

# Editorially Speaking . . .

## Seven Member Board Has Advantages

We have often referred to the Farmington public school system as Farmington's biggest business and it truly is. It employs more people and spends more money to operate than any other business we presently have or probably ever will have.

Continual growth of the school system for several more years to come yet is almost an absolute certainty.

As private business grows and expands the size of its board of directors or policy making body is usually increased in size so that a better cross-sectional opinion on the course of action which should be followed can be obtained. We feel that this same practice should be followed in our business of schools. And, for this reason, we are going on record at this time as favoring an increase in the size of the Board of Education from five to seven members and at the earliest possible date.

This is not intended to be any inference that the present five member board has not done a good job in the past or is not still doing a commendable job. We have not always agreed with the course of action taken on some matters. Yet, looking at the picture overall, we feel that the present board has done an exceptionally good job of providing classrooms and an above-average caliber of educational program for our very rapidly expanding school district.

The problems of this "skyrocket growth" school business of ours are becoming too numerous and widespread to be dealt with by the board as a whole. Two and three board member committees are becoming more and more of a necessity and this is where two additional members would come in very handy.

A big help to our present board has been a very active citizens advisory committee and we are sure that this committee broken down into various sub-committees as it is, will continue to be a big help in the future. With a seven member school board it would also be possible for board members to work more closely with the advisory committee and its various sub-committees.

If legally possible, we would like to see both the question of increasing the size of the board and the names of candidates to fill the two additional school board seats appear on the ballot on June 13. If

the proposition to increase the size of the board were turned down—and we would sincerely hope that it would not be—then the two candidates receiving the least votes for a seven man board would merely be dropped.

This is the same procedure that is followed when newly incorporated cities or villages vote on proposed charters. If the charter is approved then a board has already been elected at the same time to take over the reigns of the new government.

## Proposed New Zoning

A public hearing on the proposed new Farmington Township residential zoning map will be coming up very shortly and it will be the last chance that residents will have to express their views on the proposed changes.

Since zoning changes are called for in several sections of the township, this is a matter of area-wide public concern.

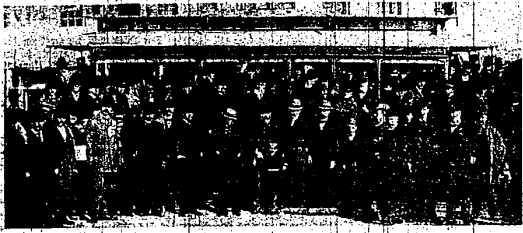
These proposed changes have been under study and discussion for some time now by the planning board, planning consultants and township officials. Several changes and revisions have been made in the originally proposed revised zoning map and the public given an opportunity to express its views at a meeting held a few weeks back.

As a result of opinions and points brought out at this public meeting, still more changes were made.

Now that all of these changes have been decided on, a map is being published and we feel it would behoove every citizen to study it carefully. Those having any questions to raise or objections to make after a careful review owe it to themselves and the community to attend the public meeting and raise these questions or voice their objections.

Our only hope is that land owners will find it possible to lay aside any objections they might have to the proposed new zoning based only on the thought of some small personal gain that it might possibly result in for them. We would like to feel that all will find it possible instead to consider the new zoning called for on the basis of the benefits it will provide for the community as a whole. In the long run they will benefit more, in our opinion.

# Do You Remember . . .



SHOWN ABOVE are Farmington residents of 1897 who gathered downtown to greet the first DUE car to come into the area. Note the man in the center with his hands on the boys' shoulders. He either has a memory of the event or touch. This photo was submitted by Mrs. Jessie P. Prindle, 23621 Wilmarth. We would be happy to have any other photos to go along with the "Do You Remember" series. Anyone able to help in this matter may either call or stop into the office at your convenience.

## Wood Creek Farms Village

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Wood Creek wishes to extend a welcome to William and Effie Dorough and their son, William John, who have moved in at 2205 Millbrook Dr. that is the new house between Kreider's and Sheriff's. They moved in March 29th. We all know too well where it was like here then, but before long we are confident they will find this a very beautiful subdivision and they will be glad to be here.

Susie Reader's 9th birthday was Tuesday but it was celebrated last Saturday. Quite a few were invited for luncheon and games, including Dennis Kreider, Nancy Weeden, and Claudia McDonald. However, Claudia could not go as she had the measles, as did four of the others invited. Susie enjoyed opening her gifts, they all enjoyed the Easter baskets at each place at the table, and all had lots of fun playing the games.

The Rensfords drove to Akron, Ohio to spend Easter with Maxine's mother.

The Weavers have had ten days away. They left the 7th driving to Buffalo, N. Y. for the 10th. They arrived in Syracuse where they spent two nights. They had lived there 17 years and both boys were born in Syracuse so they still have many friends there.

Ten couples got together for dinner Friday night followed by a real gab fest. Sunday morning they drove on to Hoosick where they had lunch. Then on to Amherst, Mass. to visit Bob's brother who teaches at the U. of Mass. It was very important that they get to the town of Rutland as they didn't get much this trip.

Their next stop was to see Bob's mother in Hadonfield, N. J. She is almost 96 years old and not too well so it was an extra joy to see her. Their next stop was in Ambler, Pa. where they visited an aunt of Ruth's. Sunday they drove home. They enjoyed the early blooming shrubs and the new green on the trees in Pa.

