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In Our Opinion

Don't Take Your Obligation Lightly

A surprisingly large number of candidates — 12 — have thrown their hats into the ring as candidates vying for their party's nomination to compete for the state senate seat to be filled for this district. In addition to making party selections on these candidates, Farmington Township voters will also have the important question of whether the pay increases authorized for the township supervisor, clerk and treasurer are justified.

The decision-making time for voters is just one month away and they are important decisions to be made.

Some of the candidates in the primary are not new to voters or at least shouldn't be since they have run for elective positions for this area in the past. There are still more things about these candidates that voters can learn, however, and a lot is to be learned about the new candidates. You should make it a point to read all you can about each of the candidates and attend any meetings you can where they will be speaking. Don't expect someone else to lay out for you all the facts and information about these candidates in one neat, easy to digest package.

On the question of the pay increases which were authorized for the township's three top elective officials there are a lot of things to be taken into consideration by voters.

An important point to keep in mind is that the court has already ruled that the township board's four trustees acted in accordance with state law governing townships in waiting until their last meeting before the election to decide on the amount of the pay increases. The proponents of the petition drive which necessitates a referendum vote on the pay increase action will likely try to make a big issue of the "last minute" action taken on this matter.

We don't like the state law that makes

Good Business Benefits Everyone

A number of years back a master plan was developed for the redevelopment and rejuvenation of the Downtown Farmington business section in total. A definite part of this master plan was to provide an access route from Grand River to the rear of stores on the north side of the main highway and to provide for good off-street parking behind the stores in this quadrant.

The city council's action last week calling for a go-ahead with this project has long been being needed, came as good news to us and our only regret is that it had to take so long in coming and that wrangling over the matter had to result.

In a community growing as fast as Farmington there is a real need not only for a strong downtown business section but also good outlying shopping centers such as the Farmington Plaza, Kendallwood, Bel-Aire and Westbrook Centers. If Farmington is to be a healthy community when it nears or reaches its

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

JANUARY 14, 1954

First Baby of 1954

Farmington's first baby born in 1954, arrived New Year's Day at 1:25 p.m. Kam Marie Towns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan A. Towns of 28221 Thorny Brook, weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs. and 10 1/2 oz.

Falcons Win

The Farmington High School basketball team won their third straight Inter-Lakes Conference game by defeating Waterford, 65 to 45, last Friday night on the Falcon hardwoods. Harvey Chapman of Farmington led the scorers with 20 points.

Building Boom

Another fine year was recorded in both the City and Township of Farmington in new building activity in 1958. New home construction led all other statistics. In the City, a total of 149 new home building permits were taken out while the Township issued a total of 415 new home building permits for last year.

Industry Sought

The first meeting of the Farmington Township Industrial Committee was held January 7. The group is headed up by Charles J. Ghesquiere.

10 Years Ago

JANUARY 12, 1955

DBA Winner

Lloyd Smith, Director of Instrumental Music for the Farmington Public Schools, was named this week by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Farmington as the winner of the 1955 recipient of the community's Distinguished Service Award. The DBA is presented annually by the Jaycees to the man voted the "Most Outstanding Young Man of the Year."

Shopping Center

The Farmington City Council currently has under consideration a proposal to build a shopping center west of Orchard Lake Road on a six-acre site. The proposed shopping center would be immediately northeast of Bel-Aire Subdivision.

March of Dimes

March of Dimes campaign chairman for the Farmington area, Mrs. M. Stevens, reports this week the response to the 1958 effort has been good.

Little League

John Clappison has been re-elected President of the Farmington Little League Association.

15 Years Ago

JANUARY 12, 1950

Ninth Win for FHS

The Farmington High School basketball team raised to its ninth straight victory on the hardwoods last Friday as they buried a hapless quintet from Waterford in a 41-17 Inter-Lakes Conference game. Falcon center Dave Dirmeyer got game scoring honors with 25 points to his credit.

Lighted Gridiron

The Farmington Board of Education took under discussion a proposal to have a lighted football field at Farmington High School. Cost estimates submitted on the cost of such a field ranged from \$6,500 to \$12,000.

