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CONGRATULATING CONGRESSMAN Billie S. Farnum on his vote for the recently passed Medicare legislation is Mrs. Eva Ross. Other admirers (from left): Gayle Zuchinski, Nancy Vagnozzi, Diana and Dona Mutschalk, Kathy

Dems Hear Farnum

Congressman Billie S. Farnum told the Farmington Democratic Club picnic audience Sunday that his winning a place last January on the important House Appropriations Committee has brought substantial benefits to the 18th district and the State of Michigan.

Farnum's district includes Farmington, Pontiac and western Oakland County as well as Livonia and Redford in Wayne County. Freshmen Congressmen such as Farnum rarely land such an important committee assignment. He was chosen for the post on the strength of his background as Michigan's Auditor General.

A highlight of the picnic came when Mrs. Vera Ross thanked Congressman Farnum for his role in the passage of medical care for the aged legislation. Mrs. Ross is a representative of the Farmington Age Pioneer Club and was a delegate to the recent convention in Washington, D. C. of the National Council of Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Ross told Farnum that the Medicare legislation will bring much needed benefits to the area's senior citizens.

Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Aldo Vagnozzi also hailed Farnum's work. "Mr. Farnum's re-election in 1968 would enhance his position on the Appropriations Committee and increase the voice our district presently has in Congress," Vagnozzi said.

The picnic was held on the grounds of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shpiece. Picnic committee chairman Mrs. Helga Zuchinski was assisted by Mrs. Euline Petty, Mrs. Marie Mutschalk and Mrs. Marie Shpiece.

Township Board Hears Sad Story

When spectators stood up to speak at meetings of the Farmington Township Board of Trustees, the results are sometimes dramatic. This was the case Monday night, August 9.

The speaker this time was William Hangerford, an architect and an active Kiwanian. What he had to say was simple and sad.

It was about a family that lives in the Township. The little girl has a brain tumor. It is a terminal case. The father was badly injured in an accident a while back. He is working again. But the bills he accumulated while he was out of work have him over a barrel.

This is a proud family said Hangerford. It has not asked anyone for anything. Why had he brought them up at a public meeting? Why had he contacted a number of other people about them during the day? Hangerford wasn't specific.

He simply feels that something should be done to help them, and to help families in similar distress. And he wanted to dramatize the job that service organizations like his Kiwanis Club do to help such people.

In the immediate case, that of the above mentioned family, service is being provided by Rev. George W. Ramsey, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, at GR 4-1971.

To Employ OCC Pupils On Campus

Oakland Community College has received approval for participation in the College Work-Study Program in the amount of \$16,140 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Part-time students may obtain jobs on the College campus at \$1.25 per hour for a maximum of 15 hours per week.

Students participating in the program must be from low-income families or be in need of the money from such employment in order to pursue a course of study at the College.

Employment opportunities include clerical, data processing, custodial, grounds maintenance, and cafeteria work.

Schools Get Head Nurse

Mrs. Dona Cavenee, nursing supervisor, Oakland County Health Department, will work with the Farmington Public Schools during the 1965-66 school year.

Mrs. Cavenee replaces Helen Clark who is taking an educational leave of absence to complete her master's degree in public health nursing at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Cavenee has been at the Oakland County Public Health Department staff for seven years. Her previous assignment was with communities in the north part of the county.

Sundquist Gets Commission OK

At its meeting on Monday, August 9, the City of Farmington's Planning Commission recommended that the Sundquist-Heene Funeral Home property at 23720 Farmington Road, a half block north of Grand River, be rezoned R10 (residential office), thus confirming its right to operate as a funeral home. It is presently zoned R1 (residential) and operating as a funeral home on a non-conforming use. The Commission also recommended rezoning the vacant lot adjacent to the home to the east to R1P (parking).

It's now up to the City Council to set a date of public hearing and final determination.

★ Free ★ Northland Playhouse ★ Tickets ★

If your name appears in the Want-Ad section of the Observer newspapers, you win two free tickets to a gay, rollicking, musical classic performance of "The Student Prince," currently playing at the Northland Playhouse. Check the Want-Ads now. You'll be glad you did!

Township Won't Recognize Building Inspectors' Union

The Farmington Township Board of Trustees will not recognize the newly formed building inspectors' union in that community at least not in the present. The Board made this decision in accepting the opinion of Township Attorney Joseph Zuchinski. The next step seems to be to the State Labor Mediation Board.

The inspectors have organized as an affiliate of Council 23, of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AF of L, CIO. Its bargaining agent, Walter L. Oliver, had been in touch with the Board, and Monday night he got his answer.

There is a new law about to take effect in the state, HB 2563. It makes collective bargaining mandatory. Brennan concedes that municipal employees have the right to organize as a union. But Oliver's bid was made under the old law. Brennan has taken the position that the request should be dismissed pending the enactment of the new legislation.

He says he has informed the Mediation Board that he accepts the legal right of workers to unionize, but that if a union is recognized it should represent all of the municipal employees, and not just one-seventh of them as is the case of the building inspectors. He pointed out that the financial interests of the inspectors were not different than that of other municipal employees.

"We say if we are to have any union at all we should have one union to deal with, and not three or four in a relatively small community."

The Board unanimously supported Brennan's position. "Those familiar with newspapers and railroads," observed Zuchinski, "are apprehensive of themselves an attorney for the township."

approved rezoning of a parcel of land containing 29.29 acres, west of Halsted and north of the 168 Freeway from R-2 to L1 (Light Industrial). The vote on this was not quite unanimous. Thomas Duke, while expressing the opinion that it was a good decision, abstained on the ground that he owns property across the street.

