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THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION at North Farmington High School plans to hold its first meeting of 1965 on Tuesday evening, January 19, at the school. Pictured above are (L to R) NFHS Principal Rex Lentz, Earl Baumunk, Director of the Cooperative Education Department for the Farmington Schools, and is not pictured.

Les Collings, Dr. Frank Campbell, Assistant Dean, College of Education, Wayne State University, and Assoc. Pres. Rex Lentz, Earl Baumunk, Director of the Cooperative Education Department for the Farmington Schools, and is not pictured.

## 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 you as 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. 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, long on record as 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 Westbriar 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, 1960

First Baby of '60 Farmington's first baby born in 1959 arrived New Year's Day at 1:25 p.m. Kam Marie Town, weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan A. Towns of 23227 Thorny Brae, weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs. and 10 1/2 oz.

Falcons Win The Farmington High School basketball team won their third straight Mid-American Conference game in 1959. New England, 45, last Friday night on the Falcon's home woods. Harvey Chapman of Farmington led the scorers with 20 points.

Building Room Another fine year was recorded in both the City and Township of Farmington in 1959. New buildings, activity in 1959. New buildings, 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 445 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.

a last meeting decision on a matter of this kind necessary but it is the law and it must be abided by. Our preference would be for pay increase action to be required well in advance of the election with the increases to become effective after the election date. This would give time for all the facts and figures to be laid out to the voters before they were asked to go to the polls and select the best man for the job.

Another thing we would like to see is pay increases for all our township elected officials and all other employees alike set up on a definite annual increment increase schedule with a maximum pay ceiling set within a specified number of years. It seems to us to be a far better method than having to make large lump sum increases and then wait several years before being able to make increases again.

The pay increase amounts authorized Nov. 2 for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer are substantial. The big question voters must decide is what are the values of the top administrative jobs of running a large and constantly growing governmental division such as Farmington Township. What does it take to get and keep top men and women in these positions?

Matters of bonding for improvement projects, setting up special assessment districts, handling personnel and meeting citizens and working with them to solve their problems requires men and women with intelligence and special abilities.

Can we get and keep good men and women in these top positions for \$8,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000 per year, or just what amounts will it take? This is the decision that voters are going to have to make when they go to the polls on Feb. 15. We hope that all township voters will keep the question very carefully in the next month.

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#### 10 Years Ago JANUARY 12, 1955

##### DSA 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 their choice to be the 1955 Farmington Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Senior.

The community as a whole, including every homeowner with pays taxes, benefits greatly when business buildings in that community are occupied and doing a good volume of business. The more good businesses that come into a community the better individual homeowners at taxpayers fare.

It's as simple as that and those who don't recognize this fact are not being very realistic.

#### 15 Years Ago JANUARY 12, 1950

##### Ninth Win for VHS

The Farmington High School basketball team roared to its ninth straight victory on the hardwoods last Friday as they buried a hapless quintet from Holiy, 61 to 17, in an Inter-Lakes Conference game. Falcon center Dave Dirmeyer got 15 points scoring 10 on free throws to his credit.

##### Lighted Gridiron

The Farmington Board of Education took under contract to build a football field at Farmington High School. Cost estimates submitted on the cost of such a venture 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.

### 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, Thursday, January 21, at 8 p.m. at North Farmington High School.

Categories to be reviewed include the advantages of a unified school system, the advantages of a college, business school, trades or services as further education for the high school student.

DR. FRANK CAMPBELL, Assistant Dean, College of Education, Wayne State University, will be the moderator for the panel discussion, consisting of Dr. Alden Shaw and Oakland County Prosecutor Jerome Bronson, in favor of censorship, and Messrs. Thomas Hughes and Edward Ellman, opposed to censorship.

DR. SHAW, past headmaster of Detroit Country Day School, began the debate. He centered his statements around historical comparison—"I believe we can look to other civilizations, among parents, should be our guide to proper literature; and censorship is the refinement of perception."

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