Adult Phys. Ed.

A new Adult Education class in physical education for women has been added to this year's Adult Ed. program.

Lighting Survey

Kenneth Loomis, Police Commissioner for the City of Farmington, announced this week that he has requested the Detroit Edison Company to make a survey of the street lighting in the City.



THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION at North Farmington High School plans to hold its first meeting of 1959 on Tuesday evening, January 13, at the school. Pictured above (L. to R.) NFHS Principal Harold Humble, parents' Assoc. program chairman Les Collings, Dr. Frank Campbell, Assistant Dean, College of Education, Wayne State University, and Assoc. Pres. Rex Lentz. Earl Haumuck, Director of the Cooperative Education Department for the Farmington Schools, is not pictured.

Parents' Assoc. To Meet at NFHS

"Which Way Should They Go" will be the topic of discussion at the January meeting of the North Farmington High School Parents' Association on Thursday, January 22, at 8 p.m. at North Farmington High School.

Categories to be reviewed include the advantages of a university, community college, business school, trade or vocational school, and the advantages of further education for the high school student.

DR. FRANK CAMPBELL, Assistant Dean, College of Education, Wayne State University, will be the moderator for a panel of representatives from business and industry. Panel members will be Vernon Johnson, vice president, Manufacturers National Bank; Herbert Shain, personnel director of Fisher, Boyd and Howard Shout, Assistant Director of Training at Detroit Edison Company.

All parents are invited to attend to develop an insight into the wants and needs of industry and the future potential for high school graduates.

A coffee and social hour will follow the program.

Falcon Varsity Club Overcomes \$400 Deficit

Starting off the year \$400 in the red, the Falcon Varsity Club has overcome this deficit and is rapidly climbing the road to success in finance and activities. This club now stands with a treasury of over \$200.

The large deficit evolved at the start of the school year as the Varsity Club purchased a new movie projector for the Athletic Department.

Due to the purchase of the projector and the resulting loss, the Varsity Club has been forced to find methods in replenishing their funds. These methods so far have included the sale of book covers, the sale of popcorn at home football and basketball games, and the sponsoring of the Harlem Diplomat Facility basketball game, which netted \$250 for the treasury.

One Varsity Club meeting during the football season featured a basketball game with a visiting team trainer, Mr. Robert White. His talk centered around the prevention and treatment of injuries. He demonstrated the correct method of wrapping and taping the ankle.

A look into the Varsity Club's plans for the new year revealed plans for a pancake supper, the Annual Sports Banquet, and a Varsity Club Party.

The latest meeting of the Club was the selling of mock jerseys and nightgowns.

King Cotton is President of the Club and is followed down the ladder by Russ Baker, Vice President, and Dick Johnston, Secretary-Treasurer.

T.E.D.

Soroptimists Elect Officers

The newly-formed Soroptimist Club of Farmington held an organizational meeting on January 5 at the home of Mrs. Grace Richardson and elected its first slate of officers.

At the official charter dinner to be held in February, the following women will take office: Winona Woods, president; Catherine Andries, first vice-president; Grace Richardson, second vice-president; Shirley Staley, recording secretary; Dorothy Cornwell, corresponding secretary; M. J. Delano, treasurer; Minnie Ziekle, board member; and Marjorie Watson, board member.

Mary Ann Mitchell was chairman of the nominating committee with Florence Heaney and Doris Burdick as committee members.

The new service club, made up of business and professional women of the Farmington-Novata area, has been organized by an extension committee of the Soroptimist Club of Ferndale.

NF Students Quizzed On Current Events

The social studies classes have just completed a test sponsored by Time Magazine, which quizzed the students' knowledge of current events. This year's Current Affairs Test, given this year to more than 750,000 college and high school students in the U.S. and Canada, consists of 100 questions on national and foreign affairs. Also included are such categories as business, sports, entertainment, science, religion, literature, journalism, education and the arts.

Top scorers in each of the more than 5,000 classes enrolled in the Time Education Program Received a certificate from Bernard H. Auer, publisher of Time.

