

# Census Means \$ For Farmington

## Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

### Remove Walls Without Fire

I've never attended a formal sensitivity training session but I think I know what it's all about after being put through the wringer last week by a young black militant.

Norvell Harrington, leader in the Student Revolutionary Coordinating Committee and staff member of New Detroit Committee, was in Farmington March 3 to address the Farmington Rotary Club.

HE WAS supposedly dramatic to make his points and made alarming statements to retain attention of his audience. And the shock waves were useful—the audience listened closely and thought about the message being conveyed.

During the question-answer period, Norvell clarified his personal position but warned there were blacks who hold such views as:

"Black people realize today that whites can be duped. This is your last chance to determine what level you want to deal with—constructively or destructively."

"I'm poor but can scrape up a penny for a book of matches. And that penny the Detroit black man spent in 1967 cost the government \$7 billion."

"We learned a lesson: that if I can't get what's mine, I won't let you get yours either. Next time I won't burn what's mine but what's yours. I'd rather burn walls of hate, discrimination and bigotry."

Norvell, who is working on a degree in urban planning, wasn't really serious when saying next time the riot would be held in Farmington. Grosse Pointe and Berkeley instead of the inner city. It was another shock wave, and later he admitted opposition to violence.

But Norvell was adamant in some of his views. "I over-stayed my overnight, and I figure you can release us overnight," he said quite seriously.

THE PRIORITIES of the people in power today are not the priorities of the Bible, he continued.

"If I were calling the shots today I would pull all our troops out of Vietnam and cut the space program by two-thirds, and the foreign aid policy stinks. There is lots of money around."

"If I believed freely in riots, I wouldn't be on New Detroit or speaking here in Farmington, but there is an element in Detroit that would gladly use matches."

He described New Detroit as an example of sophisticated white racism. He noted the accomplishments of the Michigan Citizens Development Authority, established to provide adequate housing for low-income families, which has been in existence since 1967 and has yet to build many houses.

"You should fight racism right where you live. There is no need for you to come to the ghettos to fight racism. If white and black racism is to be eliminated, there must first be a dialogue between white people."

"Eliminate prejudice and you can talk about human needs instead of black needs."

WE SHOULD'NT BE so concerned about white power or black power, he continued, but human power. Black power, he added, is just a stopgap tool.

It was alarming to hear talk about burning the suburbs. But that tactic was successful in reinforcing the philosophy once stated by James Meredith: "If America isn't for everybody, it just ain't America."

Norvell Harrington's message was: There should be no pre-established walls built to separate races. There should be one race from enjoying the same opportunities as another.

When one man builds a wall, another wants to destroy it. Some blacks want to burn the walls down—but, hopefully, the builders will first destroy their artifice.

### Slkare Will Tour Europe

Gerald Sklare, counselor at North Farmington High School, will accompany a World Horizons trip to Europe this summer. The tour will begin early in July and continue for 30 days.

Countries on the itinerary include two iron-curtain lands, Czechoslovakia and East Germany, plus England, Denmark, France, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland.

The trip will not involve classwork, tests, or homework but will feature informal lectures along the route. Six credits will be granted to students who write a paper before they leave on what they expect to see and learn.

### Mathes Trains

Marine Pvt. Charles T. Mathes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Mathes of 3956 Blakeston, Farmington, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

The Farmington Area will receive a greater share of state-collected revenues following completion of the 1970 census.

This has been a foregone conclusion and a much-re-

peated prediction during last fall's consolidation election. But although Farmington Area's share will increase, the per capita return statewide will decrease.

THE APRIL 1, 1970, census

count is expected to total 8.85 million or an increase of 13.1% over the 1960 census.

### analysis

This increase in population will result in a decrease in the per capita returns statewide according to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

The fixed distribution of \$9.5 million of the intangibles tax to cities, villages and townships on a per capita basis will decrease from the present \$1.21 to an estimated \$1.07 per capita because of the population growth.

The impact of the census on individual cities, townships and villages will be determined by its population growth in the last 10 years in relation to the growth in total state population of 13.1%.

In other words, a community whose population increased less than 13.1% since 1960 can expect a decrease in returns from state collected taxes.

A community with a population increase more than 13.1% can look forward to an increase in state-returned revenues.

Population growth in this area between 1960-67 was: City of Farmington, up 40%; Farmington Township, up 50%; Quakertown, up 45%; and Wood Creek Farms, up 26%.

The Farmington Area as a whole for the seven-year period experienced a population growth of 47%, comparing to Oakland County's 25% growth.

SINCE FARMINGTON'S growth has been triple the state average, the four governmental units can expect a

healthy boost in state-returned funds.

Among the state-returned taxes are: state tax on intangibles and securities; state sales tax; state income tax; and gasoline and vehicle weight taxes.

Of the above four, the township does not receive any gas and weight tax refunds since the county has responsibility for road maintenance, which is the sole purpose for which these returns can be spent.

However, since Oakland County's population growth is 12% above the state average, the township might benefit from the increased gas and weight monies returned to the county.

STATE-RETURNED taxes are most vital to the two villages because these revenues account for more than 70% of the village budgets.

