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## In Our Opinion . . . .

### The Need to Meet the Candidates Great

Early indications are that a strong fight for the three Farmington City Council seats is shaping up and that voters may have a big field of candidates to select from when they go to the polls on April 5.

City Clerk Trena Quinn reports that a number of petitions have been taken out and that others have expressed an interest in seeking one of the seats.

Due to new state election laws, the deadline for filing petitions as a candidate has been moved up and it will therefore be known after Feb. 15 who the candidates will be. The earlier candidate filing date sounds good to us since it will give voters more time to learn about the candidates who are seeking these important positions.

The question now is whether or not enough community interest can be aroused to get a group or groups to sponsor one or two "independent" candidates' programs sometime between mid-February and the first of April.

It is at this kind of programs that voters can really learn about the candidates and what they stand for and determine the first hand whether they are the kind of men they want to represent them in elective governmental positions. Information in the news media and in literature sent out by the candidates has some value but not nearly as much as can be obtained from a meet the candidates face to face program such as we propose.

It is our plea that the sponsorship of such a program be considered immediately by the Exchange Club, the Board of Commerce, the League of Women Voters or any other local groups that might be interested. The cost of arranging for the use of a school gymnasium or some other building that could accommodate a substantial number for an

evening program of this kind that all for interested voters could get to should not be very great. Neither do we feel that it would be very much trouble to arrange to have all the candidates there to present their views and answer any questions that citizens might have for them.

It is not our proposal that candidates meet with individual small groups in subdivision associations or before service clubs but rather that "meet the candidates" programs that all voters can attend be set up.

Our success in the past in trying to get groups to sponsor such programs in Farmington has been most discouraging but we are not yet ready to give up on this point.

When what represents a majority of the legislative body of our city's government is at stake the importance of voters knowing not only what the candidates stand for but also what they stand for is exceptionally great. Selection of one wrong councilman would be bad enough but should three less than the best candidates get voted onto the five member council, it could hurt the city badly.

Councilmen who can work effectively with the city manager and other city employees as well as men who have the interest of the total community at heart are what is needed. The place to learn which of the candidates can best do this is at "meet the candidates" programs and the time to start planning for and setting up such programs is right now.

If we have no clubs or organizations in Farmington that recognize the importance or value of a project of this kind or whose membership is made up of men and women who can't find the time to undertake such a task then it is our opinion that these clubs or organizations are of little community value.

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### A Re-Study of the Plan Desirable

In a fast growing community the value of a good comprehensive master plan that is kept updated based on changing local and area conditions is very important. Because of the changing conditions in our ever changing society re-studies have got to be made if the master plan is to have full value.

It was pleasing to us, therefore, to see the Farmington Township Board take action last week to seek federal aid money to carry out a detailed re-study of our present township master plan which was developed almost ten years ago.

We are still among an apparent minority who are opposed to local governing bodies running to the federal aid trough for monetary assistance for just about everything in the nature of community improvements. If an exception were to be made by us, however, it would be for federal aid to permit communities to do a better job in planning for a healthy and well balanced growth whereby enough funds would be available locally to carry out improvement projects as they were needed rather than having to run to the federal government for help.

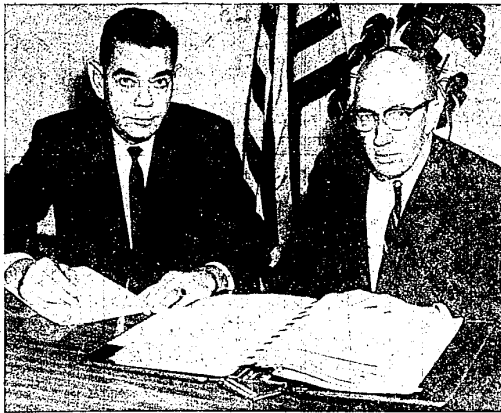
It is our feeling that the township has a fairly good master development plan now and that the zoning board (also the township's planning board) has done a reasonably good job of making changes

in it as the need for changes came up for consideration. But, as the township's planning consultants stated, many of the sections of the township's present comprehensive development plan have gone unchanged since 1956 and our changing roadway and expressway situation along with a drastic change in patterns of housing needs and wants would seem to make a re-study desirable.

There are still many among us who would say that we should keep the community almost totally zoned for large lot single family housing and, as much as possible, keep commerce, industry, apartments and houses on small lots out. The only time they seem to deviate from this line of argument is when they get their tax bills and those keep going up.

Their line of development thinking is equally pleasing to our ear as to anyone else's but the necessities of this thing just aren't there. Allowances for a balanced amount of industrial, commercial and smaller housing developments is needed along with high income residential development whether we like it or not.

Many, we are sure, are tired of hearing us make this same point again and again but we feel we must to keep the point fresh in the minds of newcomers along with older residents of the community.



