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Annexing Meeting Scheduled

There will be a joint meeting of the Farmington City Council and the City Planning Commission, on Wednesday, Sept. 8. The Planning Commission, last week, reviewed the master plan for the area affected by the proposed annexation, and then requested the Sept. 8 meeting for a joint review of the plan. It is proposed that if the City approves the recommendation, the Sept. 8 meeting be followed by another joint meeting to which the people in the affected area would be invited. At that meeting, it is hoped, the plan would be adopted officially, so that if the area does become part of the City, the people in it will have the assurance that the area will be zoned and developed according to that plan.



JACKLYN GILES, left, and Pat Frasure, make plans for the teenagers fund drive which will be held in the Farmington area on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12 to raise money for Alsea—a group that is fighting dread childhood diseases. This is the group started three years ago and made famous by Comedian Danny Thomas. It is already credited with significant achievements. Jacklyn is co-chairman for Farmington. Pat is co-chairman, with Pat Caie, and Gary Dunn, in the efforts to recruit leaders and marchers. The drive will last for two hours. Its goal is \$200.

Planning Comm. Says Yes and No

At its meeting on Aug. 26, the Farmington Township Planning Commission denied the request of the Riley Land Co. for a public hearing on a rezoning request for 4.22 acres at the northeast corner of Northwest Highway and Middlebelt Road from RA-1 Residential to C-1 Office and B-1 Local Business. It was the opinion of the Township Land Consultant Charles Lemmon that this was not a proper location for such a project.

The Commission unanimously approved the request of the Township Board of Trustees for rezoning of 2.73 acres at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Middlebelt Roads from RA-1 Residential to O-Office.

The Commission held a public hearing on the rezoning of RC Multiple Residential Zoning Amendments as they apply to specific parcels of property. It should not be rezoned residential.

Finally, the Commission denied the request for rezoning of 20.18 acres in the northwest quarter of Section 28 from RA-1 Residential to RC-2 multiple for garden type apartments.

Farmington Dems Honor Stevenson

A tribute to the late Adlai Stevenson will highlight the next meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club, scheduled for 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the Community Room of the City National Bank of Farmington, Ten Mile at Orchard Lake.

Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Aldo Vagnozzi said the tribute by a prominent speaker will be accompanied by a display of photographs showing the late U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations during his trip to Michigan.

The Farmington Democrats will consider community issues during a short business meeting. The usual post-meeting snack time will be held. Vagnozzi said the meeting is open to the general public.

DETECTIVE STORY: Township Plain Clothesmen Keep Peace, Prevent Crime

By Allen Rosenfeld

Farmington Township is 34 miles of affluence with a touch of poverty; of many bedrooms cross-ventilation and of quite a few drinking establishments—some of them rough. Like many growing communities, it has poorly lit areas. Maintaining law and safety in areas like this is difficult, sometimes dangerous work. A heavy responsibility for it belongs to the detective squad, which in Farmington Township consists of three men.

Their basic job is following up on complaints taken by the Department — checking the complaints out, establishing that a crime was committed, trying to obtain what evidence is available, locating suspects, building the case, attempting to obtain warrants. If the evidence indicates, and adding the prosecution.

In addition, the Township Detectives, two of whom also serve as uniformed officers—do other jobs that are time consuming but invaluable to domestic tranquility.

The difficulties these gentlemen face and the valuable function they perform became apparent to this reporter in the course of an evening of riding with them on Friday, Aug. 27.

It began at about 8 p.m., with a call on some witnesses to an assault case. State Patrol was retained. State Patrol was necessary.

Then began the bar checking. This was done because its value is three-fold: information obtained in bars is, of course, sometimes pertinent to investigations.

Bar checks also serve a function similar to infantry patrol. By constantly visiting potential trouble spots, the Detectives sometimes encounter minor trouble before it becomes major.

Even more important there is the deterrence factor. When word gets out that Detectives are checking, there is a better chance of bartenders doing their job of checking identification, and there is less likelihood that they will serve their patrons more than their patrons desire.

