

Take a look back in time via the Enterprise

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special writer

After surviving a visit to the mall last week, I returned home wishing I lived in a simpler time. I sometimes think I was born 60 years too late. I love black-and-white movies, the waltz, old houses and simple automobiles.

A time travel to the past is obviously impossible. But a trip to the archives of the public library is not. Journey back with me to the year 1927. With the help of the Farmington Enterprise, living in the past is relatively easy — just turn back the pages 60 years.

● DEC. 22, 1927
The newspaper is alive with stories of local interest:

- Grand River will be widened from Farmington Junction (Orchard Lake Road) to the lumber yard.
- The Farmington High School basketball team was defeated by Dearborn 11-10.
- The O-Ace-Ser-Inn is under construction at Farmington Junction. There will be a sign 14-feet long advertising dining and dancing. "Radio, orthophonic and piano music will be available."
- Bernard Meyer observed 28 years of business in one location (without a vacation).
- Farmington's last Civil War veteran has just been buried. W.H.H. Smith was 87 years old.
- A skunk problem exists in the township and city. A trapper, Gus Long, has just caught 32 of them to help solve the problem.
- There will be a dance at Bond

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School this weekend. Music will be provided by Coe's orchestra.

- One can ice skate at the rink on 12 Mile Road near Franklin for 25 cents and refreshments will be served.
- The library warned that "The Keeper of the Bees" and "The Man Without a Country" should be returned at once.
- Farmington schools will be closed for 11 days for the holidays, according to school superintendent Archie Leonard.
- The third grade at Walled Lake School was closed this week due to scarlet fever.
- A street light will be installed on Shiawassee Street "in the hollow."

● The Redford Theatre is showing "Th Heaven" with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

● The 1921 Farmington High School basketball champs will play the present high school team at the gym tonight. The 1921 team almost won the state title as a class B school. The members of the team are: Donald Banfield, Frazier Staman, Armin Roth, Russell Catherman, Harley Catherman, Clint Treadway, Dallas Harger and Lester Harger.

● Howard Warner's turkey (that he won earlier in the week) flew out the barn window, scared by Howard's nephew, Billy Slocum. Mr. Warner has not yet captured the bird

to make a holiday meal.

- The want ads are listing two Holstein cows, pigs and baled alfalfa.
- The society page includes items of current happenings: Donald McCracken has returned from Albion for the holidays. Howard Cernus is in Pontiac on jury duty this week. Mrs. Kate Pettibone is getting along splendidly. Mr. and Mrs. Fink entertained F. Cairns and Mr. and Mrs. A.O. DeMay at dinner Sunday.
- At the A&P, turkeys are 50 cents a pound; oleo, 15 cents a pound; pumpkin, 10 cents a can; and Grandmothers Twin Loaf Bread, eight cents.
- The Farmington Hardware is advertising an Atwood ("new all-electric") Radio for \$49 and up.
- A Kodak Brownie sells for \$2; silk hose, 50 cents; and fur coats, \$188. An all-wool suit with two pairs of pants sells for \$23.50. Linoleum is 65 cents a yard.

● The car dealerships in town are hoping you will buy a new auto for Christmas. The Oakland-Pontiac Sales is selling an Oakland for \$1,265. An Essex is \$700 at the Lake Side Garage and Shaw Bros. is advertising a Pontiac Six for \$745.

● The St. Paul Lutheran Church is offering a German service at 2:15 Sundays.

The Enterprise is celebrating its 40th year in 1928, founded in 1888 by E.R. Bloomer. At only five cents a copy, the local paper can get the pulse of the area. Even the little "filler" paragraphs are interesting. (Did you know where the tradition of Christmas trees began?)

A trip to the past was brief but very informative. Indeed, it puts our lives today into clearer perspective. In some ways, it makes us more thankful, more observant and more aware.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Orchard Hills Psychiatric Center, an outpatient facility, intends to provide substance abuse treatment services. Anyone with comments or recommendations should contact the clinic in writing at 23600 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 201, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48024.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 1987**

Mayor Mayor opened the special meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on November 30, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Alkateeb, Dolan, Fox Marks, Sever, Soronen and Vagnoni. Others present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Reynolds, Assistant City Manager Call, Director of Finance Hosh, and City Attorney Bilezikian.

Minutes of November 16, 1987 were approved, as amended.

Council denied request that the City adopt a resolution supporting the creation of a Local Service Area with neighboring communities to administer the Job Training Partnership Act.

Council accepted 1986/87 Audit Report, presented by Ken Kunkel of Plante Moran.

Council agreed to hold executive session immediately following meeting to discuss pending litigation and acquisition of property.

Council adopted Resolution on 1-496 Improvements, including construction of noise barriers adjacent to residentially zoned areas abutting I-696, to be presented at a Public Hearing of December 9, 1987.

Council agreed to have Oakland County Health Department evaluate and prepare a report on the condition of septic systems and wells on Goldsmith Street.

Council authorized distribution of Request for Proposals to developers regarding disposal of the Hanway property.

Council authorized City Manager to proceed with City Hall remodeling project.

Council authorized City Manager to issue purchase orders to:

- Dick Morris Chevrolet for thirteen Chevrolet Caprices at a total cost of \$153,896.00;
- Art Moran Pontiac/GMC for three Pontiac 6000's, one Pontiac Bonneville, one Pontiac Firebird, and one Pontiac Grand Am at a total cost of \$81,173.84; and
- Mike Saville Chevrolet for one Chevrolet Caprice at a total cost of \$11,390.95.

Council authorized City Manager and City Clerk to sign agreements with Michigan Department of Transportation for the relocation, modernization, and maintenance of traffic signals at the intersection of Thirteen Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, for a total City cost of \$10,161.00.

Council set date of January 23, 1988 for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

Council discussed having a flag and new logo designed for the City of Farmington Hills.

Special meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Council immediately went into executive session.

BEN MARKS, Mayor
JOAN REYNOLDS, City Clerk

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SPECIAL ELECTION**
Tuesday, December 8, 1987
Oakland County Board of Commissioners
(To fill vacancy in 21st District)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 1987 for the purpose of electing a candidate from the qualified political parties to fill the vacancy in the 21st District of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The 21st County Commissioner District is comprised of the following precincts:

All of precincts 2, 4, 5 and 13 in the City of Farmington Hills, and all of precincts 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 38, 39, 40, 43, 46 and 48 in the City of Southfield.

On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the closing shall be allowed to vote.

LYNN D. ALLEN,
Oakland County Clerk/
Register of Deeds

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