

Editorially Speaking . . .

Do We Really Care About Education?

It was with a little bit of a sickening feeling that we reported last week the outcome of the Clarenceville School District special election. It was somewhat the same feeling we had when reporting the results of the last Farmington School District election in November of 1959.

This feeling was not in anyway caused by the outcome of the two elections. In both, all propositions placed to a vote carried. But had all or some failed, we are quite certain the feeling would still have been there.

Those who care enough to express themselves where their opinions can be heard—the polls—are apparently willing to stand more and more increases in their taxes. To our way of thinking, this is a good sign. The education of youngsters so that they will be adequately equipped to keep pace in this rapidly-changing and complex modern-day world of ours is one of the most important tasks that we as adults have before us to accomplish. It will be worth, in the years ahead, all the money the pocketbook will bear.

But, we are of the sincere feeling that the amount we can afford and should spend, to adequately educate our children of today should be decided by the majority. It is on this matter that the rather sickening feeling has developed within us following the past two school elections.

In the most recent, Clarenceville election, less than 20% (or under 1/5th) of those who could have been at the polls cared enough about the education of our youth to spare a half hour of their time to cast votes. The percentage who cared in the Farmington School District was little better. The number who could have voted who bothered to run under 25%.

It is obvious to see that when percentages run as low as this a truly representative picture of the feelings of the total citizenry is not obtained. It should also be obvious to most intelligent thinking people to see that in situations like these organized "pressure" groups can do much to swing elections one way or the other.

If we are to ever get a true picture of what the people of a local community, school district, state or our country really want then it is going to take more people taking an active part by expressing

their views where they count—at the polls.

The principle of a democratic form of government under which we claim to operate is based on the premise that the majority will decide and that what they decide will be adhered to. But when only 20 or 25 percent express themselves, then can we really say that a democratic decision has been handed down?

A Lead Is Made

Our hat is off this week to the Farmington Lumber Company. We would like to extend to this business establishment and its management our hearty congratulations on the opening of its modern new home modernization and "do it yourself" department.

This is an excellent example, in our opinion, of the type of "positive" thinking every business owner in Farmington must develop if he is going to capitalize on the tremendous growth in our trading area.

Here we have one of the oldest, well established businesses in Farmington; a lumber and building supply firm which has served this area for half a century. And yet the present management apparently realized that it was not adequately equipped to fully serve the needs and wants of a rapidly growing number of potential customers.

The modern new home modernization and "do it yourself" department, at which a grand opening celebration will be held this Friday, was thus decided on as a major addition to the existing building. A substantial amount of money was expended in this "positive" step to capitalize on the great potential this area has to offer businesses of all kinds.

We sincerely hope that Farmington Lumber will have phenomenal success in its expanded quarters. We also hope the lead this firm has taken will be followed by many other local business owners in the months ahead.

Run-down stores, inadequately stocked and poorly kept, do not attract new business or keep any new business which they may attract for long. Vacant stores which are badly in need of repairs do not attract new tenants very easily, either.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
MARCH 23, 1945
Election News
Election will be held in both the city and the township next Monday, April 2. In both cases the election polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central War Time.

Edmund Blanchard is the only candidate for township supervisor in Farmington Township. This is also true for Harry N. McCracken, for Township Clerk and Clayton Goers for Township treasurer. All are incumbents.

10 Years Ago
MARCH 23, 1950
Record Registration
A near record registration was recorded in the special Farmington Township Registration period that closed Monday evening, according to Harry McCracken, Township Clerk.

5 Years Ago
MARCH 31, 1955
Street Lighting
A contract is expected to be completed this week between the city of Farmington and the Detroit Edison Company for the improvement of street lighting both in the central business district and the residential sections.

Do You Remember . . .



BACK ABOUT 50 years ago roads were nothing much more than dirt paths. Most, except a few major roads, were put in by the private farm landowner. They had to farm and no further. Look closely at the roadway and you should be able to see some wagon-wheel tracks and horses' hoof marks. Note also that snow-fences are up on either side of the roadway. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Hilarita Adams.)

West Point Park News

Miss L. A. Ault GR. 4-4294

Sunshine Sisters held their regular meeting in Neighborhood Church Wednesday afternoon. It is customary at Sunshine meetings to devote a portion of the program to discussion of some matter of civic interest. Upon this Wednesday "Taxes" were the subject. Present were fourteen persons. Why, so it was believed, present taxation is unreasonable. Emphasized was the plight of large proportion of widows, retirees and pensioners find themselves in.

As usual, cake and tea were served.

The next Sunshine meeting will be held in Neighborhood Church on Wednesday afternoon, April 6th, at 2 o'clock. This will be the Easter get-together.

The annual Name-Revealing Party of the Secret Sunshine Pals will be held in Neighborhood Church at 8 o'clock, Monday evening, April 4th. After the revealing new names for another year will be drawn.

PARENT-TEACHER Counseling was on at Tyler School this past week. Consequently the large number of boys and girls from this neighborhood who attend that school had half-day sessions.

