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what's inside

Judge Rained Out

A deluge of rain hit the Farmington area Friday, but before the skies emptied, Kendallwood 1 and Colony Park managed to finish their annual July 4 parade. The rain arrived after the parade and sent a judge scurrying to the dugout. The events were captured for The Enterprise & Observer by photographer Ralph Evert.

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Caveman To Computer

This week The Farmington Enterprise & Observer begins a series of articles exploring the area of vocational education—the need, the programs and the future. The first offering begins with a history of vocational education dating back to the caveman.

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Prize For Beauty

The 1969 Farmington Founders Festival Queen will have more to gain than her title. The Farmington Board of Commerce this week announced a list of prizes for the queen and her court. An entry blank and list of prizes are offered this week for the benefit of all the beautiful lasses of Farmington.

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Money For Parks

Your home town could benefit from the \$100 million state recreation bond issue. Here are the rules for applying for funds and when you can expect to get them. Incidentally, we also got a roll call on how your state representative voted on the bill last week. See the Regional Page.

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Got Some DDT?

The state has made the sale of DDT illegal. So what do you do with your old stocks? The Suburban Gardener, Betty Frankel, tells how in the Home and Garden section today. . . And there are stories about what to do with sick sycamores and more ideas from the Green Thumb.

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upcoming

AT FIRST, when they were setting their salaries, the Wayne and Oakland County Boards of Supervisors got a lot of attention from the dailies and the TV. What's been happening since then? Will there be reform in county government? Tim Richard and Howard Kohn interviewed the two board chairmen—and they tell the good along with the bad. See Sunday's edition.

"3 Days Later People Were Still Calling



and we sold the set to the very first person that called," said Mrs. John Curtis of Livonia about the Classified Want Ad she recently placed in the Observer.

BLACK AND WHITE 21"
TV Console on swivel,
UHF, Reasonable. GA
0-0000.

Classified WANT ADS

422-0900

Board Of Commerce Backs 'Yes' Vote For November 4

By EMORY DANIELS

The Farmington Board of Commerce has adopted a resolution urging a "yes" vote on the Nov. 4 ballot.

The resolution, passed unanimously by the board of directors, urges residents to vote "yes" Nov. 4 so that there shall at least be a charter commission created.

THE RESOLUTION did not include an endorsement of consolidation per se but only support to establish a charter commission to study indepth the question of consolidation.

On Nov. 4 Farmington voters will be asked to create a charter commission consisting of nine members and empowered to draw a charter for a new consolidated city.

If voters authorize a charter commission, the charter composed by the commission would then be put on the ballot for a second vote.

The four municipalities would not consolidate, then, until the charter is officially adopted by the voters at the second election.

Chamber President Tom Zoedoes told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer he is very strongly in favor of a "yes" vote Nov. 4.

"We at least should find out what the charter commission can come up with," explained Zoedoes.

"If we don't like the charter we can vote it down at the second election but let's at least vote 'yes' Nov. 4 so we can authorize a charter to be written."

"Some people are under the mistaken assumption that if we vote 'yes' in November we have consolidation," continued Zoedoes, "but actually it only means we will look into the question further."

ZOEDOES STRESSED that at this time the Board of Commerce is not endorsing consolidation because it does not know what the charter commission will do.

If a charter commission is created, Zoedoes explained, the Board of Commerce "will hold a continuing study on the findings of the commission while they are meeting and will consider the possibility of taking a stand on the actual question of consolidation after the commission completes its work."

Opinions were also solicited from Dr. John Richardson, city councilman and Board of Commerce director who is acting as liaison between the board and Citizens For A Better Farmington.

"When one considers that the makeup of the membership of the Board of Commerce is about 42 per cent township and 58 per cent city," he said, "it becomes more apparent that

a single city concept for the Greater Farmington Community is a realistic approach.

"The unanimous endorsement of a 'yes' vote on Nov. 4 by the board of directors of the Board of Commerce indicates that we believe the matter should be further explored by the formation of a charter commission to work out the details such as form of municipal government, level of services, tax rates, etc."

"We want to stress the fact that the final decision on whether or not we consolidate rests on the acceptance of this charter by each of the municipalities involved."

