

Today's hot line

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125 Kids March

Some 125 youngsters participated in the Fourth of July parade in Farmington sponsored by Kendallwood and Colony Park subdivisions. The kids just barely finished their march when the sprinkle of rain began and the downpour struck a few minutes later, cutting short the talk from the honored speaker—for the second consecutive year. A pictorial report is given inside.

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City Kicks In

Expansion of the Drug Rap Line into a Farmington Area drug abuse program received support Monday night when the City of Farmington authorized \$3,000 to help underwrite expense of the first year's operation. The program will get underway once Oakland County Board of Commissioners agree to contributing its share to the Farmington drug prevention program.

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I Promise

A Republican supporting Phil Hart for senator and John Lindsay for president? A Democrat in suburbia campaigning for a graduated income tax? They're running for the State Senate out here in the 14th District.

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Consistent?

Some fellows in the Legislature are a little inconsistent. They vote for higher school aid but against the taxes to pay for them. Is your lawmaker one of them? See the tally.

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It's A Bargain

The American Drama Festival offers a bargain to playgoers, but maybe its first choice wasn't the wisest. Is the 20th century audience too sophisticated for melodrama?

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Girlstown

Did you know that Michigan has a Girlstown? It's located in Belleville, and Kathy Moran paid it a visit to find out what is being done there for teenage girls.

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City Receives Grant Renewal For Traffic Safety Bureau

U.S. Rep. Jack McDonald (R-Farmington) has announced a \$34,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration to the City of Farmington's Public Safety Department.

Congressional approval of the funds for Farmington was given on the morning of July 2. Farmington City Manager John Dinan received word of the approval from McDonald the same day.

THE GRANT IS actually the second installment of federal aid given the city last year which resulted in five patrolmen being added to the Public Safety Department.

The additional patrolmen were used to organize a special traffic safety bureau charged with traffic safety enforcement and accident prevention.

The City of Farmington was the first municipality in Michigan last year to receive federal highway funds for traffic safety enforcement.

When the original grant was funded last year, the city was told it could expect funding for a three-year period, but application would have to be made each year.

THE SECOND installment was slightly lower than anticipated by city officials because of a 15% reduction in the program by the federal government.

The federal program is funded on a 50-50 basis with local governments. However, out-of-pocket cost to the city is less than 50% because the city receives credit for fringe benefits paid police.

Dinan said the city will match about \$20,000 plus fringe benefits with the \$34,000 received from Washington, D.C.

The federal funding approved last week will allow

the city to pay the salary of its five additional patrolmen for the next year and to make installment payments on equipment purchased under last year's grant, such as the ambulance van.

THE INITIAL funding of the program last year was due to the preparatory work of Dinan and Robert

Deadman, director of the Public Safety Department.

Funding last year allowed the department to grow from 20 to 25 men. After next year, the third year of the program, the city must pick up 100% of the cost. Directing the traffic safety bureau is Sgt. Richard Miller.



BITTER CUP! The Boston Tea Party was "A Bitter Cup of Tea for the English" notes the placard carried by children marching in Saturday's July Fourth parade in Kendallwood I, Farmington Township. About 125 youngsters from Kendallwood I and Colony Park subdivisions

marched dressed in costumes stressing the theme "Massachusetts Bay Colony's Contributions to American Independence." A pictorial report can be found on page 3-A. (Evert photo)

Conservatives Ignore Precedents

Lichtman, Vagnozzi Out of School Coalition

By EMORY DANIELS
The conservative element on the Farmington Board of Education still feeling jittery from the outcome of the June election, elected themselves officers of the board at a special meeting Monday night.

In so doing, five of the seven trustees ignored an established precedent in the district by choosing not to elevate this year's board vice-president to president.

THE FIVE trustees, likewise, decided against electing one of this year's officers for the post of board vice-president for the 1970-71 school year.

In two surprise moves, the board Monday night elected John Washburn III as board president instead of Gary Lichtman and Kenneth Perrin as vice-president instead of Aldo Vagnozzi.