This is not a pleasant job. Nor is it the safest job in the world. Plainclothesmen are not (Continued on Page 13A)

War and Peace

Pair of Farmington Marines Are Heroes

Lead Rifleman Is Killed by VC

A 19-year-old Marine from Farmington was killed, apparently by sniper fire, in a fox hole in the hills outside of Danang, South Vietnam, on Aug. 23. He was Pfc. Richard Cronk, a graduate of Farmington High School, who had lived at 21123 Centerfarm Lane.

A member of the Third Marine Division, he had been wounded in the shoulder in an earlier action and received the Purple Heart. He was the platoon sniper.

He had hoped to be home in June of 1965. But he consoled in a letter to his former employer, on Aug. 11, that he needed "a little luck, because the higher rank in this platoon feels I'm much too reckless or maybe unconcerned with possible consequences while on patrol, etc." As the lead rifleman in his platoon, he was the only man equipped with an infrared scope on his rifle. This is for use in night fighting.

He had gone to Vietnam at the end of May. Since then he had had only one leave, which he spent buying gifts for his family.

Before going into the Marines, he worked for several months at Automatic Manufacturing, as a mechanic on lift trucks. And before that, he worked for a short time at Fisher Body. He also worked there during two summer school vacations in 1961. His home, is also a Fisher Body employee.

During his high school days, Cronk worked after classes at Larry King Power Station, on Telegraph in Detroit.

Though he graduated from Farmington High in January, 1963, he spent only one year at that school. He attended Lathrop West High School, in Detroit, for three-and-a-half years before that.

Richard was a highly motivated Marine. He felt he knew why he was fighting. This is revealed in the above mentioned letter. In it, he said:

"I believe it was in 1924 Lenin told the world that communism must prevail over capitalism. He foretold the communist plan for the conquest of the world. In three successive steps the communists would first take over Eastern Europe, secondly the masses of Asia and thirdly Lenin claimed that the U.S. would fall into communist hands like an 'overripe fruit' from the tree of life."

"My second reason is that the U.S. government was asked by the government of Viet Nam to assist them in the defeat of the Viet Cong. Actually, we committed ourselves years ago to 'Ideologically we are in direct opposition to communism. The national purpose of the U.S. is to establish freedom and democracy at home and export it abroad.' (Continued on Page 13A)



COL. ROBERT E. SMITH ABOUT to congratulate a drowning man. Col. Smith had just presented late Cpl. Lynn Radcliffe for heroism in rescuing Cpl. Radcliffe the Navy and Marine Medal.

Helicopter Rescue Wins Decoration

A nephew of Dr. and Mrs. James R. Terry, of 22831 Michigan Ave., Farmington, himself a former resident of this community, has just been decorated for heroism.

Cpl. Lynn K. Radcliffe, of Station Operations and Engineering Squadron, United States Marine Corps, was presented the Navy and Marine Corps Medal by Col. Robert E. Smith, Jr., Air Station chief of staff, at formal ceremonies at Cherry Point, N.C., last week.

Cpl. Radcliffe was cited for his efforts while attached to the Air Station Research and Rescue Team in saving a crewman from drowning and trying to rescue another after a boat disaster in the Neuse River Feb. 19.

The Neuse flows into the Atlantic Ocean. The rescue took place about 30 miles out to sea. Waves were cresting at the time at 30 feet.

Radcliffe's citation reads as follows: "Arriving at the scene... Cpl. Radcliffe, with complete disregard for his own safety, unhesitatingly jumped from a helicopter, which was hovering some 20 feet over the disaster area, in an attempt to rescue one of the victims.

"Due to waves six and eight feet high and winds of 35 knots with gusts of 40 knots, he failed to effect the rescue on his first attempt. He was ordered to re-board his aircraft in order to rescue another man who showed signs of life; this rescue was quickly accomplished.

"Re-entering the water in an attempt to rescue the first victim, he succeeded in securing the body to the rescue seat; however, the unconscious man slipped from the life vest he was wearing and sank from view. Cpl. Radcliffe elected to remain in the water an additional 20 minutes to mark the location for the rescue boats.