The test, created for the Time Education Program by Time's Education Department, has been taken by nearly 6,000,000 students since its inception 26 years ago.

Three North Farmington students did outstanding work on this test. They were Bruce Bussell, Peter Dolan, and David Johnston.

AFS Chapters To Sponsor Third 'Evening Gala' Fund-Raising

The third Annual "Evening Gala" will be held again this year at the Armenian Cultural Center Saturday, February 20, at 8:30 p.m.

The Gala will be co-sponsored by two Farmington Area Field Service Chapters. Co-Chairmen for the dance are Mrs. Conrad Lam of North Farmington and Mrs. James Read of Farmington Chapters. All friends of American Field Service are urged and welcome.

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE is the program under which three-thousand high school seniors from about 60 participating countries come to study in high schools all over the United States. The students spend a year living with an American family, attending high school. It is hoped that their understanding of our way of life will contribute to worldwide peace and understanding.

As a result of last year's dance and other contributions, Clinton Starr from Australia is living with the Erik Sauters and attending Farmington High School. North Farmington has a Lars Engell, from Sweden. He is living with the Sheldon Watsons.

Platinum, in the form of fine wire screen, is used as a catalyst in the production of nitric acid from ammonia. It is used similarly in production of nitrates for the agricultural industry.

Farmington Community Forum Stages Debate on Censorship

BY T. LARRY ADCOCK

"Censorship" was the topic of debate in the Farmington Community Forum discussion of Thursday evening, January 6. The program began with a panel discussion consisting of Dr. Alden Shaw and Oakland County Prosecutor J. E. M. Bronson, in favor of censorship, and Messrs. Thomas Hughes and Edwin Elmum, opposed to censorship.

DR. SHAW, past Headmaster of Detroit Country Day School, began the debate. He centered his statements around historical comparisons—"I believe we can look to other civilizations and see the examples of the necessity and desirability of some forms of censorship."

Shaw then named several prominent doctors, psychologists and social scientists to prove "rapidly increasing juvenile delinquency, venereal disease and sexual promiscuity" are due in part to the availability of pornographic material.

Dr. Shaw closed his opening arguments with a quote from Gandhi: "The future belongs to the nation that is chaste."

THOMAS HUGHES, psychologist for Boy's Republic, began the case against censorship. Mr. Hughes' statements were based mainly on the argument that "before we can become concerned with censorship, we must learn the basic effect of what is regarded by some as 'undesirable reading' on the individual's perception. When we accept that certain literature is considered bad, or pornographic, what perception level are we attempting to protect? Who is it that we are afraid will react abnormally?"

"Until a proper standard of censorship can be scientifically defined, and a realistic standard of perception is discovered, we must not censor," contended Hughes.

Mr. Hughes then suggested that "rather than censor, increased education, particularly among parents, should be our guide to proper literature; and education is the refinement of perception."

CONTINUING THE negative case, Mr. Erwin Elmum, chief counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, contributed a series of diverse statements.

"History has shown that in any sort of institutionalized censorship, the government comes into play."

"It seems unjustifiable to me that a government should have the power to decide between a work of art and pornography, and then dictate what an audience or reader may see or read."

"It also seems strange to me that those who urge the banning of certain literature never consider the material dangerous to themselves, but always dangerous to someone else."

"No reliable statistics have yet proven that there is any ratio between an individual's consumption of pornography and that individual's overt sexual conduct."

"Censorship is a danger against all free men," concluded Elmum.

ENDING THE ROUND of opening arguments was Jerome Bronson, recently elected prosecuting attorney for Oakland County. Bronson was recalled to the "permissiveness of sexual promiscuity as a plot in literature, which has gained momentum over the years."

Bronson stated that there was much concern in Michigan over the easy accessibility of lewd reading material and that he had attempted a meeting called by Governor Romney to review the existing laws of censorship. Mr. Bronson stated that these laws "need revision to provide stricter enforcement."

Bronson continued his speech with the following: "True, this is a free nation, but it has to be a responsible nation, too. There is a responsibility that people must accept if we are to promote good moral standards."

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