

EDITORIALS

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Kendallwood Komments

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Happy Birthday Boy Scouts of America on your fifty-third birthday. We salute this wonderful organization which has done so much to build our boys into men of high character and promote good citizenship in our community. No other group has done more to encourage self-reliance, resourcefulness, courage, fair play, obedience, loyalty or unselfishness.

Many banquets will be held in our area to celebrate this occasion.

The fathers and sons of Troop 283 met at Glen Oaks Golf Club on Monday for their banquet. They enjoyed a talk and movie by Mr. Robert White of The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. on "White Alice".

OTHER SPECIAL guests included Mr. David Spaulding, President of the Kendallwood Farm Association, Mr. Lou Gilson of the Clinton Valley Council, B.S.A. and Rev. Carl F. Kallstrom from the Lutheran Church. Because of the banquet the monthly committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, at the home of Mr. Howard Gaylord at 32015 Farmerville Rd., 8 p.m.

"Stand them on their heads—Stand them on their feet—Pack 48 can't be beat!"

If you are a parent of one of the fifty-five cub scouts in Pack 48 you have heard this yell many times. You will have a chance to hear it again on Saturday, February 17, at 2 p.m., when the Blue and Gold Banquet of Pack 48 will be held at the Glen Oaks Golf Club on 15 Mile Road. A dinner will be served and delightful entertainment will be provided by Ricky Buscemi and Linda Kish. Sub-master, Norman Michaels hopes to have 100 percent attendance. Tickets are available and may be obtained from the respective Den Mothers. They may be called by Janice Haydel, as I am the chairman for this event. See you there.

There will be a meeting of the committee members of the pack on Friday, February 8, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kish, 29120 Lorway. All new Den Mothers are urged to be present.

DOROTHY AND TIM Rourke of Red Clover are delighted to have their daughter, Patti, home for a month's visit. Patti is a member of the pack.

A Moral If Not A Legal Obligation

The City Planning Commission's recommendation to the Council has been that no action be taken to purchase property to keep the access route from the city parking lot out onto Grand River Ave. East of Van's Furniture store open to the public. The matter came in for some rather lengthy discussion at the Council meeting Monday night with a compromise proposal suggested whereby the city would pay half the cost of acquiring this access and the adjoining property owners the other half. Action has yet to come.

We strongly disagree with those who are of the opinion that this access route is not needed or at least would not be very desirable to have. We also disagree with city officials in their present thinking that the city should stand only half the cost if any to acquire this access route. Keeping traffic, both foot and vehicular, flowing into rather than away from the section of the downtown Farmington shopping district where the older store buildings are located is very important.

When the matter of developing additional off-street parking in the southeast quadrant of the Downtown Farmington shopping district was being discussed a few years back the feeling clearly expressed was that it should be a parking lot which would be beneficial not only for tenants of any new stores constructed but also to those owners of older buildings on Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road in this quadrant.

It was with a feeling that this additional off-street parking would be very beneficial to them that the merchants and owners of buildings on Grand River and Farmington Road in the quadrant agreed to a voluntary special assessment to help finance construction of the parking lot. The special assessment they agreed to pay was \$100 per front foot of property which represented a sizable contribution. Without this contribution have been put in.

While the city may have no legal obligation to buy the necessary property to keep this access route open, we think it has a very serious moral obligation to do so.

The older downtown business section has been allowed to decay far too much already and we don't feel any action or lack of action which might further this decay is wise thinking on the part of our city fathers.

The city is not so poor that it cannot afford the amount of money that would be needed to keep this access route open for public use.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
FEBRUARY 5, 1918
School Bonds
The Municipal Finance Commission this week approved the Farmington Township School District's request for the sale of bonds in the amount of \$300,000 to finance the new school building program. The bonds will be sold in denominations of one-thousand dollars each.

Unusual Sight
Motorists driving into Farmington from the south along Farmington Road these winter mornings are experiencing a most unusual sight created by the large flock of pheasants that have daily been traversing that road just north of the cut-off. About 150 in the flock, they feed on what corn they are able to find in the field just east of Farmington road, and then fly back across to the farm area on the west side. The same performance greets motorists in the evening.

FHS Cagers Win
The Farmington High School basketball team, lightened its hold on first place in the Intra-Lakes League last Friday night by downing Conference rival Northville, 42-30.

