PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

They're Surprised

Dear Mr. Kiley;

Certain comments in the news story carried in the January 31 edition of The Farmington Enterprise relative to the proposed F.A.R.C. program in the township came as quite a surprise to the officials of North Farmington Baseball For Boys Inc.

We learned much to our amazement that, "our youngsters were obliged to solicit door to door" and that "we were competing with others for tax payer funds". In addition, the leadership of our program seemed to be in question and we felt that for the benefit of your many city and township readers a brief and publicized review of our activities is in order.

Seven years ago our group was granted perpetual franchise by the national Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball associations to conduct an organized League in this area under their supervision. Resultantly, we have provided, at no tax payer expense, a complete baseball program for boys aged eight through sixteen supervised by competent adult volunteers for the entire period of our four month season. League Officials, Managers and Coaches devote twelve months of their time to that this summer recreation activity will function properly.

Every boy who so desires plays on a team regardless of ability or possible handicaps. Each youngster is completely outfitted with necessary playing equipment and uniforms. A physical examination and accident insurance is provided by our League. The annual trip to see the Detroit Tigers in action, Father and Son Awards Banquet, team and individual trophies all have become a part of this "No cost to taxpayer" arrangement.

During the 1962 season, North Farmington Baseball for Boys expended $9530.00 to provide the program described for seven hundred boys. Included in this operating figure is $1970.00 spent for permanent field improvements such as New Fencing, Backstops, Bleachers and Field repair. The 1963 season will bring an expected increase of two hundred boys into our program. Operating costs will exceed $12,500.00 of which $2000.00 is earmarked for permanent improvements to the school playgrounds used by these youngsters.

The bulk of our operating funds develope through the support of local merchants, contributions of various Subdivision Associations, a small voluntary registration fee from each boy and the activities of our Women's Auxiliary. An annual candy sale is sponsored by the Auxiliary, the boys who participate during the summer are asked to buy two boxes of candy which they may resell to friends or neighbors if they desire.

In the opinion of our Board of Directors the limited taxpayer funds available and possible duplication of supervision through "F.A.R.C.E." would not be for benefit to our activity and we prefer to remain independent of this Recreation Program until such time as the residents of the Township have been more thoroughly educated on the pitfalls of this proposed "Cradle to Grave" arrangement.

Your news release, we believe, was written without thorough investigation into our phase of a private recreation program. In fairness to our sponsors, officials and participants we feel this further clarification is in order.

North Farmington Baseball
For Boys
Frank R. Reynolds

(Editor's note: A thorough investigation by the North Farmington Baseball for Boys organization into the proposed Farmington Area Recreation Commission Program, we feel, will reveal there has been no contradiction offered by this newspaper.)

Questions Need

Dear Sir:

I am a willing donor of my time and money to any worthy cause. I also donated canned foods at Christmas for needy families until two years ago. Then I stopped! I saw people getting these food baskets that had no right.

Maybe they do have a large family, but so do other people. But — do they have two (2) late model cars, and a truck, an aluminum tree and outside lights?

I thought, and so do many other people, that needy families were investigated closely? It is a shame to deprive the really needy people of the goodness of the givers.

Yours truly,
Name Withheld

BOY SCOUT WEEK which is being observed across the nation Feb. 7-13 will emphasize the fine physical fitness program scouting offers to young people. The wholesome scene above will be repeated over many times this summer as scouts attend camps and take part in outings which all go a long way toward preparing them as future citizens.

This is Kimberley

JUDY BURNS
GR. 4-3112

The Kimberley Association held the first meeting of the new year on January 29, and was, per usual, well attended by the subdivision residents. A slate of proposed officers was submitted by the nominating committee as follows: president, Dave Witmer, vice-president, Frank Hornacek, treasurer, Hugh Toupin, Corresponding secretary, Rita Seelinger, and recording secretary, Shirley Pfaffmann.

