

# Festival suggestions are varied

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers to tell us their suggestions for this year's Farmington Founders' Festival — what they like now, what they would like changed and what new could be added.

Following are these responses:

In the art show at the Masonic Temple, I feel that they put too many artists in a small space and it was uncomfortable for the artists and for the people viewing the artwork.

The Farmington Festival should get rid of all these fly-by-night concession stands they have. They should have more local crafts and places where you could get good food where you can go down and enjoy the day or evening like it used to be years back. Now it's just one big circus, just a bunch of junk.

I would like to see someone have some "I Love Farmington" T-shirts printed up.



discover Michigan  
**Bill Stockwell**

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The penguins at the Detroit Zoological Park attract more interest than any of the other 1,500 animals on exhibit. If you counted the animals in the Belle Isle Zoo and fish in the Aquarium, you can see a total of some 3,000 animals and fish under the care of the Zoological Park Department.

The elephant eats more food than any other animal at the zoo. He consumes about 140 to 150 pounds of food daily and eats mostly hay, bread, fruits and vegetables. The rarest animal is believed to be the snow leopard.

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## Only lost last battle

# Agee isn't hero or villain

**WILLIAM AGEE** doesn't fit the mold of either the classic hero or the classic villain.

Unlike Hamlet and Oedipus, he didn't fall at noble work because of a character flaw. Unlike the usurper Richard III, he didn't fall in battle.

Agee, who will depart from the merged Allied-Bendix company, was a hero until his last battle. He had to walk the plank but was equipped with a golden parachute.

\$825,000 annually for five years and nearly a million bucks in stock options. Many of us could live on that.

So what was the net effect of Agee's nearly 10 years in the Southfield headquarters of Bendix Corp.?

HE DID MUCH good by two measures.

First, in a world of conglomerate mergers, Agee sought to focus Bendix's efforts.

Consider some of the other weird mixtures of enterprises corporations acquire: a finance company owning a movie company, a soft-drink company owning distilleries, U.S. Steel owning Marathon Oil, duPont rescuing Conoco . . . it's as if someone threw a bunch of stock certificates in the air and people scooped up whatever they found.

Agee's acquisitions at Bendix had a purpose: pointing the aerospace and automotive company firmly in the direction of high technology. That was what he was doing last fall when he made a tender offer for Martin-Marietta, the Maryland aerospace firm.

Agee is a financier who trades in companies, not an inventor or a retailer. He did his work well.

SECOND, in a world where

mergers soak up vast amounts of borrowed capital, Agee worked with his own company's cash.

If you want to get a group of builders riled up, mention "merger" to them. They turn red in the face, complaining of the big shots using vast lines of credit to wheel and deal in existing companies rather than using that money to build houses. They see young folks unable to buy houses because interest rates are kept high due to heavy federal government and merger borrowing.

Agee's source of cash, as I get the picture, was the proceeds of unneeded firms Bendix had sold off.

Thus, Agee is generally innocent of the two highest sins of big business — building silly conglomerates that no one can run and squandering good credit.

AGEE CAN, in fairness, be faulted in some areas.

The kind of raid he attempted in buying up Martin-Marietta stock isn't too popular. Business mana-

gers often act as if they own the companies they're hired to run, and the bosses at Martin-Marietta didn't like the notion of Agee buying control of their company, even if his plan was socially useful and highly intelligent. So they attempted to buy out Bendix, and the affair turned into a game of corporate cannibalism.

To stave off being eaten up, Agee agreed to a merger with Allied Corp., a firm that's in chemicals, plastics, oil and gas. Just what socially useful purpose Allied will perform by owning a high-tech firm like Bendix is unclear. It is certainly a violation of Agee's own principles.

Finally, Agee turned out to be a poor spokesman for corporate enterprise. During an interview with him recently, he responded to merger questions with nebulous abstractions. He talked like a spineless bureaucrat when he had a dandy case to make.

Yet despite it all, Agee is more of a credit to free enterprise than many of those who criticize him.

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