

Hills resident unravels WWII mystery



A letter home, rolled up and placed inside a German rifle shell, describes a battle that took place with German soldiers. The bullets were intended as souvenirs of the war.

Studying up

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"I originally had that money earmarked for house repairs, but I felt it was more important to further my education to get a better position," Havier said.

"It is expensive," Havier added. "It was over \$1,000 for the first three months. It's been a real drain on my savings."

"I can't see my financial situation being real stable beyond the first year," Havier said. "But hopefully, I'll be able to get more hours teaching and will be able to save more. Now that I've started, I'd like to go full tilt and get it over with."

Havier has been married 17 years and has a 15-year-old son. Both his wife and son have been supportive of his effort to get his degree. "I couldn't make it without their support," Havier said. "That's what makes it all possible."

Havier added that his son is very cooperative about being quiet while Havier views classroom lectures on TV.

But Havier is not the kind of guy who spends all his free time hitting the books. He also enjoys the martial arts and was an assistant instructor of judo at the Farmington YMCA for four years. The Vietnam veteran also enjoys sailing.

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THE FIELD jacket contained the war mementoes of Charles Atkinson of Philadelphia, formerly of Fackler's 7th Armored Division. It included letters to his wife, Mary, scribbled on rem-

nants of paper in the heat of fighting, a Nazi lapel pin, two German-made armor-piercing shells and a photo of his child.

"He had remembered everything in his pocket," Fackler said, after speaking with Atkinson.

Atkinson's jacket pocket

also held a \$10 bill, carried since the day he enlisted Feb. 10, 1942, which was the key to "detective" Fackler's finding him.

On the bill was the notation that "McCormick had died Dec. 21, 1944," Fackler said. Checking

the list of those killed and interred overseas, he discovered a Robert McCormick killed in action Dec. 23. He was a member of the 33rd Engineers.

A call to 33rd Engineer Grover Raymond in Livonia substantiated the fact that a now-deceased

McCormick served in the 33rd. Checking another list, Fackler found only one man from the 33rd in the Philadelphia area — Charles Atkinson.

FACKLER WAS happy to find Mary Atkinson also alive. "She will cher-

ish these things with him," he said.

Whoever and wherever the "living coward" is, "I hope he's got the peace of mind now that he's done this (sent the war memorabilia)," Fackler said.

"It took a lot of guts to do this — he's honest."

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:00 p.m. on January 6, 1986, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PRESENT: Bennett, Campbell, Hartsock, Tupper, Yoder.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Billing, Director Laubhoff, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Bashy.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council appointed Chamber of Commerce Director JoAnn Soronen as the City's contact person to the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission's Public Affairs Committee.

Council appropriated \$160 to sponsor a local boy for the 1986 Boys State Program, and appointed Councilman Campbell as the candidate's contact person.

Council supported Senate Bill 303 establishing financing for the E-911 system.

Library Director Papai presented the Farmington Community Library Annual Report to Council.

Council announced its intent to establish a Downtown Development Authority, and scheduled a Public Hearing for 8:00 p.m. on February 3, 1986, to hear comments on the proposed ordinance and district boundaries.

Council placed a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of building occupancy permits for massage parlors and schools.

Council introduced the following ordinances:

Ordinance C-529-86 which would regulate the Massage Parlor Business;

Ordinance C-530-86 re: Business Licensing for Massage Parlors and Schools.

Council established business fees for Massage Parlors and Schools and fees for Public Safety investigations relating to same.

Council appointed Director Billing as the City's representative on the House River Basin Committee.

The City Manager presented Council with a report on the Proposed Detroit Water and Sewerage Wholesale Rates for fiscal year 1986-87.

Council received and filed the Liquor Control Commission notice of application from Arbor Drugs, Inc., to transfer ownership of a 1985 SDD-SDM licensed business located at 23366 Farmington Road from H. W. Watson, Inc.

Council appointed Herbert Cumbo of Heritage Lane to a three-year term on the Farmington Board of Review.

Council received and filed the General Fund and 47th District Court financial reports for the five months ended November 30, 1985.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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