

Editorially Speaking

An Exceptionally Good Man Is Needed

Managing an old city that has grown up very rapidly after a number of years of very peaceful and quiet slow growth is a momentous job.

This is especially true when that city has grown up with an improper balance of good commercial and industrial development in ratio to its residential development thus resulting in a poor tax base.

In a city of this kind is found two groups of people.

There is that group who moved to the city some years ago. Many of them became attached to the ways of life in a quiet and slowly growing city. Although the city might not offer many of the things that a large city can, they are happy with things as they are. They are opposed to just any big changes that are going to disrupt that way of life.

The second group is made up of those people who moved to the city during the rapid build up. In this group are a number of families who want a lot of services which a larger city is expected to provide. They are not content to have anything but the best in fire and police protection, good parks and recreation facilities, well maintained roads, good schools and top quality stores to shop in. They came because of the big residential build up with the intention of doing a big volume of business. They too expect a lot in the way of services and assistance from the city.

This is the picture in the City of Farmington today. And, on the shoulders of the city manager falls the major responsibilities of operating the city made up of these two decidedly different thinking groups of people.

The City Council is now considering candidates to replace Earl Scherffius who is resigning voluntarily due to poor health. Needed is a man with the best of qualifications as an administrator. He should be a man of the highest character who can handle people and preferably one who has had some previous experience as an administrator of a city that has grown rapidly.

Another characteristic which we feel the man selected should have is one of not being swayed easily by pressure groups, large or small, or of becoming flustered by their actions.

We sincerely hope that the Council will make a very careful study of each applicant they interview for the city manager's post, for the job he will have to perform in the months ahead is one that will more than likely mold the destiny of the city as a completely developed community in the not too distant future.

The shoes that he will have to fill are big ones. Although we did not always agree with the actions outgoing manager Earl Scherffius took or the recommendations he made to the Council, we feel that his judgment and decisions were usually sound.

In the little over four years that he was active as city manager here, Scherffius did much in an effort to provide improvements for the city within the financial limits allowed him. He was a dedicated worker who spent countless

hours on projects, programs and research work for the city over and above what was actually required of him.

Some of the improvements in the city which he spent countless hours on are accomplished and already visible. Others are in the advanced planning stages and should be carried out without too much difficulty by the new manager selected to replace him.

It Isn't Needed

Air conditioned offices for the Farmington School District service and administration buildings now being considered by the Board of Education are a luxury we don't think the Farmington school system can afford.

About a month ago we commented on the proposed air conditioning of this building editorially, making it clear that we felt the Board was justified in considering a cooling system for the entire building if it could be done at a reasonable expense. Bids on the job have now been received and the lowest bid was \$11,700.

We are now very much convinced that it is too much money to spend for a district of Farmington's financial status. A point that has been made time and time again by local school officials is the fact that Farmington is a relatively poor school district. Teachers have been told when they have questioned why the lowest salary scale for teachers is somewhat lower than that of several other districts in this area. Taxpayers have been told the same thing in answer to inquiries of why it is not possible to have an auditorium at one of the schools, a lighted football field and other such things.

We do not feel, as some people do, that having a separate service and administration building for the school district is wrong. The public school system here is getting bigger and bigger all the time and having a separate building from which to operate the district and service the various schools in the district makes a lot of sense from an efficiency standpoint. A majority of Farmington's taxpayers apparently felt the same as we since they went to the polls and approved a bond issue to finance a building of this kind.

This is a very nice building and one that every family in the community can be proud of. If the district were in better shape financially and residential taxpayers were not being asked to dig deeper and deeper into their pockets to supply continual need for more and more classrooms, we would probably be 100% for the cooling system.

Neither the Township Hall or City Hall is air conditioned. We feel that employees of these governmental bodies have as much right to such a luxury as school officials do.

Farmington never do the job as well but they are a good substitute where money is needed badly for things more important than the comforts which air conditioning can provide during the hot summer months.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
AUGUST 29, 1945
New Commander
The American Legion here was elected for the year 1946 as follows: Commander, James M. Norjians; Senior Vice Commander, Neph B. Brewington; Junior Vice Commander, Frederick N. Humphrey; Adjutant, Leon L. Church; Finance Officer, Carl W. Metz; Historian, John B. MacCue; Chaplain, Charles G. Willard and Sergeant at Arms, Walter E. Humphrey.

Taxi Service
Taxi service for Farmington will become a reality September 1 when LeSalle Cab Company begins operations in this area. The cab stand will be located on Grand River just east of the city hall.