The three nominees for trustees are Carl Wehl of Westmeath, John Pichurski of Dundalk, and Dave Stader of Pipers Lane, with retiring president Byron Walter to act as the fourth trustee. Actual election of officers will take place at the March meeting.

THE MAJOR PORTION of the meeting was devoted, as anticipated, to a discussion of the Beechview Swim Club. Architectural lay-outs were posted for scrutiny, and copies of proposed regulations and operational rules for the pool were distributed to those in attendance. The swim club has been enthusiastically accepted by the subdivision, and it was reported that deposits on 90 memberships had been received as of January 29. Ground-breaking is expected by April 1, provided that 200 memberships have been sold by that time.

It was announced at the meeting that a board of directors for the club has been appointed to make the necessary formal decisions that arise concerning the pool, although the club will continue in its original conception by operating as a committee. Board members are Byron Walter, Don Howard, Vern McHaney, Gay Wright, John Kerastas, Neil Burnside, Neil Trombley, Dick Foran, and Dick Mitchell of Springland.

The meeting adjourned to a social hour of coffee and refreshments, served by the hostesses for the evening: Pat Hernandos, Jill Emerson, Linda Boff, Jane Atwell, and Yvette Zullo.

A MOST SERIOUS note in this week's news is injected by little Warren Treidel, a first-grader at Beechview, now hospitalized in room 428 at Beaumont Hospital. Warren, the son of Helen and step-son of Jack Mills of Barwell, was struck by a car last week while visiting his father in Southfield. Dragged 60 feet and pinned beneath the vehicle, Warren's life was saved by a quick-thinking neighbor of Mr. Treidel's, Jim Julian, who jacked up the car and freed the child.

Warren's accident, witnessed in it's terrible entirety by his father, has resulted in a fractured skull, 16 stitches to close a head wound, a broken clavical, an abdominal operation to remove his spleen, assorted bruises and lesser stitching, and blisters removed from the soles of his feet somehow incurred when the impact of the car knocked off his shoes and boots.

Warren's family feel that they are witnessing a double miracle, not only in that his life was spared, but in the fact that he is making such a marvelous recovery. Helen reports that Warren is expected home at the end of this week; that is, Feb. 9 or 10th. Warren has a message for his little friends, passed on to them here by his mother - "I sure hope the kids in school will remember to be careful crossing streets." A touching plea from a plucky, lucky, little fellow!

ANOTHER KIMBERLEY accident this week was that of Sharon Reaumes, 14, who fell from a moving school bus on Eleven Mile Road on Monday, January 28. Sharon, daughter of Bud and June Reaumes of Kiltartan, fortunately suffered only a sprained wrist and a temporary loss of breath, and hopes her close call will be a reminder that serves to lessen pushing and horse-play on school busses!

On the sick list this week is Jim Brakora, 15, son of Katy and Hank Brakora of Kiltartan, flat on his back with mononucleosis. A student at Our Lady of Sorrows, Jim had evidently been carrying on his normal full routine for 6 or 8 weeks while infected, and now that the disease has been pinpointed has been out of school for two weeks. Here's wishing him (and his mother!) a speedy full recovery.

Better news now, as Darrell Colley is out of his cast and relieved to discover that no further surgery on his knee is necessary. However, Darrell has many months of recuperation ahead before his leg is back to normal.

Incidentally, Kimberley residents are to be congratulated for contributing $250.00 in the recent March of Dimes canvass. Red roses to the many Kimberley gals who made the door-to-door solicitation under the worst possible weather conditions! Speaking of worthy causes, the Community Blood Bank will be held on March first at the Franklin Community Church from 3 until 8:45 p.m. Jot the date on your calendar and resolve to be a donor.

KIMBERLEY CAN be proud that we now have a brand-new Kimberley teen-age activities group, formed to promote regular teen-age activities for Kimberley youngsters aged 13 through high-school. The group held its first meeting at the Ziegel home on Wicklow on February 3.