FARRELL ROBERTS, Republican candidate for nomination in the primary election February 15 to fill the vacancy in the Michigan Senate from the 14th State Senate District which includes the City and Township of Farmington, is pictured above with Farmington Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns (right). Roberts checked over the new voter registration files of the Township to bring his campaign records up to date. The deadline for voter registration in this election is the first of March but residents still have until the first of March to register for the April 5 election.



### PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be held 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.

### Has Hopes for the Community Forum

Dear Sir:

It would be an understatement to say that I was very pleased to receive such wonderful cooperation from your newspaper in handling publicity for the Farmington Community Forum. I was simply overwhelmed.

At one point I was almost completely crushed by the seeming apathy of our citizenry, since two weeks before the opening night only three tickets had been sold, and only one for cash. However, the season of the year might have had something to do with it.

Without your help, it would have been a complete fiasco. Fortunately, this pickup was after that and although the presence of 40 people is not an indication of massive acceptance, at least it is a fairly good start and deserves a second chance.

Thank you so much for the good work and I'll look forward hopefully for more of the same.

Sincerely,  
Wanda Pussey  
Farmington Community Forum

### Grateful for Support

January, 1965

To all contributors to the Christmas Decoration Fund: We wish to send you special thanks for your generous contribution toward the Christmas Decoration Fund. Your voluntary response in assisting us to remedy this glaring need of Farmington community has been most gratifying and has enabled us to mark as a success the 1964 Christmas effort.

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that your Board of Commerce is already making plans for the 1965 Christmas decorations, and

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The American Trucking Associations reports that three out of every four tons of freight move at one time or another by truck.

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### -OBITUARIES-

JEANNINE E. CINDRIC

Mrs. Jeannine Evelyn Cindric of 2815 Kirkside in Farmington died January 21 in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, following an illness of several months. She was 34 years old. Mrs. Cindric was born May 5, 1930, in Long Island, New York, the daughter of Louis and Evelyn Scheppel Virgi. She was united in marriage to George T. Cindric, who survives her, on April 25, 1953.

Also surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Virgi of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; three sons, R. Bert L. Thomas G. and James A.; and a daughter, Mary Evelyn. All of the children are still living at home.

Mrs. Cindric came to the community from Scotch Plains, New Jersey seven and one-half years ago and was a member of the St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington. She was a graduate of Misericordia College of Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held January 25 from St. Fabian Church with Rev. Father Lotito, Chaplain of University Hospital, Ann Arbor, officiating. Interment took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home in Farmington.

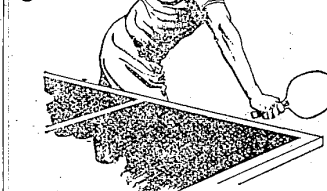
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### Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago  
FEBRUARY 4, 1960

March of Dimes Drive  
The 1960 March of Dimes fund-raising campaign in Farmington has been termed highly successful by local volunteers. The contributions of Farmington residents to the drive are still being tabulated but already have hit a record high of \$3,487.

Shopping Center  
Plans for a new shopping center and a large municipal parking lot were officially brought before the City Council and the property owners and local businessmen involved in the incorporation of the promoting group will take place this week.

Industrial Boom  
The Alta Berger Subdivision at Eight Mile and Farmington roads in the City of Farmington is expected to have the first of several new industrial plants built this spring.

10 Years Ago  
FEBRUARY 3, 1955

March of Dimes  
A total of approximately \$3,700 was collected in the community by March of Dimes volunteers during the 1955 fund-raising campaign.

Big Inspector  
The Township of Farmington is now seeking to fill the newly created post of Building Inspector.

Enterprise Award  
The Farmington Enterprise has been awarded first place in the Michigan Press Association's General Excellence Contest for the 2,000 to 4,000 circulation classification.  
New Auto Dealer  
Farmington's newest automobile dealer is Robert Dusseau who has opened a Lincoln-Mercury dealership in the building formerly occupied by the Howard Otis Dodge-Plymouth agency at 33105 Grand River.

15 Years Ago  
FEBRUARY 3, 1950

Falcons Win  
The Farmington High School basketball team scored its eleventh victory in 12 outings this season in Inter-Lakes Conference action last Friday night when they took the measure of the Milford High quintet, 66 to 37. Smokey Aschenbrenner was high point man for the Falcons with 16 points to his credit.

Impressive Win  
The Falcon cagers defeated a previously unbeaten Ponton High School basketball team in non-conference action Tuesday night, 61 to 26. Dave Dirmeyer led the Farmington attack with 21 points.

Night Football  
The Farmington Board of Education received a figure of \$1,700 on the costs involved in providing a lighted athletic field for Farmington High School.