

Editorially Speaking

What Is Learned Is Most Important

When questioned on what they felt to be the major problem confronting the Farmington Board of Education in the years ahead at least three or four of the candidates for board seats to be filled this year emphasized the need of providing adequate school buildings fast enough to keep pace with rapid population increases.

There is no question about the fact that the need to provide more and more classrooms and school facilities will be a problem for several years to come. All indications are that Farmington's rapid population build-up is just beginning and that it will continue at an accelerating rate until an ultimate population is reached.

The real question that lingers in our mind, however, is what constitutes adequate classrooms and facilities.

For some adequate may mean swimming pools in all the junior and senior high buildings, spacious courts, large lobbies and libraries, the very finest of lighting and spacious grounds with the best of landscaping. To others it may mean only the bare essentials with nearly every square foot of building utilized for classroom space.

There are few people today who do not want the best in education that can be provided for our youth. But the emphasis often seems to be placed too strongly, in our opinion, on the buildings it will be provided in and the tools for training that will be used. The really important thing is the program of education and the quality of instruction and on these two things major emphasis should be placed.

Looking back not too many years ago we can recall that some of our best training in college was obtained in buildings that could have been very easily been labeled as unsatisfactory for educational instruction. There were large cracks in the wall, the floors squeaked and the heating system never seemed to work properly; the condition of the desks and the lighting was nothing to rave about either. But, despite all of these things, we gained knowledge because of the fact that the course of study was well worked out so as to be meaningful and the instructor knew how to present the important facts so that at least a portion of them could be carried away to be of real value in later years.

Many other courses, on the other hand, given in much more modern and up-to-date buildings, we obtained far less out of.

The tendency to place strong emphasis on fine buildings and furnishings seems to be common practice today. And, far too often these things come at the expense of the best in training. You probably wouldn't have to look too far to find good examples of this.

How many do you know of who have purchased nice homes and furnished them with the best only to find themselves in "over their

head" financially. When the bread-winner's check won't stretch far enough then his wife usually goes out and starts working again also. And, when there are still small children in the family this far too often results in trouble.

Nearly every home needs a mother around for the extra training, care and confidence that is usually demanded by children quite frequently in the course of growing up.

We sincerely hope that members of our future boards of education will be able to meet all classroom needs during the rapid population build-up period which is now before us. We also hope that they will find it possible to provide the very finest of school buildings.

But in trying to provide the best possible buildings and equipment, we hope even more strongly that they will not lose sight of the most important job before them; that of seeing that the children obtain the highest quality of training.

In later years, what they have learned will be far more important than the types of buildings they have learned it in or the types of equipment they had to use in learning it.

Poor Literature

Efforts by Parent-Teacher Association groups across the nation to get exposures of indecent literature and magazines to their children reduced is a project that we're 100 percent behind.

Letters were recently sent out by the Farmington Area Council of Parent-Teacher Associations to local magazine handlers asking their cooperation in this project. We feel that this is a positive step in the right direction but one that falls far short of the type of action that is going to be necessary if the sale to youngsters of books, magazines and pictures glorifying sex and crime is going to be stopped.

Some legislative action at the national level to prohibit the public display of any books or magazines of this kind is what is really needed. We feel strongly enough about it that we would like to see action taken to prohibit the printing of this type of literature altogether but are certain that such action will never be taken. Nor are we optimistic enough to feel that action to prohibit public display of such literature will ever be taken either.

It appears to be a local level project and one which is going to take the efforts of each and every citizen. Enough complaints voiced to local merchants about their displaying of these magazines and books could result in getting at least some of it off our newsstands and out of store book-racks.

True, a local-level project will never fully eliminate the problem of children getting their hands on these wrong kinds of literature. But, it could at least help in reducing it.

From Orchard Meadows Subs

Daniel Hickey GR. 6-1869

The last meeting of the Ladies bi-monthly bridge club was held at the home of Joan Brown. After a delicious dinner and three games of bridge first prize was awarded to Wanda Hickey and second prize to Marilyn Van Hout.