Dick Weaver had his 24th birthday while they were gone. Dick is managing a music store in Lansing in addition to going to college. His friend took over in the absence of his parents and invited him for a birthday dinner last Friday night.

Holly Lang's 4th birthday came on Easter Sunday. Sunday morning they all drove up to see the 100th birthday of Harry's brother and his family were on from Chicago so they all had lunch together which was a combined celebration of Holly's birthday and Easter.

The Nelsons had Roy's sister and her husband, the Lyle Healeys of Wilmette, Ill. for Easter. They arrived Thursday and left Sunday afternoon. They had a very pleasant visit but missed the young people who had been with them in the past. David had his spring vacation and was back in college. Diana had gone to Ft. Lauderdale.

It has been a very happy time for the Presses. David and his bride are visiting them. David was married last November and this is the first time they have met Connie — whom they love dearly.

## The Farmington Enterprise

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Expect 400 at Model Session Of UN Friday

More than 400 teen agers will form the United Nations General Assembly in model sessions Friday through Sunday, (April 22, 23, 24) in the University of Detroit Memorial building.

The 400 high school students from the Detroit and metropolitan areas will represent 65 member states of the UN during the three day educational meeting.

Plenary sessions are open to the public Friday, April 22, from 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, April 23, from 7 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Model United Nations is sponsored by the U. of D. Student Council as an educational project "to make known the purposes, principles, and accomplishments of the United Nations," according to Brooks Patterson, 16751 Glastonbury, Detroit, junior in the College of Arts and Sciences and secretary-general of the Model UN.

Governor G. Mennen Williams will address the closing session of the meeting Sunday at 5 p.m. The governor's talk will deal with the issue of world peace and the challenges facing the peoples of the world. The address is open to the public.

## NOVI NEWS

By MRS. GEORGE WAITE FI. 9-2089

The Howard Millers entertained the family on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Behrnt along with their son, his wife and their grandson are touring the south as far as New Mexico and then will go to the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Salvo, Jr. and Mrs. George Atkinson spent the Easter weekend at their cottages at Leviston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans and little daughter will leave soon for a year in Arizona for Rene's health.

The George Waites entertained a group of old classmates and their families at breakfast on Easter morning.

Mrs. Grace Fox will entertain the PNC's at a 6:30 dinner this evening.

Mrs. Carl Evans and daughter visited her mother at Royal Oak last Saturday.

"Some students drink at the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle."

## Malcolm the Milkman

by FARMINGTON DAIRY

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CLOSED SUNDAYS

## FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT NATURAL GAS

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Modest Victorian James Sharp demonstrated GAS for cooking in 1832 — but it was not until eight years later that the United States had its first GAS stove. By 1859, about 100 American families were using GAS for cooking! Signposts of modernization in the Victorian home were the soapstone sink and the GAS stove!

Natural GAS makes life easier, pleasanter, more luxurious for everyone in the family. Call or write your Heating Equipment Dealer or Consumer Power Company for information about inexpensive, automatic GAS heat for your home.

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# Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago APRIL 19, 1945 PHIL POPPY DAY

Members of the Farmington VFW Post met Wednesday evening to discuss plans for the "Poppy Day" set for May 18 and 19 in Farmington.

Boy Scout Collection Boy Scouts of the Farmington area will be making the rounds this Saturday night, collecting for the purchase of a discarded clothing in connection with the United Nations Used Clothing Drive.

The purpose of the drive is to collect old clothing to be given to the poor in the form of being worn but which would keep people in occupied countries warm and dry.

School Honors Lois Joyce Samuelson and Lois Goers have been cited as winners of highest scholastic honors at Farmington High School. Joyce had a straight A average and Lois was just a grade behind.

10 Years Ago APRIL 20, 1950 REJECT BUILDING

Voters in Farmington township turned thumbs down Monday when they defeated the proposed building code 822 to 541. A total of 1,376 votes were cast in the election which was the first time since the 1920s that the 600 odd votes cast in the last election and better than half as many as were cast in a presidential election.

The code, had it been approved, would have specified the type of construction used on exterior walls of new buildings and called for inspection of roofs and chimneys. The code also called for occupancy was also called for by the proposed code.

## Grass Fires

Seven grass fires have already been reported in the township.

Road Repair Initial action was taken by the township board at its last regular meeting for the repair of roads throughout the township. A two man committee designated to make a survey of roads needing repair in the township and to make a definite repair program.

No Hitter Jerry Plam turned in a brilliant no-hitter as the Farmington 2-0 to 0 victory over the Chancesville Trojans, 2-1 in classic pitching. Plam struck out 30 Trojan batters while allowing only five base on balls. Two of the strikeouts came in the last inning.

## 5 Years Ago

APRIL 21, 1955 Proposed Budget The city council at its regular meeting Monday evening introduced a proposed operating budget of \$238,557 for the fiscal year 1955-56, an increase of more than \$23,000 over last year's budget.

James Tennant, city manager, requested that the council study the proposal as it is and reserve any changes for the annual budget hearing set for May 2.

Book Circulation During the month of March a total of 2,000 books were circulated through the Farmington City-Township Library, according to Mrs. Florance Leach, librarian.

The Farmington High School track team began back after a 1 1/2 in the opening meet to census taking occupation.