Farmington Township derives about 20% of its total revenues from state returned taxes and the City of Farmington about 20%.

It is difficult to determine at this point how much more money will flow into the Farmington Area from Lansing

after the 1970 census is tallied in April.

But projections made by Michigan State University, in the Farmington Area Governmental Organization Study, indicate the City of Farmington will receive an extra \$16,000; Farmington Township, an extra \$102,000; Quakertown, an extra \$41,500; and Wood Creek Farms, a \$2,000 bonus.

THE LARGEST AMOUNT of reimbursement will come from return of gas and weight funds which will be about \$7.38 per capita in 1970-71.

Farmington City Manager John Dinan expects the city's present \$80,000 gasoline tax returns will be increased to \$110,000 based on a projected population of 12,000.

This extra return will increase the city's bonding capacity for road work to \$260,000.

In fiscal year 1970-71, estimated return of sales, income and intangibles taxes statewide will be about \$18.28 per capita.

While Farmington will receive a boost in returns, statewide the 1970 census will result in a decrease of \$3 per capita for all state-collected funds.

## wood creek farms

By ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA 6-6335

The Women's Association met Tuesday in the home of Lee Kay with 20 attending. The delicious dessert was provided by our two co-hostesses, Marj Wendling and Ann Kors.

During the business meeting which followed, I found that several in the group had failed to read the fine print village article in the Feb. 25 Farmington Enterprise and Observer regarding our village election.

The election will be held TOMORROW, Monday, March 9, in the Paul Inman Associates building at 3009 North-western Highway, corner of Inkster. Please come and vote.

Two contests will be decided in the election. Four men are competing for two positions on the village council and two others are in the race for assessor.

Acting Village Clerk June (mae) Mans said incumbents Alvin Albertson and William Orman are being challenged by John Voorheis and Donald Flesher in the village council race. The two voters getters will serve two-year terms on the council.

The other contest is for assessor with incumbent Robert J. Swift being challenged by George E. Trout. The assessor serves a two-year term also.

Two other candidates are unopposed. Incumbent Francis L. Kigar is running for village treasurer and Mrs. Manos is the only candidate for village clerk. She was recently appointed to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Mrs. Eileen Abbott who retired.

One special issue will be on the ballot. Voters are being asked to renew the Franchise of Detroit Edison to supply electricity to village residents. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DICK AND MARY KAY Agnello flew to Cozumel Island off the tip of Yucatan Peninsula Feb. 19. They had a wonderful week there before flying back to the mainland where they toured the peninsula before flying home Feb. 19.

Dick and Maxine Carlson drove to Florida to visit their parents. They left here Feb. 9.

and had perfectly beautiful weather all the time they were gone. Both sets of parents live in the St. Petersburg area so they had a wonderful time visiting relatives and new old acquaintances. On the way home they stopped in Akron, Ohio to visit Maxine's sister and family.

Andy and Emily Dynda flew to Miami Feb. 8 and stayed right there with the exception of one day. Emily has an aunt and uncle who live in Hollywood, Fla. so they were glad to visit with them and to rest. That one day was spent by the four driving down the Keys to Key West and return. The Dynda's flew home Feb. 22.

MICHELE ANNE PICARD was born Feb. 8 in M. Carmel Hospital. Her parents are Delphine and Bob Picard, our quite new neighbors at 2902 Wellington. Michele has a brother, Bill, 2½ years old.

Dick McGrath's father died Tuesday morning a few hours after a stroke. Dick was at a motel in Pineville, Ore., and had to drive 160 miles for a plane home which he made with less than five minutes to spare. He reached home about 3 p.m. Tuesday. The funeral was at 10 Friday in St. John Episcopal Church in Royal Oak with interment at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Bay City. We wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to Dick and to his family.

BERNARD BY was killed Wednesday in an accident while working on his property here in Wood Creek. At this writing, Peggy is waiting for her brother, a lawyer, to arrive from California.

Bernard was born in France where his mother and two sisters still live. His father was killed in World War II. Bernard has specified cremation. Funeral arrangements are being made. All in Wood Creek wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Peggy and her children.

## Floral Park News

by E.R. PHILLIPS, 474-6575

Newcomers to Floral Park are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leake and three month old Darlene Marie, who moved into the home at 2349 Elmwood. Leake works for the Walnut Lake Service. They formerly resided in Farmington Township.

Miss Christine McKelvey of 22509 Hawthorne was married to Steven Showell of Farmington Township Dec. 20 and they are now residing in Pontiac. Mrs. Showell is the top two voter in the township. She is working as a teacher in Detroit while her husband completes his studies. Mrs. Showell's brother, Daniel, will graduate this May from University of Detroit.

### Miss Vaughan Joins Tri-Delt

Elizabeth Matthews Vaughan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Vaughan of 28853 Oak Point, Farmington, was initiated into Delta Delta Delta sorority, Michigan State University, on Feb. 27.

Miss Vaughan, a sophomore majoring in special education for the emotionally disturbed, is a member of the judiciary in her dorm.

### Commissioned

Navy Ensign Joseph C. Brincat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Brincat of 28861 Oak Point, Farmington, was commissioned an ensign upon graduation from Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, R.I.

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