

Editorially Speaking

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Ever since the first printing press was invented the newspaper has been used as a means of conveying news to large numbers of people. It's a handy thing to have around.

In the early days it was a press controlled by the government and only that information which the country's officials wanted publicized was printed. But free thinking people — those who migrated to the New World — were not the type to allow this to continue. This was not the way it was intended to be in a democracy. Freedom of the press, therefore, was one of the liberties spelled out very clearly in the Constitution of the United States.

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Politicians are very happy when newspapers are running publicity about them which is favorable but turn very quickly on this benefactor when it reports something adversely about them or a project they are behind. The same holds true for an entertainer, a merchants group or any community organization or individual.

The newspaper — whether it be a big metropolitan press or a small community weekly — was not intended to be a media which would satisfy all of the people all of the time. It exists for the purpose of serving the best interest of all 100 people of that community!

The Farmington Enterprise runs an average of over 1,000 inches of news, editorials and pictures for and about the community every week. To do this we need your continued support. So do the merchants who advertise with us and pay the major portion of the cost to do this.

You may not always agree with us editorially or feel that our account of

action by a governmental body on a matter of interest to you was reported quite as you saw it. We don't expect this. But you can rest assured it will be our continuing goal to report all activities and actions as accurately as possible as we see them.

We feel that there are few thinking people who would disagree that the newspaper is a handy thing to have around. But, remember, the newspaper needs your support as do the merchants who support us if we are going to give you the top grade of news coverage you expect and deserve.

Where Wages Go

This is a reprint of an editorial which appeared recently in the Wayne Dispatch, weekly newspaper published in Wayne, Michigan.

Suppose you earn \$4,500 a year, and put in a 40-hour week.

If that's your situation, said the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, you work all day Monday and until 1:45 p.m. Tuesday without making any money for yourself. The money you earn in that time all goes to the government in taxes.

If you earn more than \$4,500 a year the amount of your time given to the tax collector rapidly and progressively increases. And if you get into the really big income brackets, very little of your working time results in take-home pay for you.

It's commonly said and believed that defense costs are almost solely responsible for the present burden of taxation and the size of the federal budgets. But the fact remains that, in the 1955-61 period, defense costs rose only 12 percent, while non-defense items rose 43 percent.

As the survey sees the situation, "if we Americans spend more time trying to get our tax money spent wisely, we have enough money left to make us happy — and not the raft of worries caused by the lack of it!"

At Home in Old Homestead

Jacqueline Davis
GR. 4-1230

This week we welcome the family of Lee and Margaret Wolf to Old Homestead. They actually moved late in July, but soon after left to vacation in Wisconsin. The Wolf's eighteen year old son, Dan, will be attending Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. The other children are Rosalie, almost seventeen, Greg, twelve, and five year old Barbie. Their former home was in Racine, Wisconsin, with an address is 3808 Paddock. Until recently this home was occupied by the Mueller family.

A week ago Tuesday Mark Wiedman celebrated his sixth birthday at a quiet family party.

Guests this past week at the home of Lee and Isabel North were thirteen year old Peter and seven year old Mark Thompson of Grand Rapids. Their parents drove to Farmington ten days ago and spent that weekend with the North's before returning home. This past weekend the Thompsons drove down to pick the boys up and to spend Saturday and Sunday with their neighbors in Normandy Hills.

Bob Lorenz, our Detroit News boy, will be wearing a cast on his right arm for the next few weeks. He broke it last week while diving into a pool.

Bill Morgan returned on Saturday from a nine day vacation at Lake Nipigon in Canada. This is near Lake Superior and is reached after a day long train ride from the Soo. In addition to fishing and relaxing the men took a three day canoe trip on the Indian guide, Tino, camped in the woods at night and while not eating, sleeping or canoeing they fished. The weather was ideal and the fishing was wonderful.

On Saturday Bing's mother, Mrs. Raymond Wiedman, of Dowagiac and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sisk, of the River. William arrived for the weekend at the Wiedman home. On Saturday afternoon the men took a three day canoe trip on the Indian guide, Tino, camped in the woods at night and while not eating, sleeping or canoeing they fished. The weather was ideal and the fishing was wonderful.

The Subdivision Picnic was postponed due to a wet Sunday. The picnic will be held next Sunday, August 28. If it should rain on that day the picnic will take place on Tuesday, August 30 for mothers and children and whatever fathers that may be at home that day. The place is still the pump house grounds. Once again suggestions for requests for games should be made to Irene Barth, GR. 4-1463.

Congratulations this week go to David and Dorothy Kull who observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Trudy and Tom Schmalzer of Hammond, Indiana have been visiting the Kulls for the past two weeks. The pleasure and confusion that has accompanied the visit has made their anniversary celebration unnecessary.

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FORDSON NILES, left, installing officer for the 40 & 8 Ritual Team, is shown handing over the gavel to the newly installed Commander of the Groves-Walker Post.

American Legion, Erlend Pennanen following the joint installation ceremonies for the Legion and its Auxiliary last week.

Legion Holds Installation Of New Officers

Joint installation ceremonies of officers for both the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary were held last Thursday evening at the Groves-Walker Post.

Newly installed legion officers are: Earlend Pennanen, Commander; Norman Giers, Senior Vice Commander; Gordon Harlan, Junior Vice Commander; Fordson Niles, Historian; Charles Willard, Chaplain; Ray Seelbach, Adjutant; Dennis Burke of Raphael M. Niles, Sergeant at Arms and Francis McGowan, Finance Officer.

The new officers were installed by the 40 & 8 Ritual Team of Voture 81, Oakland County with Ernie Hienke as captain.

