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In Our Opinion

Our Hopes for the Community in 1965

In this issue of the newspaper each year it is our practice to set down a few of the things that we have for the community of Farmington City and Township for the coming year.

What the new year will hold in store for any of us or the Farmington community in general is really hard to say. The Enterprise has no crystal ball in which to peer into the future. It can only foretell what happy events or disappointments will be forthcoming in 1965.

We do, however, have some strongly imbedded hopes that the newspaper would like to see fulfilled in the community. Unfortunately, some of them are the same hopes we have expressed last year. At least a portion of our hopes for 1964, expressed last year at this time, were partially satisfied and a little bit of gain or improvement is better than none at all.

Our hopes for the community in 1965 are:

1. That greater citizen interest in the community as a whole will be shown and that more will join in the effort to promote Farmington as a community to be proud of.
2. That a substantial amount of new industry and commerce will be attracted into the areas presently zoned for commerce and industry to help improve the community's tax base.
3. That our citizenry will take a greater interest in local school, city and township governmental affairs by putting forth extra effort to attend meetings and learn firsthand what our elected officials are doing and what their problems are.
4. That our elected officials will see fit to appoint special citizen committees to study fully community affairs and problems and make recommendations to them for the betterment of the community.

Better Informed Citizenry Needed

How many people are there who actually know the powers, limitations and duties of the governing boards in our community? How many are there who can say honestly that they know how much of their total tax dollar goes for various phases of operations within the jurisdiction of the three governing bodies among which their local taxes are split?

From the many comments we hear and questions that are raised both at formal meetings and at social gatherings, it seems rather obvious to us that the percentage is quite small.

Some don't really care to know and others can find all kinds of excuses why they can't spare the time to find out. But many would like to know the answers and become better informed on these matters.

It is our feeling that some well organized community-wide presentations dealing in these subject areas might be well worth the time and effort of the officials of our community to set up. Outside experts could even be arranged for to set up panels when the topic of discussion would be to rather complex in nature.

It seems that about the only real interest is shown in presenting information to citizens and taxpayers on the subject of taxes when they are about to be asked to go to the polls to approve more money or a tax levy extension for this need or that. The only time that much seems to get said about the powers or limitations of governing bodies is when a controversial subject comes up for discussion or a decision.

Community forums, not only on these but a number of other subject areas of local interest would seem to us to be a good way to get and keep the citizens of our community better informed and thus make all of us better citizens of the community in which we chose to live.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

DECEMBER 31, 1956

Lighting Contest

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest this year was won by the Orla Frazer of 27751 Forestbrook in Farmington Township.

Record Mailing

The Farmington Post Office set new records this year in the amount of Christmas mail processed in the 16 days prior to Christmas. First class mail totaled 1,300,000 pieces, an increase of 15 per cent over last year. Outgoing mail totaled 228,000 pieces, an increase of four per cent over last year. Parcel post was heavy this year as a total of 15,800 parcels were delivered in an 11-day period before Christmas.

Holiday Accidents

The Holiday accidents claimed Christmas for some families as three persons were injured in highway mishaps. Foggy driving conditions were cited as the prime factor in the Farmington Township highway accidents where injuries resulted to those who were involved.

10 Years Ago

DECEMBER 30, 1951

Install President

The newly-elected officers of the Farmington Exchange Club were installed at the seasonal induction ceremonies last week. James Reed, Assistant Superintendent of Farmington High School, was installed as the new Exchange Club President.

Lighting Contest

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce this week announced the four top winners of their annual Christmas lighting contest. The winners were Fred Menke, Harry Pritchard, Edward Schmid and Nadine Yanke.

Kiwanis Club Head

Don DeGroot has been installed as the new President of the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

Primary Election

The Primary Election to be held in February for the voters in Farmington Township to decide who shall occupy the offices of Township Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer, as well as four Township Trustee positions open and the office of Justice of the Peace is expected to draw out a record number of candidates from both political parties.

15 Years Ago

DECEMBER 29, 1946

Kiwanis President

Wendell Brown has been elected President of the Farmington Kiwanis Club to serve for the coming year of 1950. Harley Walters was elected Vice President. Outgoing President is Charles Layton.

Mail Service

The Farmington Post Office announced this week the extension of mounted carrier mail delivery service into a large area in the eastern portion of Farmington Township.

Pulled from Stream

A nine-year-old girl was pulled out of the ice-clogged Rouge River tributary between Eight and Nine Mile Roads by two boys, Ralph Waack, 11, and John Paul, 12. The girl had decided to take a short cut home from school across the creek and fell through the ice. The boys were playing nearby.

Win Sixth Straight

The Farmington High School basketball team racked up its sixth straight cage victory of the season by downing Trenton, 45-32.

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APPEAL was shown by the students and faculty at the Kenbrook Elementary School last week for the fine job done by head custodian Emil Pyralis (right) as trees were planted in his honor by pupils and a reception was held at the school to wish the custodian good luck during his retirement from the school system, effective next month. Pyralis, a 25-year veteran employee of the Farmington School District, is pictured above with Kenbrook Principal Jack Cleveland holding up one of the signs made by students to decorate the school during last week's big reception. The sign reads, "Thank you for all you have done for us."