"His unselfish disregard for personal safety resulted in the rescue of one person from drowning and his courageous actions in attempting to save another victim were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and United States Naval Service."

The citation was signed by Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze.

Cpl. Radcliffe is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Radcliffe of 1770 Luneta Ct., Bass Lake. During the time Radcliffe lived in Farmington, Cpl. Radcliffe not only attended school in this community, he was also a member of the First (Continued on Page 13A)

★ Free ★ Northland Playhouse ★ Tickets ★

Accuse Man Of Molesting A Little Girl

A 47-year-old Detroit was arrested at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, on charges of taking indecent liberties with a four year old Farmington girl. The act was allegedly committed two hours prior to the arrest.

The accused was arrested in an apartment in Detroit, by two Farmington officers—Det. Donald Youles and Sgt. Robert Deadman. He was arraigned before Farmington Municipal Judge Pheny, on the following day.

If your name appears in the Want-Ad section of the Observer Newspapers, you win two free tickets to an exhilarating musical performance of "A Little Girl" currently playing at the Northland Playhouse. Check the Want-Ads now. You'll be glad you did!



Pfc. Richard Cronk

A Defense of Eddy: Affirms Free Speech, Chides 'Yellow' Press

By Sherwin T. Wine, Rabbi Birmingham Temple

The "Eddy affair" is now past history, its unfortunate appearance, a tribute to the distortions of yellow journalism and the cruelty of public hysteria.

Robert Eddy is a bright and sensitive Unitarian minister in the city of Farmington, who has devoted his time and talents to the solution of com-

munity moral problems. He is also a pacifist, alighted with the tenets of the Johnson policy in Vietnam.

In sheer vindictiveness, his enemies publicized his out-of-context remarks. Statements were concocted which had not delivered a year ago on the subject of marriage and promiscuity. The "Eddy" papers that rocked the bastions of local respectability was a suggestion that teen-agers be allowed to enter into "trial marriages" with consent of their parents.

The reasons for his proposal are irrelevant to our present concern. The disturbing issue is the reaction.

A highly sophisticated friend, whose open-mindedness and rationality had always been apparent, suggested to me that Eddy ought to be effectively silenced. Surely, the use of

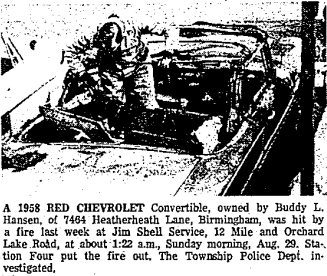
a touchy problem of our free society: Do we give the opportunity of the pulpit, the classroom, and the public forum to people who preach doctrines counter to the established social morality?

Does a confirmed Marxist have the right to teach in a public university, or an antisemitic lecturer to conduct a series of lectures in a local town hall? Should free-love advocates be allowed to publish their views in a college newspaper or a segregationist playwright present a drama on nationwide television? When the free expression of opinions presents an obvious threat to the moral concepts, their deepest commitments we hold dear, ought not common-sense intervene and impose restrictions?

We must readily agree that freedom of speech and discussion is a means and not an end.

There is no social merit in merely allowing people to say what they want to say. The purpose of this liberty is to enable citizens to evaluate sense, and adjust their opinions in an air of peaceful disagreement. The challenge of variety promotes thinking. It is good for people to have their most precious notions, their most sacred concepts, their deepest commitments subjected to the test of differing ideas; the rigidity of fixed conclusions is deadly to personal growth and social maturity. The prop of belief must never be social conformity; it must be the conviction born of personal searching.

To cite the criterion of anti-social opinions as the limit of freedom is both invalid and dangerous. Who is to be the judge of what doctrines are (Continued on Page 13A)



A 1958 RED CHEVROLET Convertible, owned by Buddy L. Hansen, of 7494 Heatherthel Lane, Birmingham, was hit by a fire last week at Jim Shell Service, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, at about 1:22 a.m. Sunday morning, Aug. 29. Station Four put the fire out. The Township Police Dept. investigated.