

Dan McCosh writes

Every Council Needs One

The announcement of Frederick Seibert that he would not be running for re-election to the Farmington City Council came as a bit of a shock.

The Farmington City Council has generally impressed this columnist as one of the more level-headed expressions of local government in this area.

Probably a lot of this comes from the relatively small size of the population it serves, as well as a constituency that doesn't exactly represent the full range of urban problems other cities contend with.

But some of the credit ought to go to the kind of gentlemanly balance that exists on the council.

In a way, it is kind of "clubby" — one wonders if sworn enemies will ever come to sit opposite each other at the council table.

Regardless, the council members have carved out different roles. Maybe it's more a question of style than basic differences, but the fast quips of John Richardson have often been balanced by the sober considerations of Councilman Seibert.

He has generally played a conservative role. In this sense, Seibert has been a kind of reactionary "counter-puncher."

He scrutinizes the bills a little more carefully and usually voices the negative side of an issue, even when he votes "yes."

In a subtle way, he has played the "old man" on the council, in a way that has nothing to do with age.

All this leads to speculation about who will play the same role now that he is leaving public life.

Some other councilman could adopt the balance-wheel posture that has characterized Seibert's term, or one of the new contenders could make it part of his campaign.

Every council should have at least one member inclined to start out "Yes, but..." Fred Seibert will be missed.

'Mystery Zoning' Is Now Office

FARMINGTON The "mystery zoning" proposal before the Farmington City Council was at least temporarily resolved Monday by designating the lot west of the cemetery off Grand River as one-family office district.

Attorney Earl Demel, representing the estate of Frederick Searle, had previously requested commercial zoning for the lot, then filed suit protesting its residential status.

Presenting the argument

2 Charged With Robbery

FARMINGTON An examination has been scheduled Aug. 28 on charges of armed robbery for Michael Chovinard, 21, and Robert Isherwood, 20, both of 26776 W.12 Mile Rd., Southfield.

They are charged with robbing a Tulsa gasoline station at Eight Mile and Iokster in Redford Township.

They were apprehended by Patrolman Marvin Strodel, of the Farmington police, after he noticed a car matching a "car wanted" description

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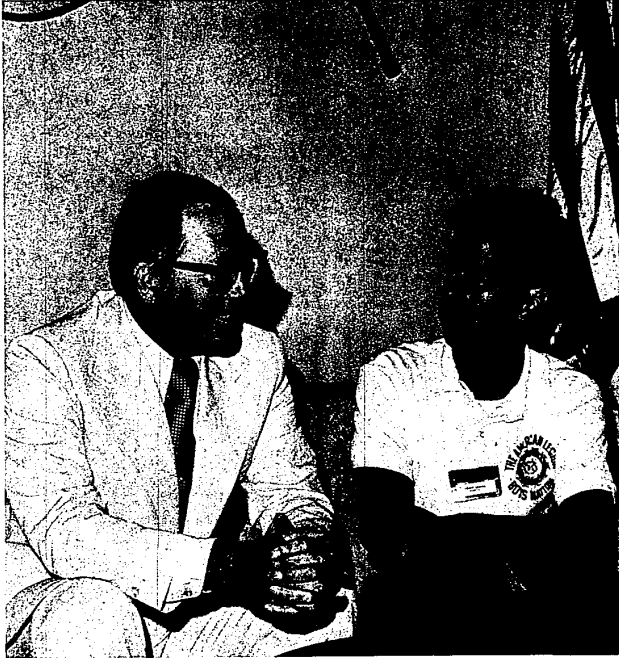
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A GREAT MOMENT-- Anthony Fernandez, a senior at Farmington High School, will have good cause to remember his trip to Washington, D.C. as a delegate to the American Legion Boys National program. The big thrill came when he had a chat with Michigan's Senator, Robert Griffin.



KEITH B. WILLOUGHBY of 32998 Biddestone Lane, Farmington, retired this month from his position as group director of quality control and service operations for Fisher Body division of General Motors. Willoughby spent more than 43 years with GM, beginning as an interpreter in 1933 at the Chevrolet central office. He also worked in the areas of insurance, production engineering, product service and as an administrator. He was appointed general director for quality standards in 1961 and was promoted to group director in 1967.

Vehicles Must Keep Off Grass

FARMINGTON In answer to a complaint from Chatham Hills Subdivision Assn., the Farmington City Council introduced an ordinance prohibiting the use of motorcycles and recreational vehicles on private property without the owner's permission.

A similar ordinance was adopted by the City of Farmington Hills recently.

Clair Carney, president of

Police Crack A Burglary

FARMINGTON Donald Decker, 1514 Cornberry, Troy, was arraigned Friday on charges of breaking and entering the home of William Weinreich, 3235 Valley View, Farmington.

Straight 'A's

FARMINGTON William P. Ingram of 34559 Lytle, Farmington, earned straight A's during the spring term at Michigan State University.

He is a junior majoring in history.

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Social Security Opens New Office

FARMINGTON A full time Social Security office will open in Farmington next month to serve area residents.

Its location will be in the World Wide Shopping Center, 34731 Grand River.

The new office will serve Farmington, Southfield, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Lathrup Village, Novi, Wixom, New Hudson, South Lyon, Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms.

"Southwestern Oakland County is a rapidly growing area," said Pontiac office manager Eino Heino.

"Our latest figures show 21,570 local people already are receiving monthly Social Security checks, and this number is bound to go up."

The Farmington office will be equipped to handle every type of Social Security claim and question, Heino said.

Most questions people ask can be answered over the telephone, he said, and "we can even take claims by conducting telephone interviews."

The office will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

On Dean's List

FARMINGTON Mary E. Williams of Farmington has been named to the dean's list at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Williams, 25861 Yonge.

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