

Rev. White Writes Nixon About My Lai Incident

An Observerland minister has written to President Nixon asking that "members of our armed forces will never again be given an order which involves the shooting of old men, women or children, innocent or not."

The Rev. Hugh C. White, senior minister of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, sent his letter after a sermon in which he discussed implications of the reports on events in My Lai. He pointed out that the men alleged to have taken part in the incident "are the men who have done what we told them to do" and that they should not be made "scapegoats."

"They are part of us, no better and no worse," he added.

THE CLERGYMAN, who in the past served as minister of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, said in

his letter to the president:

"First of all, I thoroughly approve and support all efforts to terminate our military involvement in Vietnam. Whatever we could have accomplished there has been accomplished."

"Regarding the events which have come to our attention at My Lai, there are several things we must realize: "First, the men involved are not the rebellious draft card burners. These are the men who have done what we told them to do."

"Second, we can say that every other nation on earth has this and worse on its collective conscience, all of which is true but beside the point. It is beside the point because at last we have been forced to realize that war does the same brutalizing job to all men."

"Third, we must not make scapegoats of the men allegedly involved. They are part of us, no better and no worse than any of us. Any one of us is capable of participating in a massacre."

"THEREFORE, as commander-in-chief of the armed forces, we need to be assured by you that members of our armed forces will never again be given an order which involves the shooting of old men, women or children, innocent or not. This, of course, calls in question the whole concept of the involvement of a civilized nation in war of any kind. After we have dealt with a specific situation at My Lai, let us proceed to a consideration of this last point."

"This we must do if we are to have any real future as a people or as a human race."



REV. HUGH C. WHITE

Jaycettes Ask For Cards

FARMINGTON The Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary is collecting used Christmas cards and similar greeting cards to be given to the Plymouth State Home for Retarded Children. The cards will be used for therapy and recreation by the patients. If you have used greeting or Christmas cards which you wish to donate to the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary, they may be dropped off in a box at the Farmington District Library.

Largest Pine Cones

The cones of the sugar pine tree are the largest among the world's pines.

Farmington Socially Speaking

By KATHY ZISKA
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Pre-holiday guests from Daytona Beach, Fla. at the Harry Ramsay residence were his mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ramsay, while at the Tony Schmidt residence, there were various guests for pre-holiday celebrations.

Mrs. Irene Schmidt's cousins from Covington, La. included Mrs. Karen Lloyd and daughter, Kim; Miss Dinne Kaack and brother Bobby Kaack; Mrs. Schmidt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Singleton of Dearborn, and Tony's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schmidt of Detroit and Tony's brother.

Bob Schmidt of Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt's daughter, Gayle, helped with preparations for the festivities.

OVER 100 Class A members attended a BE-MAN dinner of braised short ribs of beef, in the Farmington Country Club's annual meeting and election of officers held early this month. Newly elected as president was Jack Dunn of Hearstone and Pat Savage as vice president; Robert Paffi, secretary; and Harold P. Nielsen, treasurer, of Bonnet Hill. They will preside as officers of the Farmington Country Club during the 1970 term.

Directors, elected to a three-year term at the same meeting, were Donald Lansbers of Bonnet Hills, Bruce Sauer of Southbrook and John Bruner of Southfield.

ABOUT 700 persons attended St. Alexander Church in Farmington for an ecumenical service held recently when they hosted 16 churches of various denominations.

The service which included the largest congregation to occupy the church during its history, featured a combined choir of 106 voices under the direction of Don Zielinski, as well as a banner procession.

Another Northland?

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"Nobody has had proper zoning for this type of development," when first proposed, Richard Kughn said. He is a partner in the development. In other shopping complexes developed by his firm, Kughn said, a new ordinance has been passed. Such an ordinance allows general approval for the project but "before you develop, you must get approval of your site plan," he added. When asked if the project could be completed within the present zoning laws, Kughn

replied: "From what I can see, it would be rather difficult."

To develop the complex within the present ordinance would require zoning of individual parcels of land in the site, Kughn said - a "very cumbersome thing."

"A separate zone is a little bit sort of ridiculous," said the planning commission's chairman, Charles Lorion. He added it would be a three-year project to put together a suitable zone.

ANOTHER MEMBER of the

commission pointed out that some of proposed uses for the site fit into an existing business zone, B-2. Automobile dealerships and apartments planned for the site do not fit within B-2, however.

Only the plans for the shopping center are "concluded in our minds 100%," Kughn commented.

"Just because we show it this way, this doesn't mean this is the way it has to be," he said.

Kughn noted the construction of the complex will take several years, and many changes can be made during that time.

Actual construction of the shopping center will begin about a year after zoning is completed the developer said. The center will open "approximately two years from the day we break ground," he added.

The other buildings proposed for the complex, he said, probably won't be started until the shopping center is opened and plans could be modified.

"We're working in the dark as far as the feelings of the community are concerned," Kughn said.

Airman Killed

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second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in the fall.

Mike began writing for the Observer newspapers as a student at MSU, handling assignments in the state capital covering the Water Resources Commission and members of the Legislature.

His parents and those of his wife flew to Springfield, Mo. Sunday evening.

The body was returned Monday by military plane, accompanied by the parents, and was taken to the Charles Step funeral home, 18425 Beech-Daly, Redford Township.

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It will be an exciting holiday season for Mrs. Joan Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. McGregor of Bernardine Street, Joan, who has never been abroad, flew to Frankfurt, Germany, where her husband, PFC John W. Mann, is stationed with the artillery. The young couple have been married since February of this year. Joan's mother confided that she is sure Joan will learn German very swiftly. Joan is a 1967 Farmington High School graduate.

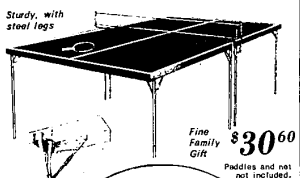
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transition to single family housing. He said no projections on population density of the apartments have been made.

Another problem is lack of sewer arm to the site. The developer said his firm will get together with the proper authorities to work on a solution.

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Luke 1: 31-32



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