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In Our Opinion . . .

The Candidates We Endorse and Our Reasons

Campaigning has been vigorous and the charges and counter-charges made by the opposing Republican and Democratic candidates for Farmington Township have been interesting and informative. If one was able to boil out those purely "mud slinging" portions and digest only the meat of the statements made.

The Democratic Party in the township has offered for this township election what we consider to be the best slate that it has ever offered local voters. We still feel, however, that our endorsement must go with the Republican incumbent candidates. They have been doing a good job and Farmington Township is moving ahead in a reasonably good fashion.

Only for the office of the justice of the peace can we see any merit in one splitting his ticket and even on this one we question the need for doing so. Both Byron Walter, GOP candidate, and James Lawson, his Democratic opponent, are very well qualified for the position of justice of the peace and we feel both would do a good job if elected. Probably our only reason for giving a slight edge to Lawson in preference is because he has had four years of previous experience locally in the office of justice of the peace.

Showing all the incumbents be returned to office for another term in the township, it is our sincere hope that they will take heed of some of the good suggestions Democratic candidates have had to offer in campaigning.

We agree with the Democratic candidates that we need more active citizen participation in township government through special study committees in various subject areas of local township concern. We agree too that in at least some cases individual citizens have not been given opportunities to air their views and fully as they should regarding matters in the township.

It would be our suggestion that serious consideration be given to a plan whereby a half-hour to 45 minutes of time would be set aside at each regular township board meeting to hear citizens' problems, complaints and that an orderly follow-up procedure of trying to find solutions be set up. Strict procedure rules would be necessary but we can't help but feel that if citizens were fully aware of these regulations they would respect them.

In the race for U.S. Congress for the 19th District, Republican Richard D. Kuhn is pitted against Democrat Billie S. Farnum. Both have good political backgrounds but our endorsement goes with Kuhn. Farnum is too strongly committed to following the strict Democratic party line to suit us. We are not endorsing us in Washington who will get in the best interest of the people of his district despite the fact that this action may sometimes be contrary to his party's position.

For the 64th District State House seat incumbent state representative Paul Kern is being challenged by John I. Bain. Both now make their homes in Farmington. We have no good reasons to believe that Bain would not do a good job for us in Lansing but we know far too little about him to give him our endorsement. Anyway, we feel that Baker has been doing an exceptionally good job of representing us in the state house in the past and see no reason for making a change.

For the 14th District State Senate post Republican Paul Chandler of Livonia is pitted against another Livonian Democrat, James McCarthy. Also entering into the race is a "write-in" candidate is Republican Paul Kern of Orchard Lake.

The Farmington Enterprise endorsed none of these three men in the Primary Election and we stated our reasons why at that time. We will repeat them here. Chandler's attendance record in the house of representatives for a different district last term was very poor. It would appear to us that he is more concerned with his complex business activities than he is in fully representing the people in a state legislative position. We would prefer full-time service from the men we send to Lansing to represent our district.

As for McCarthy, we have been unable to determine what he really would try to accomplish for the 14th District in Lansing should voters send him to represent us. We gather that he feels being a 100 percent Democrat and pledging himself to follow the party line all the way are all the qualifications he needs. This line of thinking we vigorously oppose.

Kern has some attributes that we like but has also made some statements that make him a questionmark to us. In our opinion, he does not stand a ghost of a chance as a write-in candidate anyway.

A choice by the voters must be made, however, and between McCarthy and Chandler we tend to feel Chandler is the better of the two.

We recognize that the endorsements for these particular offices represents a qualified blanket endorsement for all Republican candidates but want to assure it was not intentional. It is only that we feel these are the best men for the particular offices and not because of their party affiliations.

A Welcome Addition

The Farmington Enterprise was extremely pleased and congratulates the Farmington Board of Education on its action last week in hiring a community relations coordinator on a part-time basis. The local school district is large enough to warrant such an employee on its staff.

One very important task that the administration of any school system has to do is to keep the general citizenry informed, regularly on what is being done in the schools, what changes are being made and why and what anticipated future changes will be.

The larger the district, the more complex and time consuming this job becomes.

