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Combined Effort Makes for Good Program

What can be accomplished in a community when groups or organizations with a common interest and purpose join together on a program or project will be clearly demonstrated this coming Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6, when a community flower show is staged under the joint sponsorship of Farmington's four garden clubs.

To the best of our knowledge, it will be one of the biggest pre-holiday flower shows ever to be put on locally and will offer the widest selection of floral and gardening displays to be assembled under one roof in the history of Farmington.

Members of the Farmington, Botsford, Forest Park and Hill and Dale garden clubs are all to be sincerely commended for the time and energy they have put forth to present such a display for the citizens of the community.

From all reports, it will be a show with such a wide variety of displays that everyone in the community with even the slightest eye for beauty and an interest in brightening up one's home or property will be sure to enjoy.

The Farmington Enterprise urges all who possibly can to visit the flower show on Saturday afternoon at the North Farmington High School, first for their own enjoyment and secondly, to show members of the local garden clubs their appreciation for the effort they have put forth.

It has been a pleasure for us to note the cooperative spirit that is being demonstrated by various groups and organizations on projects and programs of this kind.

Just a few short weeks back the Board of Commerce received the cooperation of the Farmington School Board and high school athletic department staffs as well as the membership of some of the community's service clubs in making the first annual benefit Old Year Log Football game between Farmington High and North Farmington High a big success.

Greater cooperation among our local governing bodies is being demonstrated and the result has been that more things for the good of the community have been able to be accomplished faster.

What makes any community really great is local clubs and organizations, the community's governmental bodies, and the business and industry of that community all working together for the common good of the community as a whole and all those living and working in that community.

Some fine starts in this direction have been and are continuing to be made but we still have a long way to go.

What Will Medicare Really Cost?

Almost certain to be re-introduced in the next Congress when it convenes in Washington will be the government's health and medical care program proposed under social security most commonly referred to as Medicare.

All kinds of estimates have been tossed around in an effort to make the program look either exceptionally good or exceptionally bad depending on whether the figures are being presented by those in favor of Medicare or those opposed to it.

The latest statistics we have seen appeared in a story in the November issue of "Nation's Business" entitled "Federal Health Estimates - 300% Wrong". They came from Dr. Barkev S. Sanders who had worked with health and welfare cost estimates for nearly 35 years of government service. It was Dr. Sanders who made a number of the original cost estimates for the U.S. social security program about 25 years ago.

Dr. Sanders makes it clear that he is not in any way opposed to a health program for the aged but feels that the public should not be deluded by the Social Security Administration as to what an effective health program is going to cost.

The doctor's estimate is that if the Medicare plan becomes effective in 1965 the cost 15 years hence, on the basis of present governmental agency estimates, will be 7 to 10 times as great as present estimates based on 1964 dollar values.

He points out that cost studies for hospital use by the aged made "way back in 1952 are still being used as the basis for cost estimates for the program presently proposed. Data on days of hospitalization for older people are also outdated, very old figures and do not reflect a true picture of all older people who would need and take advantage of Medicare if provided, Dr. Sanders claims.

Dr. Sanders also points out that the number of older people utilizing Medicare would substantially increase the present hospitalization costs for older people. Such was the case in England and Canadian provinces, he emphasized.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has testified that the increase in social security withholding

Plan, Mayfair Duplicate Bridge Club Expansion

The Mayfair Duplicate Bridge Club is expanding its facilities for handling crowds. We are opening the upstairs of the now occupied former home of a champagne business. The second floor will accommodate nine tables, or one full section, and we can handle double the number of players on the main floor. A telephone will be installed this week for the convenience of our customers.

These preparations are being made in order for our exciting December schedule of events. On Friday, December 5, we will have a

In 2nd place were: (North-South) Paul and Marjorie Poter; and (East-West) Dr. A. and Mrs. J. R. Ridderhof.

Our location is 5330 Middlebelt Road. Al and Marian Collins are the directors (MA's) 2109.

We do not keep the outward form of order, where there is deep disorder in the mind.

—William Shakespeare

Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.

—Benjamin Disraeli



THE CIHU CLUB of Farmington will be out collecting the Christmas which have been in stores and business places around the community for the past several weeks. Proceeds from the local drive will be put to good use in worthy CIHU charities. Club members pictured above are (L to R) Janet Lawshe, Club President; Karen Boise, Club Secretary; and Brenda Thompson, Vice President of the local CIHU Club.

"Meals for Millions" Supported by CIHU

A "three cent meal" impossible? Not really, for this is an actual plan being carried out by the Meals for Millions Foundation, an organization supported by the Farmington High School branch of CIHU (Can I Help You).

The Meals for Millions Foundation, an eighteen-year-old program, has sent more than seventy-four million of these "three cent meals" to over forty-three countries of the world.

THE ORGANIZATION is dedicated not only to relief but also to the prevention of starvation. Because this dedication, research was done and the California Institute of Technology developed a food that is high in protein and low in cost. The "three cent meal" is an improbability come true.

Farmington officers of CIHU for 1964, are Janet Lawshe, President; Brenda Thompson, Vice-President; Karen Boise, Secretary; and Joan McGregor, Treasurer, who are backing an all-out drive to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

MEALS FOR MILLIONS is supported by the people not the government. CIHU has placed canisters in all local businesses, with the cooperation of the merchants, to collect money to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Remember—for less than the cost of a postage stamp you

Cub Pack 168 Gets Charter

Presentation of the 1964-65 charter was made to the new Cub Pack 168 meeting at 10 Mile School last Friday (Nov. 20). Ceremony was led by Fred Monroy, Scout assistant district commissioner, and Douglas Sutherland, Scout neighborhood commissioner, who presented the charter to Richard Pryor, institutional representative for the 10 Mile P.T.A.