Kiwanis Supper
Kiwanis enjoyed a friendly get-together at a supper Wednesday evening followed by a business meeting. Ken Loomis, Dick Taylor and Wendell Brown were named delegates to the district meeting to be held September 13 at the Lee Plaza in Detroit.

St. Paul Picnic
St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have its annual church picnic next Sunday preceded by an open air service at the Recreation grounds of Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Play At Dance
The Torrid Five will play at the dance on August 31 which was dropped by the Salem Youth Fellowship. The Torrid Five orchestra has become quite popular in Farmington and has provided live music for the summer series of concerts and dances.

Band Certificates
A total of 112 certificates of attendance were being made out this week for presentation to students taking part in the Farmington Summer Band program, according to Lloyd Smith, director.

Registrations High
Voting registrations recorded in both the city and township during the recent registration period were unusually high, according to city and township officials.

Record Enrollments
Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts will officially open for students Wednesday, September 6 with record enrollments anticipated in both districts. Farmington schools are expected to welcome 2,000 students while an enrollment of 425 is anticipated at Clarenceville.

Clarenceville Losses
Clarenceville was defeated for the first time in the interschool league playoffs last Sunday dropping 10 to 2 decision to Romulus J. C. at Cass Beach Park.

Ask For Spotlight
Three hundred residents in the Middlefieldville area have signed a petition asking for a stop light at that intersection.

Band Enrollments
Classes will resume next Tuesday at both Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School and St. Paul Lutheran School with increased enrollments reported at both schools.

Dickie Lou Market
Dickie Lou Market is open nightly until 12 and Sundays until 2 p.m.

Business News

Bradley Drug Offers Service For Diabetics

A new diabetic registration center has been set up at the Bradley Drug store at 23063 Farmington Road as a free service to all diabetics in this area.

Diabetic patients are invited to stop in at the store and register at their convenience.

Special files have been set up for all diabetics providing complete information about them for rapid and immediate transmission in the event of emergencies any time of the day or night. File cards are being kept not only at the store but at the homes of each of the registered pharmacists at the store.

Included on these files are information about the diabetic himself; type of insulin taken and units per day; protein, fat and carbohydrate intake; special dietary notes; any allergies the patient might have; his blood type; and information about his regular physician.

A card is given each diabetic patient registered showing that he is registered, that complete information is available on him and the telephone numbers at which this information can be obtained anytime of the day or night. A doctor or attending physician will be able to obtain this information within a matter of minutes.

Meade Offers Auctioneering Services Here

Mr. Claude W. Meade of 32380 Cadillac St., Farmington has just arrived home from Decatur, Indiana, where he has graduated from the Reppert School of Auctioneering.

This school teaches every phase of auction work and was established forty years ago by the late Fred Reppert, known as America's greatest auctioneer. This school has graduated thirteen of America's foremost auctioneers who explain to the students just how to become a successful auctioneer.

Bona fide sales were conducted so that the students had actual experience under the guidance of the experienced auctioneers and students are really seasoned auctioneers when they receive their diplomas.

Sixty-nine students from twenty-one states and one from Canada attended this summer term of school.

Meade announced that he will be glad to contact anyone expected to put on an auction in this area and make arrangements for them.

In addition to this, he will conduct auctions for the benefit of the Red Cross, churches, schools, or any other organization that wants to raise money for a worthy cause. He stated that he would handle these latter types of benefit sales at no charge.

Hearing Tests To Be Offered

Arrangements have been made to provide a free hearing test for residents of Farmington to the State Fair September 2 through 11, according to an announcement by R. R. Rupp, director of the Detroit Hearing Center.

The Center is offering this service and education program with the cooperation of the Michigan Association for the Deaf, which has made available its mobile hearing testing unit for the duration of the Fair.

The mobile unit will be located in front of White Hall and personnel from the Detroit Hearing Center will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on hearing problems and services offered by the Hearing Center.

Man never recognizes a dictator in advance. To the average man, the man who is leading seems no more than a sweet girl.

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Farmington Radio & TV Co. Meet Your Merchants

Just 15 years ago today Gene Hymes of Farmington Radio and TV started in business in Farmington and on that memorable day no less than 16 persons brought in radios and record players for repair.

The war had just ended and Gene's timely opening resulted in a rush of customers who had been unable to have their radios repaired during the war years.

He stayed in the original store which was located in the downtown area of Farmington for nine years and then moved to his present location at 30780 Grand River near Nine Mile.

JUST ABOUT THAT time the demand for repair service was leveling off, along came TV and Hymes, found that trying to supply the demand during the early years of TV was quite a problem. He sold the first TV set in the Farmington area back in 1948 and many residents still have and use the 17 and 19 inch screen sets that were extremely popular at the time.

