

# In Our Opinion . . . . .

## Battle Over—Now On With the Job

This year one of the most vigorous election campaigns in the history of the City of Farmington was waged for three seats on the City Council. The decision of the voters was made Monday and the election can now be recorded as past history. We sincerely hope it will be.

Whether or not the candidates you or we supported were chosen must now be forgotten as quickly as possible. Sharp differences of opinion were expressed during the campaign not only by the seven candidates themselves but also by a number of interested citizens. It is quite certain that some political wounds were opened. They must now be patched up and forgotten.

The job at hand for those who have been elected and the incumbents who were not in the race this year is to continue on with the various duties that are within the sphere of the council's jurisdiction in an orderly and respectable manner. The citizens and taxpayers of the city—whether they be homeowners, business or only citizens who are living here but have no financial interest in property locally—have a right to expect this of all five councilmen.

Those candidates who were defeated in the campaign as well as their supporters have a serious obligation, in our opinion, to lick their wounds and pledge themselves to avoid the placing of any roadblocks in the path of those elected in doing their job in an orderly manner.

Prior to the election we recommended that serious consideration be given to the establishment of a seven-member council for the city rather than continuing with a five-member council. Our

feeling that there would be a real value in having a seven rather than a five man council has not changed. We sincerely hope that this proposal is given some serious consideration.

Another rather pet feeling that we have is that there is real value in having special citizen committees functioning within the framework of a governmental body's operating structure. There are several complex areas of operation in local government and interested citizens can perform a valuable service on special appointed committees to study particular problems or questions that arise.

It is fine to have a planning commission and economic development committee made up of interested citizens but it is our feeling that even more citizens' committees can be of value. A committee on beautification to come up with an orderly and systematic long range plan for improving the appearance of the community on a step by step, year by year basis would be of value. So would a committee to study and come up with a program for park and recreational improvements in the community in a similar year by year fashion as moneys were available. There are a number of other areas where special citizens' committees might prove beneficial.

Now that the political battle is over and the candidates whom the majority of people have chosen to represent them have been selected we must move ahead immediately with the job that has to be done.

## A Well Prepared Community Booklet

We had an opportunity to get one of the first copies of the Farmington League of Women Voters new booklet on Farmington and were very much impressed with the wealth of information about the City and Township contained in it.

While we have not yet had an opportunity to read through the booklet in its entirety we have been able to run through it thoroughly enough to know that the facts contained in it are things that every homeowner and business person in the community should know.

From the areas that we were able to get to read to date, it is clear that detailed study and effort were put forth by members of the League to make sure that they got their facts straight and

then to put them into language that would be easily understandable for the average citizen.

The Enterprise strongly recommends that you make it a point to purchase one of these booklets as soon as possible.

The information about the city, township and school district contained in it as well as some general information about the community is information that every citizen should know and particularly those who have money invested in the community as homeowners or owners or managers of businesses here.

A well informed citizenry makes for a better community and this booklet will be beneficial in helping you become a better informed citizen.

## Looking Back in the Files

### 5 Years Ago

APRIL 7, 1959  
New Junior High School  
Work is now progressing rapidly on the new O. E. Dunkel Junior High School in the Farmington School District. The new school, located on 12 Mile Road just east of Farmington Road, is expected to be ready for the opening of classes in the fall.

**Vote on Water**  
All property owners in the City of Farmington will have an opportunity to go to the polls on April 11 and decide on whether they want to continue using well water or authorize a \$250,000 general obligation bond issue to finance the construction project necessary for connecting up to Detroit water.

**City Budget Jump**  
The Farmington City Council began consideration of the proposed 1960-61 fiscal budget at its regular Monday night meeting. The record budget, \$483,635, is over \$250,000 higher than the general fund budget approved last year for operating the City. The proposed City budget will require no increase in the City's present tax levy of 12 mills (or \$12 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation).

### 10 Years Ago

APRIL 7, 1955  
Spring Election  
Voters in the City of Farmington went to the polls on Monday for the Biennial Spring Election and decided on the City Councilmen who will serve for the next two years.

### four years. Elected for the two-year terms were V. O. Bates, who polled the most votes (480 out of a total 868) and Harvey E. "Doc" Chapman. Paul S. Calkins was elected for the two-year term.

**Annual Twp. Meeting**  
The annual Farmington Township meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. on Monday in the Farmington Town Hall and a motion was made after the reading of the minutes to adjourn the meeting to allow for the securing of a large auditorium to accommodate all of the residents jammed into the small Township Hall ofices.

**Wood Creek Farms**  
A petition of Wood Creek Farms to incorporate as a home rule village will probably be presented to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting in May. Wood Creek includes the square mile of Farmington Township bordered by 12 and 13 Mile roads to the north and south and Middlebelt and Inkster Road to the east and west.

### 15 Years Ago

APRIL 6, 1950  
Audience of One  
The annual Farmington Township meeting was held last Monday with just one lone resident in attendance. The meeting lasted less than an hour.

**Census Takers**  
Muddy roads have slowed the progress of census takers and officials expect the delays being encountered may extend

the two-week project by several days.

**Minstrel Show**  
The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce presented their annual F. J. C. Dandy minstrel show last Saturday night to a packed audience in the Farmington High School auditorium.

**Offer Classes**  
For Homemakers  
Housewives and homemakers in the Farmington area should register now for labor-saving homemaking classes sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees, the Cooperative Extension Service and the Michigan Heart Association.

The "Heart of the Home" classes are free and all homemakers are invited, especially those with an ailment of the heart or blood vessels. These are 2-hour sessions of instructions and demonstrations, given by Mrs. Alice Apple of Ann Arbor, in Homemaking Rehabilitation. She will demonstrate practical ways to conserve time and energy in the preparation of meals, cleaning, ironing, and other household tasks.

Reservations should be made with Mrs. Carol Korth, Extension Agent for Michigan Cooperative Extension Service, call FE 4-2594, or call the Michigan Heart Association at 242-2100.

## 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.

### Foster Homes Appeal

Members of the Oakland County Juvenile Court are appealing to families in all communities to help them find homes for children living in the court facilities.

There are approximately 40 to 50 children between the ages of 5 and 17 years who should be living in foster homes but because there are none available have to remain in the various court institutions.

They are not all blonde, blue-eyed, well-behaved darlings, but children who have problems because of previous neglect and experience in extremely unhappy home environments. Experience has proven that these children can adjust to normal, happy family living situations if the people with whom they live can show love and patience and the necessary guidance.

**THE GREATEST SINGLE** need is for homes for older children, especially boys. The children do have problems adjusting to a new home initially, because many of them do not trust adults, as no one has ever wanted them in the past. It is a most rewarding experience to know you have helped a child through what might be the most difficult period of his life.

Anyone who wishes to board children must have their home inspected, a simple procedure with which the Juvenile Court assists potential boarding parents. When you accept a child into your home you receive a weekly allowance of \$11 to help pay costs. Clothing, medical care and dental care are also provided. But most important, you can give love, patience and understanding, you'll be providing a real service to a needy child, to yourself, and to your community.

For further information please call or write the Foster Care Department of the Oakland County Juvenile Court, 1220 Telegraph Road, Pontiac, FE 2-8312.

### Grateful to Jaycees

The annual variety show which the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and their ladies recently produced,

was even better than last year's, if that is possible.

The music, costumes and stage settings were as good as many a professional production. Each performer gave his best and seemed to enjoy performing as much as the audience enjoyed their collective efforts.

I doubt if the audience was aware of the additional service the Jaycees rendered before and after the show. Despite the fact that each and every member of the cast had to be in costume, made up and ready on stage promptly at curtain time, members of the Jaycees hurried about the city and township to provide transportation for those elderly citizens who would otherwise be unable to attend the show.

After the performance they returned these same senior citizens safely to their homes. Other Jaycees were on duty outside the High School to assist the elderly in getting out of the cars and inside the school. Since I am handicapped, I especially appreciated this help upon arrival and departure.

I want the community to know about all the wonderful services the Jaycees render to their neighbors, gratis, often at considerable effort and personal sacrifice, without public acknowledgment or credit.

As a member of a local senior citizens group I want to personally thank the Farmington Jaycees for a wonderful, happy evening of entertainment. God bless them all, the Jaycees and their ladies!

Sincerely,  
Norma M. Dowd  
Member Pioneer Golden Age Club of Farmington

### Card Party Set

A card party, sponsored by the Middlebelt P.T.A., will be held on Wednesday, April 22, starting at 7:30 p.m. The card party will be held at the Middlebelt School, 2440 Middlebelt Road.

Dessert and coffee will be served. The donation is \$1.25 per person. For further information contact GR 4-9787, GR 4-9299 or GR 4-6466. Players are asked to bring their own cards.

## East Jr. High Honor Roll

**7TH GRADE:** Catherine Adams, Judith Agnello, Linda Barringer, Kathryn Bendino, William Betts, Christine Bey, Lynne Bowerman, David Brakora, Richard Branch, Keith Bruhn, Nancy Buchanan, Glenn Cantor, David Carroll, Larry Caudron, David Crain, Charles Davis, Steven Duda, Teresa Ehlers, Christine Ely, Alice Engelbrecht and Susan Flakke. **Jeffrey Foran, Susan Fritz, Emily Frontczak, Kenneth Grabowski, Robert Hamilton, Pauline Hartz, James Heumann, Jennifer Holappa, Kirk Hosler, Lee Katterman, John Koski, David Kourjian, Robin Lemon, Jack McCoy, Francis Macielak, Barbara Najjar, Jennelle Naquin, Janice Nelson and Mary Ann Nicholson; Caroline Nyquist, Margaret Otto, Peter Jean Ozker, Alice Pavlik, Christine Rennell, Nancy Richardson, Carolyn Sevin, Jeffrey Smolek, Mark Stewart, Holly Stein, Sue Svoboda, Craig Unger, Kim Upshoff and Kathleen Winter.**

**8TH GRADE:** Dayle Eby, Jan Eby, Lynn Farmer, Jan Grabowski, Terence Grow, Carolyn Hagemann, Susan Heinzen, Mark Heumann, Bruce Innes, James Joseph, Pamela LaFave, Linda Loft, Gunnar Ludwig, Claudia McDonald and Lawrence Mahinsek.

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7-7 Booklet Will Be Mailed in Plain Envelope



THE FARMINGTON PLAYERS Children's Theatre will present the all-time favorite, "The Wizard of Oz," on April 3 and April 10 for two matinee performances scheduled at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Pictured above

in a scene from the children's play are (L. to R.) Eren Ocker in the lead role of Dorothy, Linda Perry in the role of the Tin Woodsman and Gina Parsons as the Wicked Witch.

## Girl Scout News

Eight fun packed days of arts and crafts, outdoor cooking, nature study and hikes are in store for Farmington Girl Scouts who register for Day Camp this summer. Applications must be mailed on or after April 1.

THREE SESSIONS are scheduled to accommodate all the girls. Session 1, under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Schaffer, will be held from June 22 to July 2. Session 2 is set for July 3 to July 16, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Quist.

Camp Asapah at Warren's Woods, 12 Mile Road and Hagerty, will begin July 27. August 6. The director is Mrs. Georgia Dennis.

Leaders and helpers are needed for Day Camp. Mothers are urged to volunteer their time.

### Four Farmingtonites

#### Top College Pupils

Four Farmington students were among 784 Central Michigan University students who received grades of 3.0, B, or better, for the fall semester, according to C. M. Pike, Jr., dean of students.

Joan L. Cogoli, a junior, is a 1953 graduate of Farmington High School. The other three students named, Beverly Fleischacker, Mark S. Gayard, and Elizabeth Begette, were 1954 graduates of North Farmington High School.

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