Hand puppets, made by Cubs in Den 2 were used to present a skit. Den 1 sang and acted out "Little Cabin in the Woods." Pantomimed situations were given by Den 3 for the audience to guess their meaning.

NEXT MEETING on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. will have a Christmas theme and will include a uniform inspection. Exhibits of the Den achievement charts, Den crafts and handiwork, and a social time with refreshments are a part of each Pack meeting.

Membership in the Pack is open to all boys 8-years-old to 10 1/2-years-old who attend the 10 Mile or Alameda schools. For membership information, phone Brian Mathews, membership chairman. Monthly pack planning meeting, open to all parents, will be held December 14 at 3229 Leclaire Rd., Farmington, at 7:30 p.m.

Jr. AFS Chapter Plans Dec. 12 Yule Workshop

The Junior Organization of the American Field Service will hold their Christmas Decoration Workshop on Saturday, December 12, at the Detroit Country Day School from 1 until 4 p.m., with demonstrations beginning at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door or through Mrs. Robert Harris, Birmingham. Refreshments will be served.

THE JUNIOR AFS club was organized last Spring and this is the first money raising project for the group. The proceeds from the workshop will be going towards the financing of high school students abroad and foreign students coming to the United States for one year of study and goodwill.

Demonstrations of various Christmas decorations will be given by Mrs. Norman Berry, Mrs. P. N. Askew, and Mrs. Robert Pokorny; all three women are members of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association and hold offices in either the State or Birmingham Branch.

A lovely brightly colored kissing ball, a decorative centerpiece and swags of greens beautifully decorated are just three of the items to be demonstrated. Centerpieces and Christmas bows are also on the demonstrators agenda. All of the materials to make these items will be available for purchase at the workshop.

When you have got a thing where you want it, it's a good thing to leave it where it is.

—Winston Churchill

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FATAC to Crack Down

Dear Friends:

Your FATAC (Farmington Area Teen Activities Council) Council has tried, from its inception, to provide a place for you to come to meet your friends and to enjoy a whole some evening of activity.

Recently, we have been visited by those who drink, steal, and generally cause uneasiness for us all. If this continues, it will mean the end for FATAC!

So — we are forced to take this action. Only FATAC Members will be allowed to the Saturday Night Open House at the YMCA. If you want FATAC to continue, mail or bring your FATAC dues of \$3.50 to the YMCA Box 331, Farmington. Your response will determine the future.

This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the community that the teen age has a place of their own. Will you join us?

Sincerely yours,
Andy Lawling
Vice President

Twp. Industrial Men

To The Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to The Farmington Enterprise for all the efforts on their part in cooperating with business, industry and community affairs. It is good to know that we have such a fine newspaper for our City and Township.

I especially appreciate the recent article you printed regarding The Farmington Township Industrial Development Committee's meeting set for Thursday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Township Hall on Eleven Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road. This meeting will bring manufacturers, inventors and marketing people together and the coverage your paper gave this worthwhile activity was excellent.

Very truly yours,
Kenneth Ekstrom,
Invention Coordinator

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
DECEMBER 3, 1959

Student Gov't

The City of Farmington—with all its problems, decisions and projects—was turned over for a day to the daily elected officials of the student body at Farmington High School. Tom Guy took over for Chief of Police Joseph DeVriendt. Bruce Boltz reigned as the student Mayor.

Twp. Appointment

Charles Chesquiere was asked this week by Farmington Supervisor Curtis H. Hall to head up the committee proposed to look into possible inducements for industry to locate in the Township. Chesquiere presently is serving as the chairman of the Township Planning Board.

Community Mourns

Clarence Bell, head custodian for the Farmington Public School System, died suddenly on Monday from a heart attack suffered in his home at 3107 Grand River Avenue in the City of Farmington. Bell had worked faithfully in the school system since 1931 when there was only one high school and one elementary school and all who knew him in those years spoke highly of him.

Bentley Bulldogs. Returning to the action this year from last year's Fulton quintet are Jerry Rice, John Façetti and Ron Donaghe.

15 Years Ago
DECEMBER 1, 1919

Snowstorm

Farmington back digging out from under a six-inch snowstorm this week as a heavy blanket of snow covered the area from a fall which began over Thanksgiving Day. A good fall had more than 40 calls from distressed motorists whose cars were stalled or caught in snow banks.

FHS Cagers

The Farmington High School basketball team will open its 1919-59 cage season against the Plymouth Rocks this Friday evening. Coach Robert Hutton said this week his probable starting lineup in the season opener would be as follows: Captain Dick Tupper and Herb Deibel at the forwards, George Barrons and Smokey Aschenbrenner at the guards, and Dave Dimerer at the pivot. Leo Tyler, Don Bunge, Jim Hutton and Dick Louys would be plenty of action, Hutton said.

United Fund

The United Foundation Torch Drive Campaign in Farmington this year has now reached 90 per cent of its goal. So far, \$1,559.58, has been collected and only \$299.35 is needed to reach the goal set for Farmington in basketball team will open its 1919.

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