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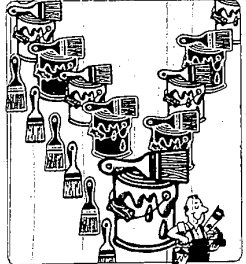
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It's set Sunday in Clarenceville High School to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Read today's Church Section.

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FOCUS: Suburbia



Grab your buckets, brushes and today's FOCUS: Suburbia section - it's time for summer home improvement projects. You know - the ones you've been putting off since early spring. We have some interesting ideas and hints for you. Don't miss them!

Judge Hand Seeks Large Single Office For Court

An increasing case load and the lack of office space have forced Judge Michael Hand to start a move for a revamping of the 47th District Court.

He already has spoken with the finance committees of the City of Farmington and Farmington Township with a view of having one court office, instead of the present two, and a building that will provide the needed space for office files and room for the clerks to work.

"I would like permission to lease such a building for a long period," he said, "or lease with intent to purchase. Either that, or have the city and the township get together and provide such a building."

Judge Hand admitted that the construction of a facility would be very costly at this time and that it is not too feasible to finance it with bonds at this period in the economy.

As he spoke, he pointed to the manner in which the case load has increased in the past four years and offered this table:

1970.....	8,992
1971.....	10,800
1972.....	11,490
1973.....	2,929 (to April).

"Don't forget," he said, "when we started we handled only low misdemeanors. Now we have jumped to high misdemeanors with civil jurisdiction jumping from \$3,000 to \$10,000. This means we now have many more jury trials and more records - and not enough room to work."

Judge Hand also favors having the court in a central location where it would be accessible to law enforcement officials and no one would have to travel more than 10 minutes to reach it.

Under the present system, there is one court with two offices - one in the city and one in the township - and he divides his time between them. Invariably people go to the wrong office, then criticize the court for the setup and the long delay in getting action.



EAST JUNIOR HIGH'S Girls Glee Club entered state vocal competition after a seven year absence and walked away with a superior rating in the district contest. Two of the winning young singers are (from left, center) Gayle Grulke and Kathy White. With them are

accompanist Cynthia Greenspan (far left) and their director, Mrs. Joan MacKenzie (right). The Glee Club sang a contemporary "Lullaby" by Keel and "Poor Man Lazarus" by Hairston. (Photo by Fran Evert)

Open Meeting Bill Opposed

By STEVE BARNABY

The Farmington school board has voted down, 3-2, a proposal to endorse a State Senate bill calling for open meetings of governmental bodies.

Voting against the motion were Kathryn Stirling, Kathryn Stirling, and Elizabeth Brennan. Supporting were William Corliss, Mervyn Ross, and Aldo Vagnozzi. Trustee Ron Emmitt was absent.

Last year the board endorsed a proposal calling for special public study sessions on all matters except those dealing with contract nego-

tiations and other "sensitive" issues.

Those supporting said a "yes" vote would endorse the concept of open sessions, not necessarily the bill's details.

Mrs. Stirling refused her support, claiming the bill would prohibit trustees from talking of business outside of a meeting.

"I can't support this bill. It almost prohibits two people from talking to one another. Besides, we can't speak for other governmental units," said Mrs. Stirling.

Vagnozzi admitted the bill, introduced by Sen. William Ballenger (R-Lansing), has

shortcomings but said the objectionable sections are going with a study," said Perrin.

The important thing is whether board members support the concept of open study sessions. I have had to fight for every open study session. A reason for getting the legislation is to get this local board to do the job it hasn't been doing," said Vagnozzi.

Perrin said he could possibly support such a measure in a more developed format, but found the present bill too restrictive.

"The president of the board wouldn't even be allowed to speak with the chairman of a committee to

find out how progress was going with a study," said Perrin.

Trustee William Corliss offered a motion to amend, deleting reference to the Senate Bill and, instead, endorsing the concept of open meetings with timely notification. The motion received no second.

Citing examples of abuses by various governmental bodies in calling unpublicized meetings to make "monumental" decisions, Corliss said he couldn't conceive of the public letting such a condition continue to exist.

"I support this concept of limitation. To otherwise use loopholes in the law is a subterfuge," said Corliss.

"With one court, centrally located," the judge said, "this time wasting would be eliminated, and it would be a break for the taxpayers, too. We must keep two sets of records - one in each office - and the duplicity is an unnecessary expense."

One of the barriers he expects to face is the division of the receipts between the city and the township.

"Our court is self sustaining," he explained, "but we handle a lot of money in which the two governments share. They may be reluctant to make a change for this simple reason."

The judge hopes, however, that some sort of an agreement can be reached. At any rate he has promised to keep trying.

"Having one court with two offices breeds duplicity," he repeated. "And that's not fair to the taxpayers."

