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It Was a Time for Browsing, Buying at AAUW Book Sale



THE FARMINGTON AAUW Book Sale drew big crowds to the old National Bank Building, Grand River and Farmington Road, last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

CONNOISSEURS LOUIS CHAVRE, Conner Mills, and Doreen Ocker at the Book Fair's painting exhibit.

NANCY DOUGLAS AND FRIENDS, in the children's novelty section, look wide-eyed at a toy drum on display. The book sale drew a large number of children.

Village Green Approved

Romney, Staebler Due in Farmington

Gubernatorial contenders George Romney and Neil Staebler will be looking for votes in Farmington next week.

Governor Romney will lead a motorcade into the city on Saturday, October 3.

Cong. Staebler will address members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, and their guests, at the Farmington Optimist Club, and since it will be "Ladies Night" at the Club, wives are especially encouraged to attend. The general public is also invited. Reservations can be made as late as Monday, October 5, by calling GR 60457. Tickets for dinner are \$3.00 per person. Those who wish to come after dinner are urged to be there by 7:30.

Cong. Staebler will arrive at that time. He will speak on



MEMBERS OF THE Zoning Board deciding the fate of the Village Green. From left to right: Charles Leman, the Township's planning consultant; Percy Gardhouse, Chairman of the Board; Mrs. Grace H. Johnson, Charles Williams, James Skillman, and David Mills, Board members. Present at the hearing, but absent from this picture, were Board members Charles Hannan and Charles Lorian, Board Secretary Howard West, and Joseph Brennan, Attorney for the Township.

Disputed Proposal Wins, 4-2

BY ALLEN ROSENFELD

It was a happy and undoubtedly relieved Thomas A. Duke who received the decision of the Farmington Township zoning board last Thursday night, approving his plan to build a multi-million dollar apartment development at Grand River and Holbrook near 11 Mile Road.

"The 'Village Green,' as it will be known, will include a 200-room Holiday Inn Motel, Restaurant and an 18 hole golf course. The proposal, calling for rezoning of land previously restricted to single residential has been the subject of considerable controversy. It was approved by a vote of 4 to 2.

About 100 people crowded the Township Hall for the hearing. It began at 8 p.m., with residents of the community presenting their opinions to the Board.

Many of them were obviously concerned that multiple dwellings would cause their taxes to go up, rather than down as Mr. Duke had assured. To dispel any concern, Board member Charles H. Williams and the Township's planning consultant, Charles Leman, presented the results of some research they had done: If the 100 acres in question were developed as a single, residential area, it would probably contain two houses per acre, a total of 200 houses.

They would cost approximately \$32,000, and approximately 150 children would live in them. The school tax would be approximately \$100 per home.

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BROWSING in the children's section, from left to right, are: Tom and Bill Plazibat, Robbie Allen, and Mrs. John Allen. Standing in back of them is Kathy Bailey.

Allen Rosenfeld Named Editor For Farmington

Allen S. Rosenfeld has been named the new managing editor of The Farmington Observer, publisher Paul M. Chandler announced today.

Rosenfeld, 33, is a graduate of Wayne State University, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and a Master's degree in history.

A native of the Detroit metropolitan area, he lives in the Eight Mile-Lasher area with his wife, Ruth, and two children, Barry, and Nancy, 10 months.

Rosenfeld has done free-lance writing for a number of newspapers, including service as a correspondent for the Detroit Emergency Press, most recently covering the Democratic national convention in Atlantic City for that paper.

While attending Wayne State, Rosenfeld served as an editorial writer for two years on the Wayne Collegian.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served from 1952 to 1954.

"Rosenfeld will be in charge" (Continued on Page 2)

Registration Deadline Is Monday

The last day of registration, for those citizens of Farmington and Farmington Township desiring to vote in the November 3 election, is October 5.

Registration is being held daily, Mondays through Fridays, at the Offices of the City and Township Clerks, during their regular office hours.

Vagnozzi, Hall Debate Water, Safety Issues

Aldo Vagnozzi, Democratic candidate for Farmington Township Supervisor, tossed a double-barreled attack on the Republican opponent, incumbent Supervisor Curtis Hall, in a written statement released to The Observer on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Mr. Hall fired back on both counts at that time.

Vagnozzi called on the Supervisor "to quit wasting time posing for pictures and work hard instead to bring water into the dry areas, and improve safety conditions around the township."

"Two weeks ago the present Supervisor had his picture in a local newspaper which showed him allegedly turning on the water people a definite time schedule as to when they can expect water to begin flowing in their homes."

