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Defense attorneys for Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington Board of Education member, have filed motions seeking dismissal of assault and battery charges made against him. Details are inside.

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You can become an expert on your community by referring regularly to such features in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer as At the Center, Community Calendar and Wood Creek Farms.

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The Clarenceville Entertainment Series has done it again. What has it done? You'll find out in our Amusements section. It's a good idea to get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

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There's much doing on the Schoolcraft College campus this weekend. Both the Primo People and Charlie Brown will be big attractions.

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Township Starts Program To Construct Sidewalks

Farmington Township is preparing to take legal action against subdivision developers to force construction of sidewalks along mile roads and other heavily traveled roads in the township.

The board Monday night instructed Clerk Floyd Cairns to obtain a list of subdivisions approved since February 1965 which do not have sidewalks today along mile roads and submit that list to Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney.

BRENNAN HAS BEEN authorized to write these subdivision developers and demand sidewalks be installed within 60 days or legal action

will be taken to force sidewalk installation.

The motion passed 5-2 with Supervisor Earl Teepley and Trustee L. David Stader voting no.

Teepley voted no because he felt he should be allowed to handle the project since he first raised the issue last January. Stader said he was opposed because many persons moved to the township because they liked open ditches and didn't want sidewalks which require maintenance and involve personal liabilities for the owners.

THE DISCUSSION began

with Trustee Earl Teepley chiding Teepley for not taking action on the sidewalk question since first raising the issue last Jan. 6. Teepley answered that the sidewalk ordinance has been in effect since 1962 and has not been enforced for three years. He added he had compiled a list of subdivisions and supplied that list to members of the board on May 7.

On May 24, Teepley continued, the board discussed reviewing the sidewalk ordinance "and I have not seen a review since."

Trustee Fred Lichtman commented that passage of ordinances is the duty of the board, but enforcement was

the duty of township officers, not the board's. Teepley added that it is the responsibility of the board, not an officer, to approve a lawsuit being started against a subdivision developer.

THE SUPERVISOR added that he wrote letters to developers, and Thompson Brown Co. was the only firm courteous enough to reply. Stader said he had reservations about whether the ordinance ought to be enforced and wondered if the township should be selective in the areas it enforces.

Teepley answered that the ordinance could be changed, but as long as it is on the books, it should be enforced equally in all areas of the township where applicable. Stader defended Teepley by saying the supervisor had been pushing the installation of sidewalks since assuming office. "If we want to use the lack of sidewalks as a whip on Teepley, then I think it's misdirected."

THE BOARD also voted to finance the Coy Drain by assessing the cost at large on

an ad valorem (general tax levied) basis. The board added that all future storm drains constructed by Oakland County will be financed at large.

Trustees voted to spend \$4,800 for the township engineers to do a master storm drainage plan for the township.

Oppehtausser revealed during the meeting that the civil settlement made with Walter Vetowich of Farmington Township was for \$750, not \$30,000 as reported by Supervisor Teepley at the last board meeting.

Oppehtausser added the settlement of \$750 was made only to avoid the nuisance of continuing with court proceedings on the lawsuit against the township Patrolman John Hedrick.

When asked by Op-

perthausser why he quoted the \$30,000 figure when told by Vetowich's attorney the settlement was \$750, Teepley replied he remembered the figure \$30,000 being passed on to him.

Teepley then apologized for passing on inaccurate information at a public meeting and stressed he did not do so purposely or to harass any individuals involved.

Lieut. William Kelly, of the township police department, also stated Monday night that he was not ordered by anyone to remove items from his office and objected that his office was ransacked.

Teepley said he understood Kelly was ordered by Lt. Tom Schreiber to vacate his office. Kelly answered that Schreiber has denied giving the order and will take a lie detector test.

Schools Get Job Fund

Four teachers and one librarian are being sought to fill positions on Farmington Public School staffs thanks to eligibility of the school district under the Federal Emergency Employment Act.

Marinus VanAmejde, assistant superintendent of Farmington Schools, says news of the district's eligibility came over the weekend. William Prisk, business manager, said under the terms of this "emergency act," the positions are to be filled as soon as possible.

Prisk said funds for salaries of the teachers would total \$43,000 from the federal government to be matched with \$4,700 from school funds.

According to federal guidelines outlined by VanAmejde, applicants must be residents of the Farmington School District; unemployed; and registered at least one week with the Michigan Employment Security Commission. He said guidelines also state that veterans will receive preferential status.

"Since the Farmington School District wishes to be cooperative and since the austerity budget now in operation has forced us to function with less than a full staff, we fully intend to employ additional people under terms of the Federal Emergency Employment Act," he said.

LeRoy Bartman, director of personnel, said openings are for three elementary school teachers; one junior high school librarian; and one junior high school English teacher. All must be Michigan certified teachers.

Apply at the Board of Education offices, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington.

Police Stage Narco Raid

Four persons have been arrested in another narcotics raid staged by Farmington Township detectives and patrolmen.

Police confiscated a batch of marijuana and arrested three adults and one juvenile as a result of the raid on the Topp's Motel at 28744 Grand River, Farmington, says Police Chief Irving Yakes.

Charged with possession of marijuana are: Kenneth Grenham, 19 of Shady Lane, Livonia; Ralph Copner, 19 of Michigan City, Ind.; and Paul Holdengrafer, 22, of Silver Springs, Fla.

Also arrested was a 15-year-old girl from Livonia.

The three were arraigned Saturday afternoon before Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand, pleaded innocent, and bond was set at \$2,000 each with pre-trial examination set for Oct. 1.

Lt. Kelly Answers Allegations

Lieut. William Kelly of the Farmington Township Police Department issued a statement Monday afternoon designed to clean up allegations made two weeks ago at the Sept. 13 township board meeting.

At that meeting, Supervisor Earl Teepley said Kelly had been ordered to resign to vacate his office and did not remove items as told.

Township police officers are being reshuffled to prepare for the arrival Friday, Oct. 1, of the township's new public safety director Ronald Holko.

Kelly's office upstairs has been taken over by Police Chief Irving Yakes and Kelly has been moved downstairs.

Kelly stated Monday that at no time did Teepley, Yakes or any other command officer ever tell him to vacate his office or remove anything from it.

It was a complete surprise, Kelly added, when he entered his office and found it had been ransacked. "I don't know where Teepley got his information from," Kelly commented about statements Teepley made Sept. 13.

Teachers File Labor Charge

An unfair labor practices charge was filed Monday by the Farmington Education Association (FEA) against the Farmington Board of Education.

The FEA, sole bargaining agent for Farmington teachers, charges that the administration's negotiators have not been bargaining in good faith.

ROGER ALLEN, FEA executive secretary, said the union's leadership consulted with Michigan Education Association (MEA) attorneys and determined it was necessary to process and file the charge.

"This necessity represents a new low point in negotiations between the teachers and the board," Allen commented Monday afternoon.

The charge specifies that the board has sent negotiators to the bargaining table without the authorizations needed to bargain in good faith.

Specifically, representatives of the administration are being charged with attempting to intimidate members of the FEA

bargaining unit as individuals and collectively, Allen asserts.

"The administration talks about how teachers should act responsibly but is showing an unwillingness to adhere to the legal mandates of Public Act 239" which gives teachers the right as public employees to negotiate collectively, Allen added.

THE DECISION to file the charge, has no bearing on whether teachers will vote to strike if a contract is not agreed upon by Oct. 4.

Lack of money is not a reason there is not a signed contract yet, Allen claims, but a lack of authority given board negotiators to bargain in good faith.

Allen added that the FEA has not received a real counter-offer since teachers reported for classes in September.

The only offer was one written by a third party and delivered by a negotiator who lacked authority to alter it, he added. Allen continued, "This is just like negotiating with a mail carrier."



AWARD WINNERS — Mrs. Lynne Luther Jarvis and Emory Daniels were among the journalists honored with awards from the annual Michigan Press Association newspaper contest. Mrs. Jarvis placed third in feature story competition and the Farmington Enterprise & Observer, which Daniels edits, placed second in general excellence. (Observer photo)

Paper Honored For Excellence

The Farmington Enterprise & Observer was listed among the 72 winners in the annual Michigan Press Association's (MPA) Weekly Contest announced this past week.

The paper was honored with a third place award in the statewide "best feature of the year" competition and was among 15 weeklies being awarded "general excellence" honors.

MRS. LYNNE LUTHER JARVIS was honored for her interview story, "The Man Who Begat Goose Lake," on Richard Songer. It was Songer, Southfield resident with offices in Farmington, who promoted the Goose Lake Festival which sparked a controversy statewide.

Mrs. Jarvis's story, which ran in this newspaper, was the only news account which reported at length Songer's version of the disturbances at Goose Lake and his business history.

The Farmington Enterprise & Observer was awarded a second place honor in the general excellence category which involves all aspects of newspaper excellence.

Members of the Kansas Press Association judged four editions of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer for news reporting, photography, layout, editing and overall quality and judged this paper

as second best in the state in its circulation category.

Mrs. Jarvis, a Michigan State University journalism graduate, worked for the Southfield News & Observer before joining the staff of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

Last year, she decided to pursue a career in public service and joined Farmington School District as public relations director, a post she still holds. She accepted the award Monday.

THE GENERAL excellence award was also accepted Monday by Editor Emory Daniels who is in his third year of editing the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

Daniels, a Central Michigan University journalism graduate, has also served with Observer Newspapers Inc., as editor of the Westland and Garden City Observers and as managing editor of the Dispatch Publications in Wayne.

The Farmington Enterprise & Observer was the only local paper serving the Farmington area to receive awards in the annual MPA contest.

Other awards won by Observer Newspapers include second place in best advertising salesmen, and first place in original personal column by W. W. Edgar.

Edgar, author of "The Stroller" column, has been honored by the MPA with awards for the past nine years and is also the senior sports writer in the State of Michigan.

The Livonia Observer received a third place award in news reporting under the editorship of Wylie Gerdes, who started with ONI as reporter for the Farmington Enterprise & Observer and has also edited the Garden City Observer.

Philip H. Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers, Inc. cited the awards as "confirmation of our intent to give Farmington residents the highest possible standards in journalism to keep pace with a fast growing, dynamic community."

Farmington residents are community-minded and have learned to make the Enterprise & Observer a twice-a-week reading habit. We expect not to disappoint our loyal readers."

Entries from 199 weeklies were judged in seven categories and five circulation classes.

Announcement was made in conjunction with National Newspaper Week Oct. 10-16, a time when newspapers throughout the country make a concentrated effort to promote a better understanding of the vital role they play in preserving the great American way of life.