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.

Calls for Good Will Towards Fellow Man

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on your editorial in the Dec. 21 issue, "Special Elections Not the Real Answer."

As you will note this letter is written on Christmas Day. I feel as you do about party affiliations being set aside and working together in the community's best interest. Perhaps we need to practice the spirit of Christmas 365 days a year.

One week from today we start a new year—1962—a good resolution would be "Goodwill toward our fellowman—every day."

This resolution applies to everyone—Republicans, Democrats and public officials. The reason I make this statement is that I feel we all have a lot at stake in our community to make it a better place to live.

You mention Special Elections are not the answer. What then is the answer? Did our public officials exercise good will and consideration of the public in general when they made decisions on the matters for the decision? When they participated in the voter or special interest groups? Did they give the voter a voice in the decision? When they can answer "yes" to these and all future decisions you will not need special elections.

If we think back a few months, remember the majority voted for better community interest when they approved additional police and fire protection along with better educational facilities. Every individual that approved these issues will not derive a personal benefit but again the voters' approval is a demonstration of good will toward their fellowman—at the expense of higher taxes I might add.

Goodwill Ambassador

Appreciate Publicity

Dear Sirs:

Just a note to thank you for the excellent publicity you gave us for our recent flower show, The Enchantments of Christmas.

We certainly did appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Mrs. H. F. (Betty) Brown,
General Chairman

Takes Part in Navy Landing Exercise

Fireman Apprentice Russell W. Colquist, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Colquist of 20822 Tuck Road, Farmington, participated in a joint U.S. Navy amphibious assault landing exercise conducted on the island of Corsica off the coast of Italy while serving aboard the attack transport USS Cambria.

Both exercises, precise amphibious landings, UDT training (Underwater Demolition Teams) and field operations were the highlights of the six day amphibious assault.

The operation provided French and U.S. personnel with experience in conducting joint amphibious exercises.

Individual awards were as follows: First prize for theme of the month was won by David Abid; second prize was received by Fred Champagne; and third prize went to Kurt Schuster.

Sweets for the children and a coffee for the adults was most welcome after all these activities.

Bill Conroy Does Too!
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Goodfellows Thank Community Helpers

To the Editor:

With the 1961 Christmas Season now behind us, the Farmington Goodfellows would like to pause and say thank you to the many organizations and individuals that made this year's program the success it was.

In all, 147 families were investigated and 127 of these representing over 700 children and parents were helped in one way or another. Approximately 120 boxes of toys, 175 food baskets, and certificates in excess of \$2,500 redeemable for clothing, toys and food were distributed to these needy families.

To mention the names of all who participated in a project of this magnitude would indeed be a lengthy list, so at the risk of omitting someone we'd just like to say a blanket THANK YOU to everyone in the community who helped the Farmington Goodfellows achieve their goal of "No child in Farmington without a Christmas in 1961!"

John H. Richardson, D.V.M., General Chairman
Richard T. Maricham, President
Farmington, Exchange Club

Oakland County Gets 1st State OK on Mental Health Program

Oakland County became the first area in Michigan to receive state approval for a complete mental health services program.

The State Department of Mental Health approved a \$207,000 budget for the first six months of 1962.

The Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board was informed of the state's approval at its first meeting in the building that houses its new office, the Oakland County Health Department, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

William H. Wagner, of Berkeley, finances chairman, reported that Dr. Robert A. Kimblich, state mental health director, sent by letter approval of a "package" program for which the state will appropriate \$153,532 for the first half of 1962.

Oakland County Board of Supervisors appropriated the other half in October, as provided under Public Act 14 (Community Mental Health Services Act) of 1961.

IN JANUARY the Board will launch an initial program that includes: an outpatient clinic; a limited inpatient clinic; a center to receive and refer patients to the proper agency. The Board also plans to recruit psychiatrists to see patients referred by the center after diagnosis is made. A psychiatric staff will provide consultation to professional personnel, clergy, and psychiatric physicians, clergy.

Cub Pack 110 Holds Meeting

Christmas carols, awards and a fine time was enjoyed by all at the December meeting of Pack 110 of the Farmington Cub Scouts. About 100 persons and their families were present.

The following named boys received their Bobcat awards: Mark Niehaus, Richard Gibbs, Thomas Gallagher, William McAloney, Terry Crawford and John Larjose.

Seven boys received the Wolf awards: Gerard Delaney, Thomas Centers, Chris Centers, Fred Champagne, Kenneth Brown, Robert Williams and Richard Letourneau.

GOLD ARROWS were awarded to David Abid and Gerard Delaney and a Silver Arrow was made to Gerard Delaney, Curtis Grenda and Steve Callout.

After awards went to James Paul Snyder and Timothy Winters.

One-year pins were presented to David Abid, Gerard Delaney, Thomas Centers, Chris Centers, David Letourneau and Richard Letourneau, and a two-year pin was awarded to Mark Weidman.

Two boys received their Webelos badges: David Letourneau and David Abid.

DENNER AWARDS were made to Chris Centers, Ken Ambrose, Robert Williams, Edward Sempokis, John Bongera, Mark Weidman and John Letourneau.

Project achievement award for the month was won by Den 8.

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