

Right To Pay Hedrick -- What About Teeples

Local Designer Wins Contest

FARMINGTON
Jeanne Augcy, a resident of Farmington, is one of the 10 winners chosen in the nationwide "Young America Creators" contest for 1969.

The contest, sponsored by Glamour Magazine, Butterick Patterns and Celanese, was held to encourage aspiring young fashion designers by bringing them to the attention of the fashion industry and giving their best work the widest possible public exposure.

Each of the winners' designs has been translated into an award winning collection of Butterick Patterns, available at pattern counters throughout the country. Done in Celanese fibers, one of Jeanne's designs will be featured in the March issue of Glamour in a special section "Looks to Sew Yourself."

The Farmington Township Board, in my opinion, was entirely correct in agreeing to pay the \$1,500 legal bill charged Patrolman John Hedrick.

To refresh your memory, the Oakland County prosecutor charged Hedrick with assault and battery against a John Vonsauer. Noel Gage defended Hedrick, and the jury found him innocent.

Since the charge involved Hedrick's actions in line of duty, it is proper and fitting that the township pick up the tab. He is innocent of that charge, a charge resulting from an act committed in line of duty.

BUT THE QUESTION must be asked: will the township also pay the legal fees charged Earl Teeples who also had to hire an attorney to defend himself?

Teeples was suspended and demoted for allegedly giving false information to the county prosecutor's office. At the conclusion of the trial board hearing, conducted by the township board, the ruling was made there was not sufficient evidence available to prove Teeples guilty.

Readers Write

Urge Relief For Blighted Areas

Editor:
We want to compliment you on the very fine manner in which the many serious problems of the southeast and south-end of Farmington township were described. We consider "Daniels Den" of Jan. 25 one of your best and we made numerous telephone calls to alert other civic-minded persons to read it.

...possible only because of mileage. The people in the south-end also paid this mileage with no real benefit for their money. There is nothing to prevent the present administration from instituting a policy whereby some of the lots from the industrial park be returned to the people to correct the priority problem—"ditching and graveling local roads." WITHOUT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

THIS SUDDEN, but slowly moving and feeble, action on low-cost housing by township officials appears to be bait for the upcoming election. Mr. Cook, director of the Livonia Housing Commission, warned us about this and that the housing commission should not consist of local government officials.

We sent a letter to Tom Nolan three weeks ago and none of us have heard from him. This supports the statement you made—"the township reacts when a crisis exists and then settles back and ignores the area after making token contributions." The present crisis is their fear of annexation. However, to date, we see no token dangling in this area.

THE DEVELOPMENT of the industrial park (now a very lucrative operation) was

Regarding Tom Nolan—it doesn't seem to be in the best interests of the people in Farmington to have the same person holding THREE offices. He is trustee, he is member of the planning commission and now the housing commission. Even if there isn't a conflict of interests, it is a disservice to the people to permit one man to have so much power.

May we look forward to more "telling it like it is" in Daniels Den? After living in this area a long time (many of us more than 40 years) we hope our favorite local paper will continue to expose the many inequities the south-area has been subjected to by a selfish and indifferent local government.

B. BOYD
FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP
ROAD ASS'N.

Southend Speaks

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representatives sit in a new township building and bewail the inability to help those citizens entrusted to their hands, they are not living up to those responsibilities of their office."

THE LETTER concluded: "You fellows had your chance. Some profit from the Industrial Park could have been earmarked for distressed local roads. The promises of the township will no longer suffice. Promises won't buy us off any more."

"Perhaps another administration, like the city, may do this area what you have failed to do without special assessment."

"In view of all the things never done for the south end,

and since these people live in the proposed area to be annexed, how do you think they are going to vote?"

Copies of the letter addressed to Nolan were also sent to trustees Earl Oppenheimer, Fred Lichtman and Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer.

South Oakland Softball League Seeks Teams

The South Oakland Fast-Pitch Softball Association will conduct its organizational meeting Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. in the Hazel Park Recreation Center at 620 W. Woodward Heights in Hazel Park. The association is a traveling fast-pitch league seeking to expand its number of teams. Persons from southern Oakland County and southwestern Macomb County are invited to attend.

Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

of improper action to warrant the disciplinary action.

Since a person is innocent and proven guilty, then Teeples also is innocent of charges made by the township involving Teeples' actions performed in line of duty. Teeples was reinstated with his former rank restored and back pay given -- but what about his legal costs? I would expect that if a bill is submitted to the township board will also pay that one.

LOOKING FOR a real estate bargain? Elmer Brenner is willing to sell two and one-half-acre residential lots for less than half-price. That kind of a bargain you can't even find in our classified want ad section, at least not very often.

Elmer is a blind, retired WWI veteran now living in Redford Township. A few years back he purchased the lots for \$3,700 and just last week (like many other taxpayers) got a letter telling him what his new assessment is.

The two and one-half-acre lots are now assessed at \$13,400. Since property under the state constitution is assessed at 50% of its market value, this means Elmer's lots should sell for \$26,800.

And so Elmer has a "government appraisal" that his property is worth \$26,800 but says it is willing to sell, to the first taker, both lots for only \$13,000. They are vacant, zoned residential, and aren't served by sanitary sewer. But what's a sewer when the land is going for half-price?

SIGNS OF HARD TIMES ahead showed up at last Monday's township board meeting.

Musicale Features Gershwin

FARMINGTON

In observance of February as the month of American music, the Farmington Musicale will devote its attention to George Gershwin's compositions on Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

Entitled "The Genius of George Gershwin," the program will feature Musical members Mary Dulmage and Margaret Savely, sopranos; Marilyn Truitt, contralto; Shirley Strey and Charlene Slabey, pianists.

Guest pianist Mrs. Gertrude Shimmom, member of the Royal Oak Musicale, will play arrangements by Gershwin of three of his show tunes. Mrs. Edith Showalter will narrate the program which has been written by Mrs. June Fado.

Program chairman will be Mrs. Wilfred Strey and tea chairman Mrs. James Biselow.

Both the Farmington Musicale and the Royal Oak Musicale are affiliated with the National and Michigan Federations of Music Clubs.

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Months ago the township engineers drew up cost estimates for sewer and water work in Springbrook and Springland subdivisions. When the bids came in a couple of weeks ago, they were 30% BELOW the estimates. With new home construction declining, contractors are beginning to look for work and are bidding low to get jobs.

With the interest ceiling raised on municipal bonds, the bond market is opening up also. The combination is advantageous to the township and residents within a special assessment district, but the low bids are another indication that last summer's spurt in the building industry is on the decline.

Might be a good time to get the house re-wired or the hot water heater replaced.

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