At the present time Gene handles sales on television, radio and stereo with such well known brand names as RCA, Motorola, Philco, Zenith and others. He also services all makes with Henry Hatch, an employee for 12 years and a resident of Farmington bolstering the service end of the business.

Gene first became interested in radio and related equipment as a young boy and he was a licensed ham operator at the age of 16.

THE HYMES FAMILY consisting of Mrs. Hymes (Ruth), a daughter, Susan, and two sons, David and Gene. Their home was the second one built in that subdivision.

Ruth and Gene both enjoy golf and bowling and Gene likes to do a little fishing too when time permits. He has sponsored a team in the Civic League since he started in business. He was also one of the organizers of the Little League Baseball Program.

Ruth is a member of the Farmington Club and Gene belongs to the Exchange Club as well as being an honorary Jay-Cee. Susan will be entering her junior year at the University of Michigan this fall.

Now that Gene is getting started on his second 15 years as a Farmington businessman, we expect that he will be as successful as the one just completed.



GENE HYMES of Farmington Radio and TV Co. started in business here in Farmington just 15 years ago today when he opened his original shop in the downtown area.

News Bits from Novi

MRS. GEORGE WAITE FI. 9-2089

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller left by jet on Thursday evening for California where they will spend a week with their son, Howard, Jr. and family.

Thelma Dono entertained her brother and wife from Arizona during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder, their infant daughter and Mr. Snyder's sister, are vacationing at East Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Handberg, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. George Waite spent a few days during the past week at Sears and Ewart and also went to Ludington where they visited E. B. Deering, a former resident of Novi.

The Gala Day on Saturday was reported to be a great success with a goodly crowd attracted.

Mr. and Mrs. George Atkinson have returned home after a vacation spent at their cottage near Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans and little daughter were Royal Oak visitors at the home of her mother who is convalescing on her return-home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller moved into their new home the past week.

Miss Mildred Gibson of Wisconsin along with Mrs. Tillie Barnard and Mr. and Mrs. George Waite went to Port Huron recently and enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park at Algonac.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ward attended the funeral of Jim McIntyre, an old classmate from Arkansas. The Wards expect to leave soon for their winter home in Florida.

Fish takes on color appeal if you sprinkle it with paprika or buttered bread crumbs before baking or broiling. Mary Coleman, foods and nutrition instructor at Michigan State University, says this promotes rapid browning without overcooking the fish.

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Petrosky With Armored Div.

Army Specialist Four John Petrosky Jr. recently participated with other personnel from the 4th Armored Division's 224 Artillery in a joint German-American field training exercise in Germany.

The six-day exercise, conducted under realistic combat conditions, afforded the participants from the two nations the opportunity to coordinate their movements, communications and firing effectiveness.

A member of the artillery's Battery B in Zirndorf, Specialist Petrosky entered the Army in December 1958, completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and arrived overseas in May 1959.

The 24-year-old soldier attended Farmington High School and was employed by Star Cutler before entering the Army. His parents live at 23263 Farmington Rd., Farmington.

Goodwill Pick-up Set for Tuesday

The next visit of Goodwill Industries pick-up trucks to Farmington is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6. Goodwill trucks collect household discards of clothing, shoes, hats, toys, most types of furniture and other household discards.

To arrange for a Goodwill Industries truck pick-up, call the local Goodwill representative Miss Lora Ault, telephone number GR 4-2424 or ask the operator for toll-free Enterprise 7002.

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Whitey's a Man With Both Feet on the Ground

Whitey Fisher and his missus got back from their first European vacation the other day. But before they left, Mrs. Fisher tells us, Whitey had some pretty strong feeling about their transportation—a new jet plane.

"Should go by boat," Whitey complained as they boarded the jet. When they were seated Whitey murmured, "I'll get air-sick on this thing."

A few minutes later, he added, "Course I'm all right now, but wait until we take off." Just then the pilot announced, "Folks, we're now cruising at an altitude of 26,000 feet."

From where I sit, sometimes we all jump to conclusions without knowing the facts. For instance, some people are like that about my favorite beverage—beer. They insist that coffee or tea goes best at dinner time, when actually it's a matter of choice. We ought to be tolerant—and know before we take off on our opinions.

Joe Marsh

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FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT NATURAL GAS

Searching Nature's Storehouses

Pioneer exploration for Natural Gas was a very simple procedure. Gas was a gold prospector had his pan, pick and shovel, the Gas prospector had his downing rod, slicker and a century ago, "wiggie" stick. A century ago, the gas drilling was a little with little effort, very little expense and poor results! However, mounting population and demand for "stored sunshine" spearheaded amazing exploration progress.

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