OTHER ACTION

The Board approved the rezoning of a parcel of land located between Broad Street and Whitewood Street on Orchard

Lake Road from R-4 (One Family Residential) to B-3 (General Business District). The Board awarded the contract for construction of the water main for Meadowbrook Hills to Murrecci and Son. Thomas Duke, who is a builder, and attorney Brennan are studying the complaint.

Planning Consultant James Lan was on hand to give a report on the Township's participation in the Federal Government's "101 Planning Assistance Program."

Hall Loses Round To City

Oakland County Circuit Judge Clark Adams refused on Monday, August 9, to grant a temporary injunction or restraining order prohibiting the City of Farmington from collecting special assessment payments from Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall, for parking lot improvements on the north side of Grand River, east of Farmington Road, adjacent to the building owned by Hall but currently occupied by Pioneer Oldsmobile. Appearing in Court for Hall was his attorney Joseph T. Brennan. Representing the City was its attorney Robert Kelly.

Hall will still sue the City.

and Judge Adams did state that the Court would give preference to this matter for an early trial.

In the interim, however, should Hall choose not to pay the assessment, he would be regarded as delinquent, and charged a penalty.

Taking advantage of the

breakthrough, the City Council met Monday night, to expedite the paving program. It had been tabled at the last meeting because of Judge Adams' decision.

The Council awarded the bid to the low bidder, the Stolaruk Paving Co. Stolaruk's bid was \$28,520 for the three projects:

Election Date On Annexation Set By County

Whether or not 500 acres of Farmington Township will be annexed by the City of Farmington will be decided at the ballot box, on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors, on Monday, August 9, adopted a resolution approving the election. Acting on their authority, on that same day, County Clerk John D. Murphy set the date as Nov. 2.

There will actually be two separate votes—one in the City-at-large, and one in the affected area of the Township. For annexation to be approved, it will have to carry a majority of the votes in each of these elections.

Board to Spend \$30,000 To Free Teachers at Noon

The Farmington Board of Education will spend up to \$30,000 during the 1965-66 school year for noon aides in order to provide more released time for elementary school teachers.

After considerable study, this decision was arrived at by Board members at their Monday evening meeting.

The \$30,000 figure is an increase of \$17,000 over the \$12,000 spent last year for similar purposes.

The additional money will provide for two noon aides in each elementary school, and should result in considerably more released time for teachers than under the present schedule. However, this action does not imply that teachers will have no noon hour supervision.

The principals will be responsible to schedule in such a way that the maximum amount of released time is provided. In scheduling noon duty supervision on the playground or in classrooms, not more than three rooms will be attended by a noon aide at any one time.

In further action on this subject, the Board voted to have

the parking lot on the north side of Grand River, east of Farmington Road; the parking lot on the south side of Grand River, east of Farmington Road; and Thomas Street, from Farmington Road to Warner.

According to City Manager John Diney, construction is expected to begin within 10 days.

Farmington Man Is VP

Donald B. Carless, 35984 Quakertown Lane, Farmington, is the newly elected vice president of the Cass Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

A general administrative assistant for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Carless will help direct the Council's 1965-66 activities, with emphasis on D. B. Carless community service projects.

The 881-member Cass Council is the downtown Detroit organization of the Pioneers as part of the statewide Wolverine Chapter, which has 7,848 members. The Telephone Pioneers of America is an international organization of more than 240,000 working and retired employees with 21 or more years in telephone work.



New Principals Get Reception In Farmington

The Farmington Department of Elementary School Principals welcomed three new elementary principals at a coffee hour reception August 5 at the Cloverdale School.

Received into membership in the department by chairman Nick Abid, William Grace School principal, were Lawrence G. Freedman, Walker J. Scholten and Paul T. Rankin.

Freedman, former sixth grade teacher at Kenbrook School, will be principal at Highmeadow. Scholten will teach fifth and sixth grades at Beechview School and will be principal at Longacre. Rankin was formerly principal at Dwyer Elementary School, Detroit. He will be principal at Gill School.

Woman Injured by Auto

Mary Lee Derry, 27, of 21615 Middlebelt, Farmington Township, was severely injured when she was struck by a car on W. 10 Mile Road, 300 feet east of Orchard Lake Road, in the Township, at 10:25 p.m., on Saturday, August 7. The car was traveling at a speed of between 40 and 45 m.p.h.

She was rushed to Redford Hospital by Superior Ambulance. At this paper's press August 9, she was reported to be in critical condition.



EXPLORER POST 45, of Farmington Township (left): John Kuzmian, Harry Walkley (advisor), Rocky Seebert (guide), George Riskey (assoc. advisor), and Don Kuffie. Standing left to right: Andy Walkley, Paul Tooley, Gene Goshorn, Ken Rickey, Harry Allen, Jim Hosler, Craig Walsh, and Pete Sevin.

17 F'ton Teens At Camp Oakland

Seventeen Farmington teenagers, referred by the Protective Services Division of Oakland County Juvenile Court, are attending the free summer camp at Camp Oakland in Oxford, this season.

The summer camp gives a two-week camp experience to about 500 underprivileged children of Oakland County each year. Located on a 200-acre lake site, Camp Oakland offers swimming, boating, organized games and instruction.

The Protective Services Division works closely with Grand Oakland in selecting children to benefit from the summer camp program.

The cost of Camp Oakland's summer operation is borne by private donations, chiefly the service clubs of Oakland County, plus \$50,000 from the United Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit.

Summer camp counselors are college students who earn credit for their work and instruction at the camp through Michigan State University.

Camp Oakland offers services including a year-around home for boys and girls who would otherwise have no permanent home. Additional programs are two-week family camps and vocational training for school dropouts.

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