What Should Signs Welcome Visitors To??

The impending question of consolidation is making everyone super-conscious of city-township boundaries.

Take, for instance, the case of the "Welcome to Farmington" signs (or the case of the Double Indemnity clause).

THE FARMINGTON city council is planning on posting four signs at the city limits. The Farmington board of commerce is going to put up 12 in the township.

"I think we should put ours on a pedestal so we can move them when consolidation passes," jokes John Richardson, council member.

"We'll make sure they're movable," enjoins John Dinan, city manager.

Dinan says the city signs will stress beautification instead of boundaries—with possibly a wildlife crest—and that they won't conflict or compete with the board of commerce signs.

The city will erect four signs sometime this year at Orchard Lake and 10 Mile, Farmington and 8 Mile, Halsted and Grand River, and Hawthorne and Grand River.

THE BOARD of commerce will put up 12 signs, all in the township.

The signs will read simply "Welcome to Farmington."

Oakland County road commission regulations prohibit using county right-of-way for posting "welcome" signs.

So the board of commerce is currently appealing to realtors to underwrite the cost of setting up the signs on private property.

"We had four signs put up several years ago," explains Bill Bowman, board of commerce spokesman. "But only one is still standing."

"I hope we get the 12 new ones up this year."

The signs, which will cost \$600 on installation, will be posted inside the township at main intersections instead of at the township perimeter.



RELIEF COMING — Work has started on the second phase of the Belle Aire relief sewer line, a \$20,000 project. Workers this week are busiest on Lamar east of Beacon. Completion is expected



by the end of this week and then the crews will return to replace the sidewalks. Shown laying a sewer pipe in photo at right is Lee Nagle. (Evert photo)

Safe Driving Contest

9-Year-Old Cautions Adults

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Although it will be seven years before he can get a driver's license, nine-year-old Craig Whetter of Farmington already knows so much about safe driving he has won a \$100 bond in an essay contest on traffic safety.

Sponsored by the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, the contest was announced in the Observer newspapers. Mrs. Eileen Frayne, Craig's teacher at Bond School, heard about it from her husband.

MRS. FRAYNE explained the somewhat weighty title, "What Can the Public Do to Stop the Slaughter on the Streets and Highways?" to her fourth graders and let them do all their own thinking.

Craig thought so well he was one of just four winners in his age group from the metropolitan area. His thoughts were all his own and his parents, the Ronald Whettters of 29151 Bannockburn didn't offer any suggestions.

HERE ARE SOME QUOTES from Craig's essay:

"To drive a car safe there

are lots of things to do like buckle your seat belts and drive safely. When you leave your car, take your keys and lock the doors."

Here's another: "You should know how long to keep your car. If you think you need a new car because your old one is rusted or is unsafe you had better get a new one. If you want to be safe you should have life insurance and car insurance. Don't drive your car when you are drunk, sleepy (Craig's spelling), dizzy or sick."

CRAIG'S MOTHER wasn't surprised that her young son could offer so many convincing arguments for traffic safety.

"He is just crazy about cars," she notes, "and right now is busy building a hot rod in the basement with his older brother. Of course, his father is an engineer and that might have something to do with it."

Mrs. Whetter thinks that telling her pupils about the contest is just another one of Craig's teacher's good ideas.

"I am so impressed with

what Mrs. Frayne has done for her children," says Mrs. Whetter. "She has done so much and this is just another good example."

MRS. FRAYNE, who is taking graduate work toward a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University this summer, thinks extra-curricular projects like essay contests are enriching.

"It's nice for the children to see there is a practical use for education," she explains. "They learn that there is a better application of what they are learning than just in the classroom."

She adds, "A good teacher motivates his pupils to learn."

ACCORDING to Craig's mother, the \$100 bond will be saved toward the boy's education.

And because he is only nine years old, even though he wins essay contests, Craig couldn't care less at this point about education.

He wants to use the bond to buy a snare drum.



AUTHOR AND FRIEND — Craig Whetter of Farmington, who won a traffic safety essay contest, works on another essay with his teacher, Mrs. Eileen Frayne. (Evert photo)