Lichtman was the expected choice for board presidency because he served this past year as vice-president.

Rounding out the board for the next school year are Kay Stirling as secretary and Richard Peters, outgoing president.

Vagnozzi and Perrin were elected unanimously after Lichtman and Vagnozzi refused what they viewed as token peace offers for their positions.

LICHTMAN, especially, was ardent in declining nomination for board secretary. "It is like throwing a dog a bone, and this one will have none."

The Farmington Enterprise & Observer learned the slate

finally elected was hand-picked earlier by Peters after telephone conversations with four other trustees. Lichtman and Vagnozzi were not included in the telephone poll by Peters.

Monday night, the board met in closed-door secret caucus for an hour to discuss nominations for board positions. At this time, Peters presented his slate, which was the one eventually elected.

Discussion in that meeting is not known because the public was kept out. During the special open meeting held afterwards, only Lichtman and Vagnozzi talked while the five holding trump kept silent.

TRUSTEES NOMINATING the winners did not give reasons why that individual was qualified or should be chosen. The names were simply placed in nomination and a pause then taken before the vote.

To even a casual observer, unaware of what had taken place earlier, it was quite obvious the majority had decided earlier. It was hardly necessary to disclose an executive meeting had been held, but Vagnozzi, in his public remarks, made it known.

Vagnozzi nominated Lichtman for board president and then presented reasons for the nomination. Lichtman nominated Vagnozzi for vice-president and also supported his move with reasoning.

After both were voted down, each expressed personal displeasure with the board's action.

Washburn was nominated by Perrin, who made no further comment. Perrin was nominated by Washburn, who made no comment.

Mrs. Stirling nominated

Lichtman for board secretary without comment. But Lichtman did comment.

LICHTMAN SAID he would not accept the nomination.

"By the one hour we just spent in private session before this meeting and by the action just taken, the board has shown a lack of confidence in my ability and the actions I have taken and may take in the future."

Lichtman said the board, by its actions in passing over him for president, "is slapping me on the wrists and saying 'You are a bad boy because you have taken views we don't agree with.'"

"It is a personal affront to be asked to move from vice-president to secretary. It's like throwing a dog a bone and this one will have none."

WASHBURN ALSO nominated Vagnozzi for treasurer without comment and Vagnozzi, also, commented after declining the offer.

Vagnozzi declined and nominated Peters for treasurer because "that was the slate the others—I didn't agree upon in our private meeting."

Vagnozzi said he was opposed to private meetings, except when necessary for personnel matters and land acquisition, and had hoped the discussion held in private would have been held in public.

But Vagnozzi did not get his wish because whatever the five trustees said an hour earlier they did not repeat during the public meeting.

Vagnozzi said apparently both he and Lichtman were being punished for taking positions during the past year which did not agree with the present majority.

It is unfortunate precedent has been broken, he added. "I applaud those who won. I've lost before. But your action sets a precedent that positions on the board will be decided on a political basis, and I hope you all recognize that."

REFERRING to the secret session, Vagnozzi said: "We (he and Lichtman) were told we are out of tune with the views of the people who attend the board meetings."

"Well, I'm proud to be out of tune with some of the views expressed from the floor during some of our meetings."

He continued that he and Lichtman during the past year had spoken up and taken abuse from the public, on behalf of the board, to defend such curriculum changes as minority understanding, sex education and substance abuse.

Vagnozzi noted these curriculum changes have come under the fire of the "radical right" elements in the community.

"You become controversial because you take a stand on tough issues. If that means being demoted, then so be it. But I'll continue to take stands on tough issues."

Vagnozzi added that maybe his "demotion" was also caused because he characterized the board as "rubber-stamping" administrative recommendations on labor grievances.

REFERRING to himself and Lichtman, Vagnozzi said: "We do represent a certain segment of the community. Nobody on this board can

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upcoming

THE COMMUNITY that surrounds the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College is suburban, conservative, not too excited about such things as racial justice. So what happens when 400 black youngsters are brought in to study? Dennis Pajot got the exclusive story of local integration, and you'll see it in the weekend edition.