The first project of the group, exclusively limited to teen-agers in our subdivision, will be a dance on Friday, February 15. Bob Matthews of Pipers Lane, adult advisor for the group, may be contacted for further information by any interested teen-ager in the sub not already aware of the formation of the club.

Our local bowling aces have been busy recently applying their skill in competition.

On Saturday night, February 2, five men with averages of 180 or better bowled against the famous Stroh's team of professionals at Star Lanes in an exhibition game. Don O'Malley of Kiltartan, who carries a 183 in the Kimberley Couples League, was selected by Star Lanes to be a member of the team of non-professionals opposing Stroh. Even defeat in all three games can't dim the honor of Don's being chosen to compete with such an outstanding group!

A team of six men has been selected to represent our Kimberley Couples Bowling League in the Men's City Tournament to be bowled on March 16 at 7 p.m. at Star Lanes. Don O'Malley, Phil Odom, Phil Northen, Jim Martin, Bill Vankoughnet and Hugh McCheney, alternate, will attempt to cop the championship. You're invited to be a part of the cheering section present that night and help spur them on to victory.

BILL VANKOUGHNET and Lil Clark were most pins over average on a recent Sunday night in the Kimberley Couples League, and have therefore qualified for the rolloffs on February 16 and 17th. This tournament will progress over many weeks until a state champion is crowned - so here's wishing Bill and Lil lots of luck!

A big party, at the Ziegel home on Wicklow last Saturday night, January 26. Dean and Grace entertained 32 Kimberley neighbors with cocktails and a buffet supper prepared by Grace and reported to be absolutely delicious.

The guest list included the Gesslers, the Buzzards, the Petersons, the Guerriers, the Dickson Smiths, the Suttons, the Allaires, the McHaneys, the Kurt Sniders, the Witmers, the Mathots, the Bob Phillips, the Olsons, the Walters, and the Barringers. The hostess reports that she had a wonderful time, a very reliable yardstick in reporting a successful party!

Happy birthdays this week to Tim Colley, 11 on February 3, to Lil Clark on February 5, to Allen Odom on January 30, and to Chuck Evans on January 25.

Happy anniversaries go to Chuck and Marie Evans, who celebrated 16 years of marriage on January 27, and to Bud and Jo Olson, still acting like newly-weds after 16 years of wedded bliss on February 1.

Now to close with a series of apologies. Last week I introduced the Agosta family of Barwell, who are completely non-existant. Welcome is extended instead to the Acostas, Julio and Rose and their children, Raul (instead of Paul), Rick, Patricia, and Sylvia. Sorry too for a long-standing omission in including Del Froelich among the successful deer-hunters of several months ago. Del hunted with a party of 6 men near Rogers City, and returned triumphant with a doe, his second since moving to Kimberley. Slow but sure, that's me!

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

MARIE LONG
GR. 4-3114

George Kemp of Jacksonville Street celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday on Sunday, February 3, although his birthdate actually fell on Monday the 4th. Five generations were present to help grandpa Kemp observe the milestone, including daughter, Mrs. Linnie Ashley, with whom he makes his home; and grandchildren, Val Hamlin and Paul Ashley, Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Joyce and Perry Robbins of Dearborn and Darlene Dietrich of Livonia; and great-great-grandchildren, Dawn and Val Dietrich of Livonia.

Mr. and Mrs. George DuBois of Trails End are enjoying their lonely retreat in northern Michigan for a five-day rest. Complete relaxation is reported by the couple who have a large beautful fireplace in their northern quarters.

MRS. ROBERT J. BACH of Pleasant Valley Court, who is an active potter, has been elected Secretary of the Michigan Potters Association.

My daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herbert C. Long, Jr. of Wildwood Trail, has been hospitalized since Friday in Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital undergoing surgery, tests and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parker and children are currently enjoying winter sports at Holly, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stelle and children, Karen and Karl, are visiting in Roscommon for several days with grandpa and grandma Barnes.