By giving a Pajama Party at her home on Gloria Ave. Thursday night, Miss Marion Johnson believed she was honoring a friend, Jeanne Hannaford, of Eight Mile Rd., who is due to move to the new home. However, the affair developed into an 18th Birthday Celebration for Marion herself.

Two handsome birthday cakes appeared on the scene and cards and gifts were given her. Twenty-four young ladies participated in the celebration.

Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke, Shady Side Ave., was eight years old on St. Patrick's Day. A Family Celebration honoring the birthday was held at the Cooke home Saturday evening, the 19th.

Mrs. V. C. Reddy, of Shady Side Ave., is now a great-aunt. Thursday, the 24th, a daughter, Mrs. Mary Jane Reddy, was guest at a celebration honoring the birthday of Mrs. Chas. Haas, now of Ft. Pierce, but formerly a resident of this community.

Quite a bad traffic jam developed Thursday night on Farmington Rd. between Eight Mile and Norfolk, Norfolk between Farmington Rd. and Shady Side, and Shady Side between Norfolk and Eight Mile.

Firemen busy at the Goslin fire on Eight Mile found it necessary to get water from the farther side of Farmington Rd. Consequently road blocks were set up and traffic delayed.

Mrs. Albert Owen, Mayfield Ave., is again reported ill. Freda Ault, Norfolk Ave., was visiting in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Monday.

Goodwill Industries, from Detroit, will be collecting household discards in this area on Tuesday, April 5th. To arrange for a pick-up call Miss Lora Ault, GR. 4-4294.

John Clappison Sells Insurance Phone GR. 4-3511

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Wood Creek Village

ANNE M. PHILLIPS
MA. 6-4335
We want to extend a warm welcome to Jim and Marilyn Brown who moved into their new home at 28850 Wellington last week Wednesday. This week come girls also in their two boys, Jimmie aged 11 and Jerry 8.

It is with sadness that I tell you that Linda, the red and white cat, they have been Wood Creekers for almost twenty years and will be missed very much. However, the new colorful family will be coming in. They are thrilled to have found so lovely a spot; they wanted Linda, the red and white cat, and a quarter children can play with the greatest safety. Stefan Habsburg is, as you can judge from the name, an Austrian; his wife, Jerinne, is from Matapan, Massachusetts. Christopher is three, then comes Ileana, and the present baby is Peter. I am sure we shall all enjoy them. This is but 99.44-100th per cent sure as there is the possibility of a slip up at a deal is closed and the new occupants have moved in. A formal welcome will be extended when they are actually here.

MANY of you already know that Eric Janzen had a heart attack last week Monday morning and that he is now in Osteopathic Hospital. He is coming along satisfactorily, but is expected to be there most of April.

Jerry Dynda was taken to Ann Arbor again on the 18th and will probably be there till Friday. We are always sorry to hear he has had to return to the hospital, but do so admire his courageous returns to active life after each period there.

The Langs went on their annual family ski week end to Boyne Mt. the family including the two older children, Terry and Linda. They reached there Friday evening, and Saturday had good skiing. By Sunday, with the temperature up to 50, it was pretty sticky. They went swimming in the outdoor heated pool, which was life as long as they stayed in the water. They returned Sunday night.

The Fishers had a family birthday dinner Saturday for two March members of the family, Vernon and son-in-law, Ed Anderson. The Sunday Grace family eight Wood Creekers who attended the Franklin Church that morning to stop in for coffee and to help celebrate.

I THOUGHT I COULD SMELL SOMETHING BURNING A LITTLE WAY BACK
Not being tailors, we can't tell you what this fellow is doing. But if you smell something burning, it's probably your brakes. We can give you precision adjustments on them.

BOB ROZENBOOM SERVICE
32410 GRAND RIVER at POWER GR. 4-9719

Gerald Mills Sails To European Ports
Gerald P. Mills, boilerman, U.S.N., of 24328 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, Michigan, is serving aboard the tactical command ship USS Northampton on a goodwill cruise to European countries. Ports visited in February by the Northampton and her crew included Palma, Spain, and Greenock, Scotland.

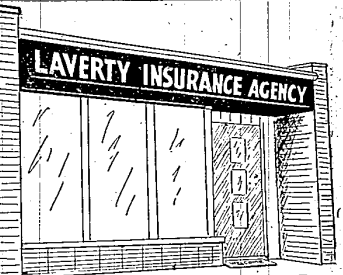
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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Election will be held in the City of Farmington, County of Oakland, Michigan, on the 11th day of April, 1960, from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting to vote of the qualified electors of said City the following proposition:

Shall the City of Farmington, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars and issue the general obligation bonds of the City therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing improvements to the Water Supply System of the City, consisting of additional water mains, pumping station, and necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto?

Only those qualified and registered electors who have property in the City assessed for taxes, or the lawful husband or wife of such persons, are qualified to vote on the above bonding proposition.

The places of election will be the regularly designated voting place in each election precinct.

This Notice is given by authority of the City Council of the City of Farmington, County of Oakland, Michigan.

TRENA M. QUINN
City Clerk

(Mar. 24, Mar. 31, April 7)