Mr. Hall shrugged the criticism off, as "pure political picketing." He defended his own record: "Five years ago, at the end of the last Democrat administration, the proposed Farmington Water System was hopelessly stalled. The profit, as proposed, had to be abandoned. Since the Republican administration has overcome countless obstacles—including legal problems, financing prob-

lems, strikes, weather, and mechanical failures. And Detroit water is in the mains for testing and will be in kitchen faucets in a matter of days."

On the question of traffic (Continued on Page 2)

FACTS and OPINIONS

by Paul Chandler

Down in Dearborn last week they held the City Election on a Saturday, rather than on traditional Monday or Tuesday.

In review, the Dearborn experts insist that 10 percent more voters appeared than would have been expected for a normal week-day primary election.

Along with thousands of local citizens throughout suburbia, Facts and Opinions for months has contended that the tiny voter turnout on occasion has amounted to a scandalous blight on the democratic process. It also has been suggested that a change or two in the historic way of thinking would provide better results.

Saturday voting has much to commend it in Suburbia. It is a traditional day-off for the old man; the car is home and there is someone to watch the kids without calling a baby sitter; there is avoided the pressure of trying to squeeze the trip to the polls between either the fore-or-aft hours of the office or factory.

Barring a complete change to Saturday (in some foreign countries SUNDAY is voting day), a suggestion is to close the polls in our area at 9 p.m., rather than 8 p.m.

The reasons, exactly the same ones as are considered by major retailers when they keep their store doors unlocked until 9 p.m. . . a lot of business is done during that last hour. Approximately 60 percent of all sales in a modern shopping center are run-up after six in the evening, by the way.

Yes, it is understood that the results would be delayed an hour later if the polls close 60 minutes beyond the present terminal. But the object of the day is to get people out to render an authentic democratic decision, not to get the poll workers home early. Voting machines have cut hours and hours from the counting time, compared to earlier times when everything was done piece-by-piece, paper ballot by paper ballot, by hand.

Familiar Post Script—

Where possible (and it could be legally worked out right now in the City of Livonia) it would be desirable to have school elections and city elections simultaneously, thereupon saving some of the costs of separate elections; increasing the amount of people voting on candidates and issues; and recognizing the undisputed fact that to a taxpayer, a tax dollar is a dollar . . . no more, no less . . .

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OK Grid Game for Holiday Fund

A special night football game between North Farmington and Farmington high schools was approved by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night as a joint project with funds being split between the school system and the Farmington Board of Commerce Christmas Lighting Fund.

Date of this First Annual Old Yule Log Football Game has been set for Nov. 14. Purpose of the contest is to raise funds to provide appropriate lights for the City of Farmington and the Township at Christmas time as well as provide a healthy competitive spirit among the students of the two schools.

A trophy will be inscribed and passed on to the winner of the game each year. Adult tickets are \$1.50 with the proceeds being divided between the two sponsoring groups. Student tickets will remain at the regular 75c.

Further details of the project are to be worked out between the schools and the Board of Commerce.

Other business on the agenda of the regular meeting of the Board of Education included discussion of the district's building program. It was decided to take a firm stand against the Board of Construction Committee for its failure to complete scheduled work on the Eagle School addition.

The board decided to notify the contractor that if the indicated work was not completed by Oct. 10 they would proceed to do the work and deduct the cost from the unpaid balance on the contract.

A change in kitchen plans and specifications for the new Bond addition was authorized. At the new maintenance building, an additional \$400 was allotted for shrubs and vines, bringing the cost of the site development to an amount not in excess of \$3,600.

Concern was expressed for the safety of students walking to and from classes at Duncord Junior High School. According to board members, semi-trailers trucks entering the Kendallwood Subdivision are traveling at a high rate of speed in addition to the school zone.

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X-Rays Start Monday

The Oakland County Health Department has announced that free chest x-rays under its combined screening test program will be available to all persons in the Farmington area who are over the age of thirty. The blue gray mobile chest x-ray unit will again, as in past years, be located in the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center parking lot, Grand River and Farmington Roads. The schedule is as follows:

MONDAY, OCT. 5, 1964—4-8 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCT. 6, 1964—10-2 p.m.; 3-7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7, 1964—10-2 p.m.; 3-7 p.m.

The Oakland County department of health expressed a deep concern over the obvious number of persons who have not taken advantage of the screening test and urge all those over the age of thirty who have not had a chest x-ray in the last year to take advantage of this free service.

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