The party for the summer was held at the home of Joan and Bob Beemer last week when their youngest daughter Wendy celebrated her seventh birthday. With the assistance of twenty-seven of her little friends, Wendy said, "Twenty-seven. Thank you goodness for summertime and nice weather as the party was enjoyed by all of the adults and young people. Games, ice cream and cake were enjoyed by all.

Jean and Joe Ripard have Jean's mother from George Town, South Carolina as a house guest for the summer months. So if the odor of southern fried chicken fills the air, you know Labor Day.

U of D Alumni Day Is June 13

The University of Detroit Alumni are looking forward to the annual Alumni Day to be held at Hillcrest Golf Club Monday, June 13.

As usual the graduating seniors are extended a big welcome to this event. These new Alumni members regard Alumni Day as a major part of their senior week. It was a big success. There were games and prizes for the children, not to forget, popcorn and candy. The day was enjoyed by all of the adults and young people. Games, ice cream and cake were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all of the ladies of the Sub, who contributed the delicious side dishes to our social committee who organized the whole affair and to Jean and Joe Ripard who have been a house guest for the summer months. So if the odor of southern fried chicken fills the air, you know Labor Day.

Brook Hill Chit Chat

MARCELLA REDA
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Bill and Jean Spencer have just returned from ten exciting packed days spent in Greenville, South Carolina and Quinlan, Virginia. In Greenville they visited Bill's Mother. While there, young William Jefferson was christened at Bethel Methodist Church. Official date, May 22nd. (Rev. Carl Barbee, officiated.)

Continuing the sojourn to Quinlan, Virginia for a grand reunion with Bill's Marine Corps buddies, whom he has not seen since 1938. The Quinlan Base is on the Potomac just thirty miles from Washington. The highlight of the trip was the music held at the Base with music by the Air Force orchestra.

Even rain couldn't stop the planned picnic - with the usual Marine ingenuity they switched and held it indoors. Ten wonderful days but they were happy to return home.

A FLYING TRIP TO CORNING, New York was the beginning of the Memorial Day trip for Ruth and Fred Friedrich. The plane trip was especially exciting for Ruth and Daughters, Frances and Lee. Their first ride in an airplane. They visited former Detroiters, Gene and Lorraine Modreski. In Corning our friends visited the famous and interesting Corning Glass Museum and Factory. The Friedrichs and Modreskis had a picnic on scenic Harris Point. The trip was ended up eating their lunch at the station wagon.

Before starting out on their Memorial Day weekend trip, Mary and John Beiler had over night guests, James and Jim Hawkins with their children Bruce and twins, Jay and Kim. Supper to visit with the Beilers. Michigan to attend a wedding and reception. The Beilers then went to their family cottage at Hamilton Lake, Ind., for a grand family reunion.

Heather Cunningham was all set to celebrate her eleventh birthday on May 28th but was interrupted by the three day measles. Naturally all plans were put on hold. Heather was not to be disappointed - her party was held the following Saturday. Her guests included: Jackie and Robert, Darlene, Doug, Carol, Hampton, Stephanie Flemming, and Joan Kopler.

ABOUT THIRTY students of Detroit students and faculty members congregated at the Reda household for an "end-of-school" party. Tony Reda's end-of-school party turned out to be a most successful one. In spite of the fact that many students will be graduated this month, the party was carried off on a very happy note.

May 29th was the birth date of Debra Renee Todd. Her guests were: Cindy Cook and Diane Joyce from Ferndale, Kevin Roake, Ellen Reda, Mary To Schultz, Maria Sheridan, Harris Schneider, Bonnie and John Cunningham. The children played games amid the Japanese lanterns and the adults enjoyed a delicious meal as part of their costume. Cake and ice cream was served.

Truman to Talk To MSU Grads

Former President Harry S. Truman will address graduates at the 100th annual spring commencement exercises at Michigan State University at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 15, in Spartan Stadium.

Degrees will be awarded to an estimated 2,658 students. "Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees will be awarded to Ford W. French, Doctor of Agriculture, and Dr. Robert H. Taylor, man, commencement speaker. Charles E. Bohlen, special assistant to the secretary of state for S. Affairs, and Henry S. Commager, historian.