The Enterprise, working through the local school system's administrative staff, has striven over the past several years to follow this basic principle. We have had the generous and wholehearted cooperation of the administrative staff. At times, however, because of our limited staff and time and space limitations, we have not been able to do as complete a job and give as broad a scope as we would like to the informational job which we feel the citizens and taxpayers of the school district deserve.

We know also that the local school system's administrators have felt that more should be done to keep the citizenry and parents of children better informed on the school system's activities but also by direct communication between the schools and the homes.

The Enterprise's policy of giving extensive news coverage to local school affairs as it has in the past will not be changed. With the addition of a trained writer and community relations coordinator to the school system's administrative staff, we are confident we will be able to do an even better job in the future.



"HOLIBAY FAIR", to be presented Thursday, November 5, by the Women's Society of Christian Service at the First Methodist Church of Farmington, will feature many interesting items. Mrs. Corwin Overton (left) and Mrs. James Jones (co-chairmen) are holding up a poster proclaiming the event as Mrs. Thomas McCutcheon, President of the WSCS, holds one of the items to be sold at the Bazaar. The WSCS Bazaar will be staged at the church between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on November 5.



PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be with the letters unless the writer indicates otherwise. This column is the work of the writer and does not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Local Scientist Lists Political Views

To the Editor: Before coming to the Scientific Laboratory of Ford Motor Company, I was employed by the General Atomic Division of General Dynamics Corporation. As a former research staff member of a company devoted to the development of nuclear energy, I have a healthy respect for the power of the atom.

A bomb five times as powerful as that which exploded at Hiroshima is by no means "conventional," and cannot be treated as such. The manner in which the Republican nominees for President and for the House of Representatives (19th Congressional District) treat the details of defense is frankly frightening.

THE UNEASINESS felt by scientists about the presidential race is reflected by the organization of "Scientists and Engineers for Johnson," a bipartisan committee whose national officers include Professor G. B. Kistiakowsky (science advisor to President Eisenhower), Dean Jerome Weisner (science advisor to President Kennedy), Dr. Benjamin Spock, Dr. Paul Dudley White, and eighteen Nobel Prize winners.

THOSE WHO HAVE looked into the record and statements of the Republican nominee for congress realize that he is, in anything closer to the extreme right wing than his presidential running mate. For the sake of preserving the international advances made through the Peace Corps, the Limited Nuclear Test Ban agreement, the Hot Line, and other programs of recent bipartisan agreement, I am voting November 2 for President Johnson and for Billie S. Farnum for Congress.

Yours very truly, Edward C. McGuire, Ph.D. 31053 Moore Drive, Farmington

Thanks Everyone for Success of Book Sale

Dear Sirs:

The book sale held by the members of the American Association of University Women during the week of September 21, 1954 was one of the most successful held by the Farmington branch.

As you know, the proceeds from the book sale are used for scholarships to enable girls and women to use their intellectual powers for the good of humanity. In addition, the Farmington branch uses a percentage of the book sale income as a gift to the Farmington Public Library.

THE SUCCESS of this year's sale was due in large part to the very generous coverage given by the Farmington Enterprise. The members of Farmington A.A.U.W. wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Enterprise for this publicity, and also to the people of the Farmington community for their generous support of the sale both in donations of books and in buying books at the time of the sale.

The two things plus the location made possible by the National Bank of Detroit account for such a successful sale.

Yours Sincerely, Mrs. Thomas Czubik A.A.U.W.

Parents Need Lesson

Dear Editors:

As a parent of a high schooler, I have heard a lot of talk about our teenagers not being good sports and not showing good sportsmanship.

Well, just let me tell you a thing or two. I am not one of those teenagers who do not show good sportsmanship. It is because their parents cannot be good sports.

During North Farmington High's homecoming game with Oak Park on Oct. 16 we had the fortune or misfortune I should say, of sitting behind five or six people that could really take lessons from their children. They objected to our participation in any of the school cheers, they objected to the playing of confetti, and they objected to any good plays made by the opposition.

Come on teenagers. Wise your parents up. If they are not still in joining in the festivities let them to stay home. After all, cheers, confetti, and good wins and losses are all part of the game.

Sure hope I am not one to have to sit behind these people again.