10 Years Ago
FEBRUARY 5, 1923
Widen Orchard Lake Road
Work is expected to get underway this week on the widening of Orchard Lake Road from 11 Mile Road north to 14 Mile Road. According to the Road Commission plans and specifications for the construction program have already been completed.

Record Dimes March
The mothers of Farmington, Clarencville and Novi collected a record total of dimes last week during the Third Light Night Drive which annually climaxes the area campaign in behalf of the March of Dimes. A total of \$2,100 was collected in this year, it was reported by area directors of Farmington's March of Dimes campaign. An estimated 1,000 women took part in the door-to-door solicitation last week.

First Budget
The Village of Wood Creek Farms Council will begin work soon on the first budget for the 1933-34 fiscal year, it was reported this week by the Village Council president, Alger Clark.

5 Years Ago
FEBRUARY 6, 1928
Assessed Values
Statements of new assessed values will be submitted soon to property owners in the City of Farmington. They will reflect the recently completed reappraisal of all real and personal property in the City.

City Projects
The City Council is presently studying the possibility of paving State Street in the City and extending water and sewer lines to the recently annexed portion of the City south on Farmington Road.

Dimes March Ends
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HARRY R. WILLIAMS

Gets New Post With Edison Co.

Appointment of Harry R. Williams of 23025 Warner, Farmington, as system engineer for Detroit Edison's general engineering department has been announced.

Mr. Williams, a native of Detroit, first started working for Edison in 1911 under a student cooperative program with the University of Detroit where he earned an electrical engineering degree in 1914.

HE HAS HELD several engineering posts in the system and stations division of the general engineering department and was a principal engineer at the time of his recent promotion.

On his new assignment he has supervisory responsibility for long-range planning of electrical system facilities.

He is a veteran of World War II in which he served in Europe with the 34th Armored Division.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Carolyn, have three sons—Robert, who is seven years old, Paul, five and Douglas, three.

Slated to Talk On War of 1812

The Detroit Society for Geological Research will present Mr. George Raub, Sr. of Wayne, Michigan at a program Saturday, February 9, in the Detroit Main Library Auditorium at 2 p.m. His topic will be "Tales of Detroit and the war of 1812."

Mr. Raub is the District President-General, General Society of the War of 1812, and a member of the Michigan Historical Society's committee to observe the sesquicentennial of the War of 1812.

All meetings are free and open to the public.

Love must triumph over hate.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Vets Support your Legion Post

Named Fraternity Instructor Officer

Michael McHugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. McHugh of 3781 E. Elmwood, Farmington, was recently named instructor of the University of Detroit chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa, national social fraternity.

"McHugh is a student in the U. of D. College of Arts and Sciences."

MICHIGAN'S PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION

Retain 15-Mill Limitation With 3-Mill Option of Voters

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series of articles prepared by the Finance Women's Club, a national, non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government. The views expressed are necessarily the policies of this movement.

The proposed new constitution retains the 15-mill limit on property taxes but allows the electors of a county to vote to increase the limit to not more than 18 mills. At the same time voters would divide the total mills permanently among the schools, county, and township.

By the same procedure voters can change the division of the amounts as long as the total does not exceed 18 mills. This would do away with the annual battle before the county tax allocation board. This procedure has been made into law by the Michigan State University.

UNDER THE NEW constitution, as under the old, electors will be able to vote to increase millage limits for school or county purposes by specified amounts for a specified number of years. Under both constitutions the total amount of property taxes other than in cities and villages may not be more than 30 mills, nor may extra millage be voted for more than 20 years.

The new constitution provides that only electors having property assessed for taxes, or their husbands or wives, may vote on property tax increases of this type lasting more than five years.

Local governments whose tax limits are set by charter and those whose limits are set by law are also freed from the 15 mill limitation. A new provision takes taxes levied to repay bond issues out from under the 15 mill limit.

The new document keeps the uniformity rule of property taxation but allows some exceptions. The legislature will be able to exempt classes of property or provide other methods of taxation for them. This makes possible various of business machinery used only a few weeks a year may be taxed as a class at a special rate. All property within one class must be taxed at a uniform rate, however.

A NEW PROVISION is that the legislature shall provide by law for the method of determining what the true cash value of property is for purposes of general property taxation.

The legislature is also required to set the proportion of true cash value at which property is to be uniformly assessed. The amount of property tax a person or business pays depends upon both the tax rate and the valuation of the property. At present the level of valuations varies greatly from place to place and from one type of property to another. To improve this situation the state tax commission has set a standard of 90 percent of cash value for all property and all areas.

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