City Hosts Ionia VIPs On Big Day

This is the week when persons in all sections of the state throw out their chests with pride and join in shouting the praise of Michigan, My Michigan.

This is Michigan Week and nowhere will the shouting be done with more gusto than in Farmington where the streets have been cleaned as never before on Community Pride Day and the celebrators will be given a spiritual send-off in all of the churches on Sunday.

Then comes the first of a series of highlights that will dominate the week. It will be the arrival early Monday morning of Mayor Don Stanford, of Ionia, his wife, Ima Gene, and Alan Rushlow, the supervisor and his wife, Margo, as the official guests on Mayor Exchange Day.

Meanwhile, Farmington Mayor Ralph Yoder will be the guest of Ionia in this unusual "Mayor Exchange Day."

The Ionia party will be given a tour of City Hall, and then shown all sections of the city. Particularly will they be shown some of the many historic homes and the latest in the way of manufacturing plants in the newly developed industrial park.

Following the tour in which they will be shown where yesterday meets tomorrow the visitors will be guests at a special luncheon at the Elks Club. City Manager Robert Deadman will conduct the tour along with the Exchange Club.

The remainder of the week will be a series of special events, one of the most im-

portant of which will be on Tuesday, known officially as Our Heritage Day. It will be under the chairmanship of Bob Beauchamp and be a kick-off for the annual Founders Festival.

Wednesday has been designated as Livelihood Day and will be featured by the Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon at Salem Church. Here, Bob Erwin, of the Detroit News, will be the featured speaker. On Thursday, Education Day will be celebrated when State Rep. Ray Baker will supervise the distribution of 15,000 fold-outs on the "Facts of Michigan." He will start at 8:30 a.m. with the aid of the students.

Merchants have been asked to sponsor open house in their establishments as part of Hospitality Day on Friday. To top off the day the boy scouts will be presented awards at the city hall by Joan Barbrock, chairman of the Beautification Committee.

The week will close with a dramatic splurge on Saturday when Earl Baumunk, director of vocational training in the Farmington District Schools, will supervise "Our Youth Day."

He is assembling all types of youth activities, such as the Youth Assistance, Junior Achievement, Youth Employment, Demos, Jobs Daughters, Scouts and all others to join in the fun.

It should be a grand climax to Michigan Week and one which the founder, the late Don Webb, of Lansing, would be justly proud.

Heeds Own Advice -- Stays Calm In Holdup

By MARTHA MAHAN

Editor Aldo Vagnozzi's newspaper, The AFL-CIO News, was carrying in its next edition advice from the president of the Retail Clerks Union on what to do if confronted by a robber.

"The story was fresh in my mind," said Vagnozzi, a Farmington School Board trustee, when he stepped onto a Detroit street outside his printer's Tuesday - and was confronted by a robber.

The union president had advised staying calm and doing what the robber said.

"It was good advice," said Vagnozzi. "I was scared, but I tried to stay as calm as I could and do what he said."

What scared Vagnozzi most, besides the gun the thief was pointing at him, was the small amount of money it happened he was carrying - only \$7. He was concerned the small amount might rouse the robber's anger.

For the first time, I wished I had more money," Vagnozzi said ruefully. "I tried to break it to him that I didn't have much on me and

he asked: 'How much?' I opened my wallet, looked in and said \$7."

The thief looked through the wallet, too, took the money and told Vagnozzi to walk on to his car.

"He asked me if there was any money in the glove compartment and I told him 'no.' That's when he said: 'If there is money there, it will be bad for you.'"

The robber searched the glove compartment, found no money and told Vagnozzi to give him his watch and wedding ring.

"I gave him the watch," Vagnozzi said, "and tried to pull off the ring, but it stuck."

He finally twisted it off but the robber apparently had lost interest and Vagnozzi kept it.

The robber, a black youth in his 20s, told the Farmington trustee to begin driving slowly. After a few blocks, he instructed him to pull up to the curb and get out. Then the robber took off in Vagnozzi's car.

"He seemed to be very calm, and I thought that was

a help," Vagnozzi said dryly. The thief gave back Vagnozzi's wallet, minus the \$7 but still containing credit cards.

"I didn't look at him too closely," Vagnozzi said. "I didn't want to seem to be doing anything to antagonize him. Even though I'm a newspaperman and used to observing closely, I couldn't tell the police what he was wearing or what he looked like. I didn't want to look too closely. All I could see was that gun."

Vagnozzi hasn't got his car back yet, and police told him

if it was found it likely would be so stripped down as to be valueless.

If he had the whole affair to go through again, he'd act the same way, Vagnozzi said. "The union president's advice was good," he said. "I was scared, but I wasn't hurt. I know I was lucky, too."

After effects of the incident hit that night, Vagnozzi said: "Right in the middle of the school board meeting."

People remarked later, he said, that they had never before seen him appear to be so distracted.