

Clarenceville High School News

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Two Seek Council President Post

Posters and signs are currently decorating the halls of Clarenceville High School as the student body prepares to elect a Student Council president.

The campaign is centered around two candidates seeking the office: Beverly Tucker and Jim Lamb.

Both Beverly and Jim have been carrying on an extensive campaign of door-to-door canvassing. They have circulated petitions, delivered speeches, posted signs and stressed the importance of the election to a variety of students.

The final results of the election will be determined in the near future after all the ballots have been tabulated. The Student Council is responsible for the election and the campaign. This year's council was selected earlier this week by members of the various organizations. Each Freshman and Sophomore homeroom selected one representative, each Junior homeroom likewise as well as a representative from the Student Government and the Seniors elected a representative from each homeroom with three at large.

Both candidates for the office are maintaining a high average. Beverly has participated in a substantial number of extra-curricular activities. Last year, he acted as treasurer of the Speech Club, president of the Camera Club and had the supporting role in the Junior Class Play. He represented Clarenceville at Wolverine Boys' State this past summer.

Wendy Spencer New CHS Foreign Exchange Student

Clarenceville High School welcomed its second foreign exchange student this fall. The student, Wendy Spencer, received her first glimpse of school in America as she joined the ranks of girls registering for classes on opening day.

Enrolled as a senior at Clarenceville, she attended school in Liverpool, England. She is being sponsored here by the American Field Service and will remain in America for one year. Her courses of study include: history, government, English, journalism and typing. In her native England, Wendy studied at Belvedere in Liverpool. She plans to attend college after her stay in the United States.

Wendy is living with the Edgar Findlays for the current school year. Mr. and Mrs. Findlay have two sons, David, 16, and John, 11, and now, with the help of the American Field Service, a seventeen-year-old daughter.

Miss Spencer's many interests include: reading, modern poetry, listening to classical music and the live theater, as well as participating in a number of sports such as swimming, cycling and hiking. Wendy's ambition is to study English Literature at one of the Universities in Scotland or England.

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A SPECIAL plaque was presented to Norman Lawton, right, 1956 president of the Farmington Country Club, at an annual Stag Day held recently at the Country Club. Making the presentation is Richard Eissman, left, 1957 president of the club. Looking on in the background, left, is Frank VanLosen, vice president.

PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

Opposed To Industrial Development

Dear Sir:

It has been with great misgivings that I have noticed the beginnings of a campaign of pseudo-public enlightenment on the part of our Township Supervisor, Mr. Frank Stephenson. In his column, Your Township, Mr. Stephenson is sponsoring an elaborate program which will industrialize Farmington Township.

As I see it, the only advantage that can be gained by bringing industry into the Township would be purely financial. That is, an increased source of high tax revenue. However, there are so very many disadvantages involved in the industrialization of a rural or suburban community that it would take pages to list them.

No resident wants to have a plant built next to his home with the resulting destruction of the natural beauty of our Township and his particular neighborhood but Mr. Stephenson appears to have other ideas.

Of course, there are few of us who look forward to paying higher taxes to maintain our schools, roads and general community services but ask the homeowner living next to a factory if he could pay higher taxes to have the eyesore removed and you can be sure his answer would be, "gladly." Responsible citizens who recognize the need for adequate civic services also recognize the fact that taxes must be paid for by the persons who benefit from them. Bringing industry into the area is a sad case of "Let George Do It" or let industry pay the taxes for us. We too often think that way until it is too late and we are blighted with truck traffic, smoke, and run down buildings.

The residents of our Township are primarily interested in quiet because it is a lovely quiet residential area, where children can play without fear of trucks, where people can keep a garden, where the air is fresh and clear, not full of dust and smog, where the bustle of commercial and industrial activity can be put out of mind in the evenings and on weekends, rather than being jarred by the noise of changing shifts and clanking machinery. If residents wanted to live in an industrial community, the breeding ground of slum areas, it is certain they could have done so at far less cost, but no one who lives in our Township really wants industry here except Mr. Stephenson and I wonder why.

We as residents are willing to pay for new schools and the other municipal facilities and services which will keep our community attractive but when industry is brought into an area the residents are certain of declining property values, unwanted changes in the physical area, destruction of natural beauty and the loss of their reasons for living in the area.

If the residents of Farmington Township are sincerely interested in maintaining and improving their way of life it might be wise to ask Mr. Stephenson to stop this nonsense about bringing industry and decline to our Township. The time to act is now, before it is too late.

Jerome Graham

A.A.U.W. Collecting Books For Annual Sale, Oct. 2-5

Hundreds of books are now being moved from shelves and storage to the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women storage center, for the fifth annual book sale sponsored by the A.A.U.W. scheduled to open October 2 and continue through October 5 on the grounds of the Town Hall.

Money raised by all A.A.U.W. Branches in their traditional book sales goes into the Association's Fellowship Fund which yearly grants approximately 30 National and International Fellowships to gifted women scholars for graduate study here and abroad and International Grants to foreign scholars or professional women for study in the United States.

Mrs. Henry J. Merigian, Farmington Branch Fellowship Chairman, states that the Fellowship program, now in its sixty-seventh year, has added more than 600 women and in the past 25 years, has awarded nearly \$2,000,000 for study in all fields which enlarge human knowledge.

The International Order program, started after World War II as an instrument of peace and international understanding, yearly brings to this country some 50 women from 20 foreign countries for professional study.

Book lovers find the sale a two-way convenience, a means of getting their discards into the hands of other readers and a place to find books for their personal libraries at reduced prices.

"All kinds of books," new or old, are wanted. Mrs. Dale Cowan, general chairman for the sale, commented that there are never enough books for the younger set who browse for bargains with their pennies in their fists. Before the sale opens to the community, local libraries, both public and school, select books to fill out their collections.