Clark L. Brody, farm leader and educator who has been associated with Michigan State for some 60 years will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

An unusual feature for this year will be closed circuit television. Special TV cameras and receivers will be set up throughout the campus to enable all persons throughout the entire building to view their friends on television.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
JUNE 7, 1954
Lis State

The local American Legion Auxiliary announced this week the selection of Elizabeth Johnson and Betty Hunt to attend Girl's State at the University of Michigan August 28 to September 4.

Elizabeth has been on the high school honor roll each year and has also been active in girl scout activities. Betty is also an outstanding student in various school activities as well as being a former girl scout.

School Election
A heavy vote is anticipated next Monday in the annual election of the Farmington Township School District. Registration expectations have been exceeded as more than 300 voters have registered.

Falcons Split
The Farmington High School basketball team has had a real battle with the weather this spring but managed to get two games in this past week. They dropped a tough 7-6 decision to Keego Harbor. Later in the week on their home grounds the Falcons finished on the right side of another close one winning 21 over Plymouth.

School Bonds
At a special meeting held May 28 to consider bids on \$450,000 1945 Refunding Bonds, the Board of Education of Farmington Township school awarded the bid to the lowest of seven bidders, McDonald-Moore & Company.

Summer Playground
Farmington Township Schools will again sponsor a summer playground this year on the school site for children of all ages.

10 Years Ago
JUNE 8, 1959

A larger vote than normal in Farmington and a "usual" vote at Clarencville is expected Monday when voters will go to the high schools in their respective districts to mark their ballots.

O. E. Dunkel, Farmington

Westbrooke Manor

INGRID LAVENS, GR. 4-8539 LEE REITHER, GR. 4-9302

Our subdivision was jumping over the weekend, in between the first and second halves. The First Methodist Church of Farmington had a Father and Daughter Banquet last Friday.

George Nauman gave the Detroit student and faculty members congregated at the Reda household for an "end-of-school" party. Tony Reda's end-of-school party turned out to be a most successful one. In spite of the fact that many students will be graduated this month, the party was carried off on a very happy note.

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will have their Membership Tea, June 9th at 8:00 p.m. A film called "Promise of Spring" will be shown. Any of you who would like to join keep this date in mind. Also remember each new member will be sponsored by two existing members. Our membership will be closed at 100 members.

Westbrooke Manor Bowling League enjoyed their Banquet at Grossie Isle Naval Base, no need. They are as follows: planned parties ever arranged, as Jeep said. We came back to Westbrooke Manor by Bus at 3:00 a.m. Monday.

The Brann's and the Well's would off with the 1st place trophy and lots of money; Ginny and Jim Stedman won door prize.

Which brings to mind other things that happened in the Brann household. They drove their daughter, Joy, out to Rochester for a weekend; stay. Susan, Duane promptly climbed a tree and home of the best. To add on to all this, Joan couldn't keep her hands out of Don's airplane (6 ft propped type) and got some lovely, big cuts on her fingers. Joan, lean the plane business to the boys, huh?

Dottie Uhl had Bridge Wednesday night.

I think Nottingham Court and part of Nottingham St. had the cutest idea for Memorial Day. About 3:00 p.m. all the spallier

School Superintendent, says he expects a large vote because of the unusually high number of school board candidates. Louise Schmidt, Clarencville Superintendent, expects a vote of about 500.

Legion Gala Days
Ray Oldham, commander of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, announced Monday that the annual Gala Days will be held at the Legion Memorial home grounds July 21, 22 and 23.

Graduation Ceremonies
A full week of graduation activities will reach a climax Thursday evening, June 12 with Commencement Exercises for members of the class of 1960 at both Farmington and Clarencville High Schools.

Band Program
The Farmington Instrumental music program of the Farmington Township School District will begin Monday, July 24 and continue until the beginning of school next fall. An announcement by Lloyd Smith, director.

Athletic Awards
Many students were given athletic awards at the annual athletic assembly on June 1.