Yours truly is entertaining grandchildren, Ann and Charles Long, while their mommy is in the hospital. I wish the visit was under better circumstances.

U of D Theater To Stage Shaw

Sophocles' "Electra" and George Bernard Shaw's "Candida" will be seen this weekend, Feb. 8, at the University of Detroit Reportory Theatre in the final performances of the winter season.

"Electra," classic Greek tragedy in a new updated translation by David Grene will be presented on Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 8 and 9. This marks the final two productions of the year for "Electra."

CONSIDERED ONE of Shaw's finest comedies, "Candida" will be the attraction on Sunday night (Feb. 10). This play will return in the spring season to be seen in repertory with Friedrich Schiller's drama "Don Carlos," which opens March 22.

All performances are at 8:30 p.m. in the University Theatre on the third floor of the U. of D. Library on the McNichols Road campus. For ticket information call 342-1000.

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Wood Creek Farms Village

ANNE M. PHILLIPS
MA. 6-6335

Bernice Jennings lost her father last week Monday. He died in Sullivan, Mo. at the age of 79. We all wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Bernice.

Last month Vern Fisher received his colors from the Waterloo Hunt Club. This is an honor given to members for services to the club, and for regularity in riding. Vern has gone to Jackson to ride almost every Saturday until these past two or three bad - for horse-back riding - weekends.

THE FRANKLIN Community Church Circle news for the month is as follows: The Ruth Circle will meet next Monday, the 11th, at 10 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Jack Roberts, 30705 Cheviot Hills Dr.

The Mary - Martha Circle meets next Tuesday, the 12th, at 10 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Fay, at 32633 Franklin Rd.

The Rebecca Circle also meets next Tuesday, the 12th, at noon at the home of Mrs. Mandel, 32510 Romsey Rd.

The Rachel Circle meets the following day, the 13th, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Kazel, 32540 Romsey Rd.

On the 21st the Esther Circle will meet at 8 p.m. at Mrs. Settle's, 30621 N. Greenbriar.

The Sarah Circle meets that same night, the 21st, at 8:15 p.m., at Mrs. McRoy's, 30549 N. Greenbriar.

I will have to let you know the date of the W.S.C.S. general monthly meeting next week.

I am sorry this is so short a column but, as of this Monday morning, I must leave as quickly as possible to take a purchase offer way down to the Book Tower to the FHA offices there. In addition to that, I must get ready for the Womens Association which meets here tomorrow, Tuesday.

Attend the Legion meetings.

Orchard WSCS Plans Program

The Orchard Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service will meet February 7, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. John (Lucille) Graham will be the speaker, and will present slides of the Migrant worker in the state of Michigan.

V-E-R-I-T-E the Magician comes to the Orchard Methodist Church, Woman's Society of Christian Service February 15, 6:30 p.m.

Preparations are in progress for the Mother and Daughter Banquet Friday, Feb. 15. The Methodist Men have consented to serve their Ladies and give them an evening of leisure and relaxation, to enjoy the entertainment brought to them from Detroit by VERITE the Magician.

One of the focal points of the Woman's society of the Orchard Methodist Church each year is the Mother and Daughter Banquet, make plans, mark your calendars and get your dinner tickets from Mary Warner Ticket Chairman call GR 4-3201 Adult $1.25 Children $.50 under 12 years of age.

Marion Palmer - Program Chairman has on her committee Mrs. Ora Merrow, and Norma Pender kitchen Chairman and Frances Kezerta Assisted by Hilda Dierlam, and Roxie Allyn on decorations and dining room arrangements.

Mizpah Circle: February 20, 10 a.m., at the home of Frances Kezerta, 27968 Brandywine, as your Hostess.

Mary Martha Circle: February 21, 8 p.m., Fran Brown Hostess on 32402 Bonnet Hill, