

In Our Opinion . . .

Most Important Governmental Board

This coming Monday, June 14, is an important date to have circled on your calendar but we are quite certain that very few citizens have it circled and if so not for the purpose of reminding them that this is the date of the important school election but rather for some social function.

Historically in Farmington, the voter turnout for the June school district elections have been very poor and from the interest that has been demonstrated in the forthcoming school election we have no reason to believe it will be any different this year.

It continues to be hard for us to understand why so much more interest can be generated in races for Township Board and City Council seats than in contests for School Board seats. The operation of our public school system is by far and away the biggest local governmental operation we have. Over 75 percent of all our local taxes go for school system operations and the annual operating budget now runs over \$6 million. This makes the operations of the Farmington City and Township government combined on a yearly basis very, very insignificant in comparison when weighed on the basis of dollars spent.

We need the best possible school board candidates we can get and you should be sure to have a part in picking them.

This year there are four candidates running for the two seats to be filled on the seven-member board.

Incumbent Herbert Neal who is seeking re-election has demonstrated to us a keen intelligence on school system and educational matters. Even more commendable, we feel, is his willingness he has shown to spend countless hours in study and research on matters that require decisions by the board of education. Neal has worked diligently to provide the best possible educational system for this community and we feel confident that he will continue to do so in the future if re-elected. The Enterprise has not always agreed with Neal on policy or operating matters up for consideration by the board but we still feel he is a highly qualified man for the job and wholeheartedly endorse his re-election.

Selecting the best candidate from the other three running is extremely difficult since all seem to have some very good qualifications.

Mrs. Sylvia Schwartz has shown a keen interest in local school system affairs.

A Very Pleasing Kind of Growth

Summer school enrollment will start next week and it was with an extreme amount of pleasure that we reported last week Director Richard Tyler's prediction that enrollment may run as high as 1,200 students.

Just a few short years back all schools were closed in June and not re-opened again until September except for a few schools which were utilized for the Farmington Area Recreation Commission six week summer recreation program.

It is very heartening to us to see our school facilities which all of us have a

fair in the past. She has worked hard as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee curriculum sub-committee, the drop-out study committee and on other school study committees. As a former social worker, she is very cognizant of children and their problems and the importance of a good, sound educational system.

Our only reservation in giving Mrs. Schwartz our unqualified endorsement is the fact that she is the mother of four children still in the public schools. We keep clinging to the "old fashioned belief" that a mother's time should be devoted almost totally to her children. This is a personal thing with us that we can't shake and you must weigh this point on the basis of your own thinking on this matter.

The advantages of having a mother with children in the school system on the board of education are obvious.

John Cojean, another candidate, advocates greater utilization of school plants and facilities and on this point we agree with him one hundred percent. This has been something we have been strongly for and have stated so on numerous occasions editorially in the past.

Cojean makes another statement, however, that we have to disagree with. This is that there is a lack of communication between the school board and administration and the only involved in school board members and administrators have gone out of their way in the past to attend meetings and explain and answer questions on bond issues and millage propositions to be voted on. They have always been willing to explain policies and hear people out who disagree with them on every occasion we can think of. The lack of communication, as we see it, stems rather from a failure on the part of citizens to attend school board meetings and get the facts or make their feelings known.

To the best of our knowledge, Cojean himself has been at very few board of education meetings.

Joe T. Collier, the fourth board candidate, we know nothing about other than the information he has submitted to us as a candidate in the current election. If he has been actively involved in local school district affairs we are not aware of it but this in itself does not mean that he would not make a good school board member.

We do not feel that we are in a position to either endorse or speak out against him as a candidate.

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO

JUNE 9, 1959

Safety Pay Raise

The Farmington City Council met at its regular meeting Monday night approving use of funds allocated in the City fiscal budget for the hiring of an additional clerk for the Public Safety Department to be used instead for an increase in police officers' pay.

Land Acquisition

The City Council authorized an expenditure of \$75,000 for the acquisition of additional land in the southeast quadrant of the City as a step in the re-development plans for that portion of the City's downtown business district.

185 to be Graduated

Farmington High School will stage commencement exercises next week with a total of 185 seniors scheduled to receive their diplomas.

School Election

A total of nine candidates are seeking election to the Board of Education in the Monday, June 13, School Election.

10 YEARS AGO

JUNE 9, 1955

Nominees Unopposed

Candidates for positions on Board of Education, Mrs. Elizabeth Downing and Douglas Hamman, are unopposed for re-election in the June 13 School Election.

Little Leaguers

Farmington City Mayor Robert Lindbergh helped to kick-off the 1955 Little League baseball season in the community last Saturday in the City Park.

Athlete Honored

The recipient of this year's Byrkis-Coolman Award, presented annually to the outstanding junior athlete at Farmington High School, was Don Nichols, star of the Falcons in both basketball and track.

Recieve Degrees

Five Farmington area students were awarded diplomas from the University of Michigan in commencement exercises held this morning. Those earning degrees from Farmington were John T. Buck, Audrey Springer, John K. Hyde, Robert H. Bowman and Vincent E. Stock.

15 YEARS AGO

JUNE 9, 1950

Lighted Gridiron

The proposition to increase the Farmington School District tax by one additional mill to provide the funds necessary for financing a lighted football field for Farmington High School will go before the voters of the School District next Monday.

Board of Education

A total of six candidates are seeking election to two available openings on the Farmington School District Board of Education in the School Election next Monday. The candidates are Wendell Brown, John K. Cotton, D. Gerald Dumer, Leo J. Kelly, Donald McElroy and Bayard Dew Tupper.

Athletic Awards

Farmington High School awarded post season honors to its athletes at a special all-school assembly last week. The two top athletic awards went to junior Jim Bates, who was presented the Byrkis-Coolman Award as the outstanding junior athlete, and Lee Tyler, who received the Aschen-Brenner Award.



REPORT from LANSING

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker

"I fear a democracy cannot endure for long because sooner or later the people will discover it is possible to vote themselves a piece of the treasury . . . and they will do so with such enthusiasm that they will bankrupt the government."

The only difference between this statement by Plato and what the Michigan Legislature has been doing of late is that in the current situation it's not the people who are raiding the treasury, it is their elected representatives. The people will have to pay.

AS WE MOVE INTO the last few weeks of this session, much concern is being expressed about what will turn out to be the highest level of state spending in history. The Governor proposed a record budget of \$788 million, but the majority party has seen fit to add at least another \$58 million on top of that. All of this comes amid the continued refusal of majority leaders to face up to a tax reform program or adequate tax increases to pay for these spending programs.

Not satisfied with the fiscal dilemma his party is creating,

the Democrat floor leader pushed through a \$5000 pay raise for legislators. Described by Governor Romney and others as excessive and unjustified, this move simply highlights the arrogant attitude of the majority party and their complete disregard for the interests of Michigan taxpayers.

IF THE PAY INCREASES pass the Senate, it would mean that \$10,000 in pay raises have been passed since 1962. We started this session at a pay rate which is the highest in the nation and it is difficult to determine what is so great about this year's Legislature that would warrant a further increase. It certainly cannot be the quality of legislation nor the pace of adequate deliberations. Both of these factors continue at an all time low.

The only answer can be found in the self-perpetuating approach of the majority party which reveals itself in a variety of proposals such as this. The pay raise, combined with other measures which would double legislators' pensions, extend House terms to four years and undermine election laws, clearly shows that the real interest of the majority is for themselves and not for the people of Michigan.

LET THE RECORD BE made very clear. I, along with thirty other Republicans voted against the pay raise. Fifty-one Democrats voted for it.

Governor Romney is certain to veto the increase. The day after the raise was railroaded through he said, "Ironically the highest paid legislature in the country is proposing another salary increase before it has shown by action that it is capable of fiscal responsibility and is prepared to achieve needed tax reform. If we are threatened with a return to a deficit period, it is vital that we hold down every unnecessary expenditure and unjustified increase, and put priorities in the most essential areas of state service."

Letterbox

Don't Blame Us

Dear Editor:

The North Farmington High School was not to be in Farmington's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31.

They were giving a performance at the White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. Come on! Start checking up on your news stories.

Another thing. Do not be so prejudiced against our school. There is another school besides Farmington. Newspapers are not supposed to be prejudiced.

A Disgraced North Farmington High School Student

EDITOR'S NOTE: The information we received from parade officials was that the North Farmington High band would be in the parade and we regret it. This incorrect information was given us. As for the prejudice, it is mostly in your mind. We rely on the school journalism teachers and the administration and teachers for our news. Check with them and learn for yourself that we've always used material or information that they have provided for news stories.

Local Soldier On Maneuvers

Army Specialist Four Daniel S. Lubinski, whose wife, Mary, lives at 28075 David in Farmington, participated in a field training exercise conducted recently by the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany.

LUBINSKI is a medical specialist in Headquarters Troop of the regiment's 2nd Reconnaissance Squadron near Bad Kissingen, Germany. The 25-year-old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Lubinski of 30076 Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington, was graduated from Farmington High School in 1958.



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