the Farmington Police Department and the Township Police Department.

Approved by the council were the crossings designated for the new LaRushire school and requests by the county and city to place new signs and mark crossings at various locations in the district.

Farmington's three adult crossing guards were commended for their alert service. The committee concluded that this number of adult guards would be sufficient for the district's needs for the next two to three years.

Unless higher speeds by motorists are generated by the paving of 14 Mile Road, the council anticipates no safety problems at sites acquired for future school buildings.

The school safety committee reported to the council on a survey made at the crossing at Prospect and Chitawasse Rds., on a regular school day for public school children. The intersection was found to be well supervised with no apparent problems.

The committee recommended to the council that the City of Farmington replace the small use of red stop signs with larger signs of a more contrasting color to assure the attention of strangers driving on the streets.

Since Our Lady of Sorrows School had closed for the year at the time of the safety survey, the committee requested that the study be continued in the fall by the Farmington Police Department, Byron Opperhauser, Farmington Police Department, and Farmington Public Schools cooperate that his office would co-operate

Supervisor Says Let Them Sue

"What about people who are going to pay \$350 for a sewer permit where sewers are turned down?" one Woodcroft resident asked Curt Hall, at the Subdivision's meeting on annexation Thursday night. "Now your getting close to the bone" Hall candidly answered.

"We now find we're not in an enviable position to collect the fee unless the people can tie into it right away." Hall was also candid in admitting that the Township could not afford to refund all those \$350 fees.

So, says Hall, "if you're going to court to get it from us. If they go to court (the Oakland County Circuit Court), they will probably beat us, but it will cost them about \$350 to do it."

"So if they demand the money we will just let it go to court. If you can't pay your bills, you've just got to go to court and fight."

Robbers Like Pizza

Romano's Pizzeria, 30924 Grand River, Farmington, was broken into on Monday, July 23, was hit again on Monday, July 25.

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Labor Leader ... A Portrait

The striking workers of the Star-Cutter Corp. like John Ellis—though he is working and they are not, John is President of their local, 985; a full-time official of the UAW.

Ellis is a handsome, urbane, wellshaven man, just past middle-age. It is obvious, he knows what he is talking about.

"Johnny has over 60 plants in the local, and you can call him at 4 o'clock in the morning, and he can give you the details of the contract in any one of them," said one of the strikers admiringly, after Ellis left the trailer in front of the Star-Cutter Plant, that serves as strike headquarters. The others in the trailer were in agreement that they were well represented, and they were obviously, cheered by his visit.

John Ellis symbolizes a new age in the labor movement, when fitness and patience, not big shoulders, are the prime virtues.



DR. ROBERT E. WALDEN is the newly appointed chief psychiatrist of the County of Oakland.

Summer Recreation Program A Success

The youth of the Farmington area responded in large numbers to the Commission's call for registrants in the Summer Recreation program. Close to one thousand applicants have thus far registered. A total enrollment of approximately 1800 is expected to participate in the program during the course of the summer.

Two hundred and fifty youngsters of the Southern Section of our community enjoyed their first day at the water during the three swim days of last week. The North Section will enjoy their first day at the water during the three swim days of last week.

This same three-day period saw 901 youngsters partake in the craft and athletic activities at the various playground sites. Counselors report that there is a great deal of enthusiasm shown on the part of the youngsters.

On Friday, a group of six boys and girls from the Northern side of town attended the Commission's annual trip to the zoo.

A trip to the zoo is again scheduled this Friday, July 9th, for those of the South Section.

The buses will load at the respective playground sites at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 9 a.m. Arrival back will be between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Residents are reminded that their children will need 20 cents to cover necessary expenses. A bag lunch should be brought along as well.

Refreshments and souvenirs will also be available to those who wish to purchase them.

The North Section will enjoy playground activities with their friends in the South Section. It will enjoy the sights at the zoo.

There will be no playground activities at the North playground on Friday, July 16. A ball game is scheduled for Saturday the 17th of July for this group. The South Section will have a day off the following Friday with a ball game to follow on Saturday, July 24.

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Farmington Founders' Days Festival

MEETINGS: to keep an identity with our past and to make a contribution with our great future, for the Greater Farmington Board of Commerce, to hereby designate the days of July 29, 30 and 31, in the 1965th Year of Our Land, to be known as the Farmington Founders' Festival. With to be a time to explore and re-remember our past, to enjoy our present, and to develop our future.

Signed this 24th day of June

William J. ... Chairman