A disgusted parent, (name withheld)

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

OCTOBER 29, 1949

For the 1949-50 fund-raising campaign in Farmington reached the 70 per cent mark this week as \$13,113 of the \$18,414 quota was collected by local volunteers.

Title Hopes End

The defending football champions of the Inter-Lakes Conference, Farmington High School, had their hopes for a successful defense of the league gridiron end in a 12-6 defeat at the hands of self-appointed champs Walled Lake. The mud-splattered Viking field.

OLS Keeps Winning

The Our Lady of Sorrows football team posted its sixth victory of the season on Sunday, beating St. Michael's, 13-0.

Scout Pack 112 Holds Meeting

Cub Scout Pack 112 held its monthly meeting at William Grace School on Shawwassee Road, Thursday, October 28, at 7:30.

Merit awards were handed out at this meeting and a district coming outing was discussed. The theme for November is "Cub Scout Genius." Each boy receives a kit, consisting of various articles, such as string, wire, cloth, board, coat hangers, etc. They were to use some or all of these items and make something original with them.

Pack 112 consists of 5 dens and is sponsored by the William Grace School P.T.A. Claude Parker is Cubmaster and Jeffe Newell is Pack Committee Chairman.

For the 1949-50 season is here and Pack Scout will be at your door to tell you a delicious 20 pound Duncan Hines fruit cake.

Small service is true service while it lasts.

—William Wordsworth

Stars at U of M

Jim Bates, a fullback two years ago on the Farmington High School football team, is now playing linebacker and center for the Michigan Wolverines. The U of M football player is a rugged 195-pounder.

FHS Gets Dumped

The Farmington High School football team sustained another disappointing defeat last Friday, suffering a 37-0 drubbing to the Skippers of Waterford in an inter-Lakes Conference game.

15 Years Ago

OCTOBER 27, 1939

FHS Gridders Bow

The Farmington High School football team suffered its first league defeat of the season (37-0) in a game with the Skippers of Waterford in an inter-Lakes Conference game last Friday night on the winner's gridiron, 40-0. The

Kiwanis Birthday

The Farmington Kiwanis Club celebrated their twentieth anniversary last week. Joseph Himmelspach founded the Farmington chapter in 1939 and was the Charter President. The current Kiwanis Club President is Cliff Moorehead.

10 Years Ago

OCTOBER 29, 1944

Fall Election

Both City and Township officials are predicting a heavy turnout of voters in Farmington for the Biennial General Election on November 2. The predictions for a possible record vote is based on the number of new registrations taken by the City and Township in recent weeks.

U-F Campaign

An unofficial tabulation shows that \$3,000 has been collected to enter the 1954 United Fourteen fund-raising campaign in Farmington. The quota for the Farmington area is \$24,457 this week.

Falcons now have an over-all record of four wins and two losses.

Trojans Win, 14-12

The Clarenceville High School Trojans squeaked by the Bentley High eleven last Friday night, 14-12, as both teams were hampered by a puddle-spattered gridiron.

Radio System

The new Farmington City and Township police department radio communications system is now in full operation. The two police departments now have a portable capable of communicating station-to-station or car-to-car.

Re-Open Civic Assn.

The original civic group in Farmington Township, the Farmington Township Association, Inc., is reported starting to again after a short period of inactivity.

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Local News Happenings

MARIE LONG GR. 4-2114

Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson of Powers Road gave a birthday party for their daughter Helen, to celebrate her sixteenth birthday on Saturday, October 17. Present at the party were: Cheryl, Robert, Barbara, Chumley, Sharon, Ben, and Jennifer. Also present were: Annabelle, Ellen, and Diana. On Sunday, October 18, Mrs. Long was christened at the First Methodist Church by the Reverend Richard Markham. His sponsor was James Hickenberry, a cousin from Livonia. A dinner was served to guests from Detroit and Livonia at the Reception home

MRS. DON SLACK, the former Jane Boyce of Farmington, is now living in Ypsilanti.

She and her husband, who is now out of the Navy, have a two-year-old son, Philip, and a daughter, Carol, born August 7, a second child, born Jane is a 1957 graduate of Farmington Senior High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lancaster of Niles, Michigan, spent a week in Farmington, with friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Hickenberry, a cousin from Livonia. A dinner was served to guests from Detroit and Livonia at the Reception home

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