Persons interested in contributing books no longer of use to their families or wishing to give them in attics, garages or basements may call Mrs. John Allen, GR 4-2523, for collection service or drop them off at the Farmington District Library in the Township Hall.

They call the drink a "cocktail" because, after four or five of them, a fellow often starts to grow about himself.

Forty-Four Elks Finish Initiation

Forty-four Farmington Elks Club candidates will have completed their initiation on September 18, at the Adkins Building, Walled Lake.

During October the membership committee advises that approximately 50 more candidates will be processed. It is hoped one of the classes in October can be initiated in the club's newly purchased building in Farmington. Application should be turned in or mailed to Farmington Elks - care of Joe Bridie.

Despite bad weather attendance at the Elks Club Picnic last Sunday was reported very good. Children of all ages were given a supply of tickets for rides at the amusement park.

Winners of prizes at the picnic were: Plymouth Belvedere, C. Venezia; refrigerator, V. E. Martin; auto washer, Nadine Hicks; auto, dryer, Fred Burnham; television, Charles Bowls; electric range, Glara Rogers; steam iron, O. Eggers; and clock radio, R.G. Knoll.

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Changes Made In Class Program

A total of 491 students were greeted at an opening school assembly by Max A. Miller, Clarenceville High School principal on the opening day of school.

One subject has been added to the curriculum this year. French is being offered for the first time this school year. Miss Laumann is the instructor. The course replaces Latin.

Another addition to the school curriculum is a daily homeroom. This new subject has been added to allow time for discussion of problems pertinent to activities in school. Students will meet in their assigned homerooms each morning for a fifteen minute period. The homerooms will be represented in the Student Council.

New teachers and administration at Clarenceville include: Mr. Mann as assistant principal, and eight teachers. New teachers are: English, Mr. Heinemann and Miss Plummer; science, Mr. Brady; mathematics, Miss Meisner; homemaking, Miss Lee; physical education, Mrs. Horie; social studies, Mr. Erickson; Mr. Nutter; commercial, Mrs. Swart.

Cheerleaders Under New Head

Clarenceville High School cheerleaders are under the direction of Mrs. Vergine Horie who replaced Miss Betty Myers as head.

Activity for the cheerleaders will begin tomorrow evening when the Trojans meet Bloomfield Hills in their first game of the season.

Five girls comprise the varsity squad this season. They are: Gretchen Van Camp and Pat Wild, seniors, and Kay Fields, Lorraine Reame, and Mary Small, juniors.

A Captain and Assistant Captain will be chosen in the near future.

Six cheerleaders will serve on the Junior varsity squad. Sandy Cozman, Joanne Hanford, Sandy Gourlay, sophomores, are serving their second year as J.V. cheerleaders. Karen Glafelter and Ginny Jacobs, sophomores and Barbara Watson, a freshman, are new to the squad.

Sandy Gourlay was elected captain and Joanne Hanford, assistant captain.

The girls are purchasing new slacks for the football season.

"You've reached middle age when you get your teeth removed for a dentist's office," Franklin P. Jones.

Wins One Of Two Top Honors In Antique Car Competition

A total of 266 antique cars were in competition in the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in which local antique car owner Don E. Prior walked off with one of the two grand championship awards presented.

The 1906 Pope-Toledo, a seven passenger auto made between 1901 and 1910 in Toledo, Ohio, was judged as best in the 1899-1910 division of competition. Prior reported that his restoration of the car several times the car's original price.

Winning in the 1917-1925 division was a 1925 Stutz Bearcat owned by G.E. Valentini, Jr., of Detroit, and driven by his son, Kenneth, of Birmingham, Michigan.

The Festival, which got underway at noon with a parade through the Village, was sponsored jointly by the Flint Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America and the Ford Museum. Other participating groups were the Horseless Carriage Club and the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Contests and judging took nearly all afternoon. Included were cranky contests, obstacle races, towing contests, coasting, balancing, drag races and show driving.

The meet attracted antique cars from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ontario, Canada. A crowd of 8,500 viewed the large field of antique cars in competition.

AN OPEN LETTER To the Citizens of Farmington City and Township

How many paid subscribers does The Farmington Enterprise really have? This is a question that we are asked repeatedly by merchants, local government officials, members of civic and service organizations and individual citizens. In most cases the answer comes as a considerable surprise! This is due to a large extent by the mistaken and often repeated impression that few Farmington area citizens read their home community newspaper.

Let's look at the true facts and figures. While the circulation of The Enterprise fluctuates to some extent from week to week due to the number of dealer (drug store and market sales), the current total average circulation is 4,439. Of this number, 3,168 copies are distributed through the mail and 1,271 are sold by Dealers. Records to substantiate these figures are available to anyone at The Enterprise office.

Thus it is estimated that approximately 15,636 persons in the Farmington area are reading The Enterprise every week. Based on the latest figure mission (24,300 population, Farmington City and Township). The Enterprise is being read by approximately 65% of the families in the area.

The entire Enterprise staff is devoting a lot of time and effort to increase that percentage. During the past two years over 1,100 new names have been added to the list. As a result, The Enterprise is being read by the majority of the citizens of the Farmington community, in spite of impression to the contrary. There are many good reasons for this growth. More and more residents are finding that it pays to keep informed . . . and the best way to do it is to read their "home community newspaper" regularly.

So why don't you join our growing family and keep up to date on the activities taking place in your township, your city and your schools? You can have The Enterprise delivered to your home by mail for only \$3.00 per year . . . that's less than 6 cents per week. Just phone GR. 4-6225. Do it today!

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