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THE ELKS TURKEY Shoot was staged Sunday afternoon, November 8, behind Mayor's Restaurant in Farmington Township. Young and old alike showed up to try their skill at winning a nice Thanksgiving Day turkey. More than 80 turkey hunters were present in Sunday's competition. The event is sponsored annually by Farmington B.P.O.E. 1888.

In Our Opinion

A Citizens Committee on Salaries

Last week we voiced criticism editorially over the Farmington Township Board's action in waiting until the evening before election day to make a decision on pay raises for the three top township administrators — the supervisor, clerk and treasurer.
The Enterprise also made it clear, however, that we did feel that these top township officials were deserving of additional salary as the community continued to grow and their duties and responsibilities continued to increase in number and scope. Our position on this statement had not changed.
The size of the pay hikes did come as somewhat of a shock to us but this shock was tempered somewhat after we had considered the fact that no increases in pay had been awarded to these three key township officials in the last four years. It has never been our feeling that pay increases should be awarded in exceptional big chunks like \$3,000 a year and then wait for several more years to be made before granting another raise.
It is our feeling that pay increases for all governmental employees, and employees of any other business operation,

Interest in Homeowners' Rights Does Exist

On a number of occasions we have heard people in the community say that our city and township officials are catering to industry and business to the detriment of nearby residential homeowners.
The Enterprise has never felt that our community officials have deliberately done so. Perhaps some rezoning has been done and some building permits granted a little too hastily in our officials' zeal to bring into the community industry and commerce that would help our continually declining tax base. We don't feel, however, that any action has been taken in recent years by our planners or governing boards with a "homeowner be damned" attitude as some citizens have implied.
The City of Farmington's strong stand against the Quigley Machine Products Co. infringement on residential homeowners property rights and violations of city regulations serves as a good example.
City officials did not permit requested rezoning for expansion of the Quigley plant on Grand River because they determined that it would be detrimental to nearby residential homeowners. Neither did they back down on their contention that regulations were being violated, present and take action to have the violations stopped.
Court action by the Quigley plant management against the city resulted. A lot of time, effort and research was required by city employees and the city attorney to win out on the Quigley suit. This was not done for personal gain or prestige by our elected city officials. It was done in the interest of protecting the right of homeowners in the vicinity of this manufacturing plant's operations.
Many a lament has been heard about how this or that piece of property in the township or city was rezoned and allowed to be detrimental to nearby residential property owners. Little commendation ever seems to be given when a rezoning request or the granting of a building permit is denied in our city or township because it would be detrimental to nearby homeowners, however.
Let's give words of praise every once in awhile instead of always criticism.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
NOVEMBER 12, 1959
U-F Fund
Farmington won more than \$1,000 over the rest of its quota in this year's United Foundation Torch Drive fund-raising campaign. A total of \$19,489 was collected in the Farmington U-F campaign.
Grid Rivalry
The annual gridiron clash between the two junior high schools in the Farmington School District, Farmington and O. E. Dunckel, resulted with the Dunckel eleven earning a 27-14 Falcons win.
The Farmington High School football team closed out their 1959 grid season with a hard-fought 50 victory over Belle Isle last week. It was the sixth win against two losses for the Falcons. EHS tied for second place in the Inter-Lakes Conference race.
School Costs
Figures released this week reveal that the operating costs of running the Farmington School District are now annually reaching the 25 million dollar mark and indications are that costs will continue with the added growth in the community.
10 Years Ago
NOVEMBER 11, 1954
FHS Grid Finale
The Farmington High School football team closed out a dismal season last Friday by defeating 24-0 the Farmington from the Bentley Bulldogs. The Falcon eleven failed to win a single gridiron encounter during the 1954 campaign.
New Homes
Both the City and Township of Farmington are well on their way to establishing another record year of building. During the three-month period of July, August and September, the Township issued a total of 101 building permits.
The community of Farmington officially observed Veterans Day November 11 with ceremonies honoring those who gave their lives for their country fighting for peace and freedom.
Blood Bank
A new precinct record was set for the month of Farmington last week as it was announced a total of 172 area residents signed pledges for the opening of the Belle Isle Red Cross Blood Bank. Mrs. Fred Lenz is the local chairman for the Blood Bank.
15 Years Ago
NOVEMBER 10, 1949
To Head Kiwanis
Wendell Brown has been elected President of the Farmington Kiwanis Club for the coming year.
Cape Candidates
A total of 80 boys turned out for the opening of the 1949-50 basketball season at Farmington High School.
FHS Gridders Bow
The Farmington High School football team closed out its 1949-50 season by taking it on the chin from the Bentley eleven, 28-0. The Falcons posted a record of five victories against three defeats this fall.
Torch Drive Quota
Farmington is within \$100 of reaching their 1949 United

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. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Use the Money for Better Charity