Newly installed officers of the Ladies Auxiliary are: Polly Schan, President; Jessie Wilbur, Vice President; Mary Willard, Secretary; Zella Nourian, Treasurer; Lulu Schaeper, Chaplain; Helen Eisenlord, Historian and Trena Quinn, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Installation ceremonies were conducted by Trena Quinn who has been active in Auxiliary for many years having served as past president of the 18th District, Past 2nd Zone Vice President, Department of Michigan and President of the 18th District Past Presidents Party.

Ada Goers, 17th District Past President, served as installing Sergeant-at-Arms.

Helen and Ed Zibkowski of Raphael and Marion and Ed Wilbert of Ivywood Dr., had a fish fry this past week-end in the Zibkowski's yard. They fry some fresh caught bass, which I bet were really delicious.

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GLEN ORCHARD NEWS

BARB HOUGHINS SHIRLEY STORM
GR. 6-0440

Elaine and Bill Holt of Ivywood Dr., entertained guests during the week-end. They were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin and son Bobby and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin of Saginaw, Michigan.

Congratulations to the Burke family on their new arrival. A baby girl was born to Iona and Dennis Burke of Raphael M. Niles, August 8th. Her name is Colleen and she weighed 7 lbs. at birth and has two brothers, Charles and Allen and a sister, Diane.

Attention mothers of school children. If you are interested in helping out on the Mothers' Patrol with crossing the children at Ten Mile Road and Raphael, please contact Charlotte Yull of Farmington Hills Subdivision at GR 4-460 for further information.

S. P. John Grover, son of Helen and Ed Zibkowski, was married July 25th in Munich, Germany where he is stationed, to Sigrid, a German girl.

MR. AND MRS. Wilfred Gross and daughter Nancy, Mary Ellen and Cathy returned recently from a vacation which they spent at Lewiston, and Cedar Point in Ohio. Their two daughters celebrated their birthdays Sunday with relatives in the Gross's yard. Mary Ellen was 9 years old, and Cathy was 7 years old.

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CLOSED SUNDAYS

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

August 23, 1945

Playground Program

The summer playground season was concluded August 17 following a very successful program in which many youngsters in the area actively participated.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Margaret Leach, the director, who did such a fine job. Miss Leach will teach in the South Bend Schools this fall.

Cville Opening

The Clarenceville public school will officially open Wednesday, September 6, with an expected enrollment far in excess of last year, according to officials. Teachers will have an all day meeting the day before school opens.

Relax Membership Rules

Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion is looking forward to a large increase in membership in the near future because so many of the boys are nearing discharge from the service and will be eligible for membership in the Legion. Under a new ruling those who are interested, may join before they are discharged from the armed forces.

Football Practice

There will be a meeting for all boys interested in going out for football this fall at the Plymouth game on September 15. Band attendance for the summer classes has continued to run very high according to Lloyd Smith, band director.

Health Warning

Dr. John Vos, Farmington Township health officer, advised this week that all children under 10 be taken to their family physician to be actively immunized against diphtheria due to the outbreaks of the disease in recent months.

10 Years Ago

August 24, 1950

Band Musical

The Farmington High School Band has been going through its formations Tuesday evenings in preparation for its appearance between halves at the Plymouth game on September 15. Band attendance for the summer classes has continued to run very high according to Lloyd Smith, band director.

New Street Lights

Erection of the new street lights in the City of Farmington is expected to begin about the middle of September, it was announced Tuesday by police commissioner Kean Loomis. A total of 10 lights will be erected along Grand River Avenue.

Crowd Will Begin

The crowd will begin to form in the Michigan Inter-county

League Sunday heading Unger

6 to 4 in Inkster Park

Half Day Sessions

Students of both the Farmington and Clarenceville schools will be greeted with some minor or no rain when they return to the classroom September 6. There will be half day sessions at some of the elementary schools in both districts.

Atom Ideas

Farmington was one of 20 communities selected in the state of Michigan for a study of public opinion on atomic energy. The purpose of the study is to get the ideas and opinions of the people on the use of atomic energy in peaceful activities.

Garbage Pickups

Two garbage collections weekly are now being made throughout the City of Farmington. The schedule was announced by Harry Moore, City Engineer. This schedule will be maintained for the balance of August, and through September.

5 Years Ago

August 19, 1955

New Phone System

Farmington one and two party telephone users were dialing many of their long distance calls direct, this week following inauguration of the new direct dialing system last week.

Special ceremonies attended by civic leaders as well as officials of Bell Telephone Company were held Saturday evening to mark the change from the old manual system to the new dial plan.

Legion Installation

Newly elected officers of the Groves-Walker Post American Legion and Auxiliary will be installed at a joint ceremony this evening in the Memorial Home. In the Legion, Earlend Pennanen will take the reins of command and William LeBlanc will be senior vice commander while Mary Ann Prior will head up the Auxiliary with Myrtle Barber as first vice president.

School Sidewalks

Steps were taken by the Farmington Township school board at their regular meeting Monday night to begin construction of sidewalks at the Ten Mile and Shawanaw Elementary Schools.

Highway Funds

The City of Farmington will receive a total of nearly \$3,500 in the form of the second quarter net receipts of the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Water Bond Issue

Approval of the City request for a bond issue to pay for the expansion of the Water facilities was granted by the Municipal Finance Commission at

its regular meeting in Lansing

on Tuesday.

Seeks Well Sites

A Township official stated Tuesday that efforts are being made to obtain property ownership in the area of the drilling of test wells.

Traffic Laws

Apply To Bikes Too, Remember

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