5 Years Ago
JUNE 9, 1964

Little League
Baseball in Farmington got off to an impressive start last Saturday afternoon with a special flag raising ceremony at the Little League diamond in the city park. Players from four league teams along with managers, officials and coaches stood at attention while members of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post raised the flag to the playing of the National Anthem.

Commencement Exercises
Seniors at both Farmington and Clarencville High Schools will receive their diplomas at annual commencement exercises to be held Thursday evening, June 16. Paul D. Bagwell, head of the department of community skills at Michigan State College, will speak to the Farmington High seniors on "The

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children got dressed up in costumes and had a little flag ceremony. Children marched up and down the streets to music, no less. Afterwards they had a winner roast, and dancing. This year to ch-ch records. Can't be just pictures.

Chris Jaye enjoyed his 7th birthday with five little boy friends. Games, cake and ice cream was the highlight.

Floyd Cairns, township clerk, agreed to be at Kendallwood No. 4 Model home from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

Here are the requirements to be eligible to vote.

If you moved to Farmington Township from within the state 30 days.

If you moved to Farmington Township from out of State 6 months.

Westbrooke Manor Association have new officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

Bob Miller, President; Jack Noreen, Vice President; Bob Busing, Treasurer; Marilyn VanHolt, Secretary; Auditing Committee, Peter Ottel, Chairman, Frank Schuster, and Jay VanHolt.

WHERE'S CHARLIE?

I JUST TOLD HIM HIS CAR WASN'T WRECKED AS BAD AS HE THOUGHT

As he leaped off the table he said we could find him over at General Auto. "If there's any chance of putting that heap back in shape, they can do it," he yelled. "I guess I better give them a try."

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New Football Coach
Farmington High football players met their new coach, Jack Hayes, who will take over the gridiron reins next fall from Earl Bye. Hayes, a University of Michigan graduate, spent one year teaching at Carson City and two years at Saline prior to his current appointment.

Trojans Share Title
The Clarencville Trojans battered the Holly Braves into submission 22-0 last Thursday to clinch a share of the WOCU title.

In a special meeting the Farmington Township Board approved a motion to cancel the permit of Henry and Lillian Dachtile of Detroit for the removal of top soil in the vicinity of Farmington and 14 Mile Roads.

James H. Chellman

Chellman to Receive Degree

James H. Chellman of Farmington will graduate from the Michigan College of Mining and Technology in commencement exercises to be held on Saturday, June 11. In the ceremony Michigan Tech will confer 521 degrees and 10 advanced degrees in 18 fields of science, engineering and business administration.

Chellman will receive his B. S. degree in mechanical engineering. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chellman, 28290 Briar Hill, Farmington, and a 1956 May production runner-up, High School, Chellman was very active in the management of the weekly college newspaper. He is included in the 1960 edition of "Who's Who Among American Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Ford May Production Up 11% Over April

Ford Motor Company produced 200,039 cars and trucks during May, an 11 per cent increase over April's total.

The May production figures include 167,051 cars and 23,988 trucks, compared with 161,731 cars and 31,753 trucks produced in May a year ago.

Ford's new compact cars, the Falcon and the Comet, accounted for 67,224 units, representing 40.2 per cent of the company's passenger car production in May. Thunderbird sales rose monthly production record with 9,791 units.

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Of the total vehicles produced by GM during May 311,904 were passenger cars and 48,359 were trucks.

Eight Honor Grads
Eight Detroit Institute of Technology seniors will graduate with honors Monday evening, June 12, when the Institute holds its 53rd Annual Commencement at the Ford Auditorium.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Gramps Tells a "Moving" Story

Gramps Adams just got back from his first trip to the city in 40 years.

Thinking there might be a story in an oldtimer's impressions of the big city, I stopped by his place. Gramps was pretty enthusiastic about everything he saw, except the escalators they have in the new department store.

"Sure, those moving stairs are easy on the legs going up," Gramps commented. "But just try to get down on the same ones. I'll be jittered if you can do it, not with the steps coming up at you a mile a minute!"

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