To the Editor:
Drive into Farmington this holiday season and see the new Christmas lights. And remember that for every 5 or 10 of these new lights a child could have or a needy Christmas toy or a needy family.
I read that Farmington was to have a "traditional" football classic this year. I was pleased that they had determined to raise money for a fine fund raising project. These games heighten interest in local athletics by providing a much more important they offer the chance for local charitable organizations to receive some similar games with their Soup Bowl and Goodwill games — in all for good causes. But what use does Farmington plan for the extra money raised with their game?
Will it help the Farmington Old Newsboys who sell newspapers to raise money for the Girl Scouts dress each year? Will it help repair and distribute the toys the Elks club let — all these so that no child shall be without a Christmas?
No. They are going to use it for an important project — to put up new Christmas lights in the community.
I am not against the practice

Getting Too Much

To the Editor:
In regard to your editorial "A Last Minute Decision Necessary" one of the thoughts included was: "It requires the best possible men and women we can get to administer, manage and set policies in our governmental operation."
Well, you won't get much of an argument with this sort of thinking. On the other hand, it certainly would be extremely refreshing to someone, at some time, to hear someone else run our township; instead of the same bunch of entrenched politicians who have been in office for so many years.
I am sure the response in coming years will be greater if the cause is lasting and worthwhile.
Sincerely yours,
Warren G. Bopp,
26328 Hinden Valley Court,
Farmington, Michigan

A Petty Issue?

To the Editor:
After reading the Nov. 5, Farmington Enterprise, it is my opinion that the article "In Our Opinion" is a little confused.
First you say that the Board of Trustees gave raises to the Township's elected officials at the last minute. Then you go on and say that the officials gave themselves a raise. Now that's what I'm confused about. I am sure the response in coming years will be greater if the cause is lasting and worthwhile.
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Doing Good Jobs

To the Editor:
I have lived in this Twp. under several administrations and seen private homes and public businesses operated with primitive source of water supply. From milk cans to tank trucks. What a discouraging situation.
The Twp. has its own administration facilities, a larger police force and maintenance personnel. I do not mention scores of other activities.
I have attended special evening Twp. meetings on community problems that the Twp. officials set up for our own convenience which was over time from their regular daily office duties.
We the people in our busy lives become too accustomed to an average 40 hour week and take too much for granted.
The forward movement and accomplishment that has been made by this administration, it would be an insult to ask these dedicated people to work for less than the present salary increase.
Regardless of party, a vote of confidence is in order.
Cleo Violette

Pvt. D. Frank Gets US Army Course

Pvt. Denis E. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo A. Frank, 31850 Hull, Farmington, completed an eight-week powerman course at the Army Engineering School, Fort Belvoir, Va., Nov. 5.
During the course Frank received training in the operation and maintenance of hand and power tools, gasoline and diesel engines, and all kinds of electric generators.
He entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.
The 22-year-old soldier was graduated in 1962 from Cody High School in Detroit.
Frank was employed by Jody & Son Dental Laboratory, Farmington.

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LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SEWER IMPROVEMENT TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
1. That the Township Board of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:
Construction of sewers to be located in the Township as follows:
Middlebelt from Nine Mile to Eldon.
Tulane from Nine Mile to Eldon.
Albion from Nine Mile to Eldon.
Colgate from Nine Mile to Eldon.
Purdue from Nine Mile to Middlebelt.
Grayfield from Purdue to Middlebelt.
Astor from Purdue to Middlebelt.
2. That plans showing the aforesaid improvement and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof, are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.
3. That the Township Board has tentatively designated the following special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed:
Lots 25 through 105 both inclusive, and lots 139 through 629 both inclusive of Waddell, Wilcox, R y m a Company's Kenworthy Park Subdivision, part of E24 of Section 26, T1N, R9E, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan.
4. That the Township Board will meet in the Township Hall, 21555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan, on the 22nd day of November, 1964 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement and to the special assessment district.
5. That, in the event that written objections to the making of said improvement and to the special assessment district are filed with the Township Board prior to said hearing by interested owners of land constituting more than 20 per cent of the total land area in the above described special assessment district, then said improvement will not be made unless petitions therefor are filed with the Township Board as provided in said Act.
THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.
FLOYD A. CARNS, Township Clerk
Mailed: 11-13-64
Published: 11-12-64, 11-9-64
NOTICE OF SALE
\$500,000.00
FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTES
Sealed bids for the purchase of notes of said school district of the par value of \$500,000.00 will be received by the undersigned at the Office of the Board of Education, 23500 Shawness Farmington, Michigan, until 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the 22nd day of November, 1964, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.
The notes will be dated December 31, 1964, and will be payable at a rate or rates not exceeding 10 per cent. Both interest and principal will be payable at such bank or trust company in the State of Michigan as shall be designated by the original purchaser of the notes. Denominations and form of the notes shall be at the option of the purchaser. Accrued interest to date of de-

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