

Daniels Den

BY EMORY DANIELS

Surgery Can't Subdue Floyd

It has been good to see Floyd Cairns, Farmington Township clerk, back to work and in such good health.

A few months back, Floyd took a trip to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital for open heart surgery. The operation was more than successful because he returned to the township hall in much better health than before.

THE PROOF came Aug. 4 when Floyd directed the township's primary election. Elections are probably the hardest job a clerk must perform during the year and a township is especially burdensome.

Of course, Floyd has been handling elections for so long that it becomes easier each year. He has to be one of the best informed municipal clerks in the state when it comes to knowing election laws.

But knowledge of what's going on doesn't ease the physical strain of conducting an election. And the mental strain is still terrific as precinct workers keep calling in with special problems and questions.

Each question must have an immediate answer.

For Floyd, election day started at about 5 a.m. when he crawled out of bed and began preparing for the trip to township hall. At 2 a.m. Wednesday, Floyd was still in township hall waiting for the car to transport the final tally to Pontiac. By the time he made it home, Floyd had put in at least a 24-hour work day.

TWENTY-THREE HOURS of work is hard on any man and especially has to be trying on a man who just a few months back had heart surgery performed.

Floyd was tired, of course, but he was as healthy as the harried news reporters who had stayed with him for the final tally.

That early morning ending of a hard day's work was final proof of the success of the operation. It has to be a bit amazing what doctors can do these days.

The operation was a bypass of blocked arteries in the heart which was first performed in the Cleveland Clinic. The operation involves taking segments of leg veins and joining them with the aorta and cardiac arteries to bypass blocks threatening the heart's blood supply.

It is the most extensive use of leg vein grafts for heart repair and has promises of even greater variety of alternatives to heart transplants.

IN LAYMAN'S terms, the operation is similar to a plumber installing a copper pipe without removing the blocked cast iron pipe which must be bypassed.

Just a few weeks before the election, Floyd had to return to Cleveland for "picture-taking." A fine, hollow plastic tube was inserted into the artery inside the elbow and pushed up the arm, around the shoulder, across the chest to the opening of the coronary arteries. This is done without anesthetics.

An opaque dye is injected into the tube and the doctor, with aid of a fluoroscope, follows the dye up the tube to see if there is a blockage and how extensive it



FLOYD CAIRNS is halfway through his second decade as Farmington Township clerk. (Event photo)

might be. Movie pictures were taken for posterity.

The operation, itself, is quite extensive but didn't shake Floyd. The night before the operation, Floyd stayed up till the early hours of the morning

Reader Unhappy With Tom Nolan

After attending the public hearing on the master plan for Farmington Township, I am appalled at the treatment the tax paying citizens of this community get and take from trustee Thomas Nolan.

Have you ever attended a township meeting and observed or been subject to his officious tone and attitude "at his best"? Nolan's attitude has always reflected his opinion of his own importance and insignificance of the public for whom he serves.

It is certainly to be recognized and dealt with at the November election when he runs for treasurer and thereby retains voting power on the board.

As a township trustee, he has displayed the same smart alec demeanor and slammed through motions and resolutions at the township meetings.

Nolan not only has had his vote on the township board as

Letter To The Editor

# Critics Appall Coach

EDITOR: As a parent who has been concerned with the welfare and development of boys in our Little League organization here in North Farmington for the past 10 years, I feel appalled that a parent would write a letter such as the one which appeared in your August 1 issue.

Furthermore, I am shocked that an editor of a newspaper, regardless of how big or small, would publish such statements.

IT IS VERY obvious these mothers were contradicting themselves by saying they would like to win at any cost, even to the point of crucifying the organization.

A thing of this nature is a deterrent to acquiring managers who are qualified. I have seen excellent little league managers refuse to stay in the organization because of abusive parents, especially mothers, heaped on their backs. Most of this abuse is applied from parents who actually do not understand baseball rules but are only concerned with one boy in a league of 1700.

League officials present at games have no jurisdiction once the first pitch has been thrown. The game is then entirely in the hands of the umpires. In tournament play, if there is a protest committee, and if a

game is protested, play is then stopped and the protest committee is asked to rule before play can resume.

If, and only if, a league official is part of this protest committee and agrees with the other two members can he voice an opinion.

A league official's only job is to see that the organization is provided with the necessary equipment, managers and facilities to play. His functions are not concerned with one or two games, but for the entire league schedule play and tournament play.

A league official's time is donated and he is elected to serve from September through August at an annual meeting of parents who are concerned enough to attend.

These officials were up late the night before this game until at least 10 p.m. pumping water off the diamond, and were out again at 7 a.m. putting the field in shape so that this game could be played.

Unfortunately, any

organization as large as this league (with 100 percent volunteer workers) does have a few weak points. It is abuse such as you published that benefits these weak points. It stops the qualified manager from coming home from work, grabbing a peanut and jelly sandwich and rushing off to the ball diamond.

IN ORDER to see that every boy plays baseball in a city that has no summer recreation facilities, we cannot always get the professional to teach or umpire, but we do acquire qualified young men to do this job.

Fortunately, there are a few devoted men, such as our commissioner, who have large enough shoulders to withstand these silly abuses. Rather than criticize, I think each parent of a boy in baseball in North Farmington-West Bloomfield should write a letter of thanks to this Little League organization.

I am sure all of us have had some bad calls in life as well as on the baseball diamond, and sportsmanship can only be tested when we receive the bad call.

Take this from a manager who not only lost a championship in league play, but lost the tournament as well, with the cooperation of the umpires.

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Manager, Colts  
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Sewer Charges Unfair, Says Springbrook Reader

EDITOR: We believe an injustice is being done.

We live in the Township of Farmington, Springbrook Subdivision. We have all been assessed \$1,928.30 for a new sewer. This can be paid in full or over a period of 15 years at 6 per cent interest.

The point is, the township clerk admits we have been overcharged approximately \$300. However, if we wish to pay up in full, they will not deduct this amount from the bill. If we pay it on time, we are forced to pay 318 interest each year on the overcharge.

They tell us an adjustment will be made at the end of the 14th or 15th year. We are older people, retired, we need this money now not 15 years from now-when more likely we will not even be around.

Surely something should be done to right this wrong. Any suggestions?

NAME WITHHELD

Civic Book Info Sought

Again this year, as a continuing community service, the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary is compiling an organization list.

New organizations and those not previously listed are asked to contact Gerald Young, 23181 Violet, or 476-4109 giving the following information: Name of organization and purpose, services rendered, president's

Secretaries At Ferris

FARMINGTON Six secretaries from Farmington School District are

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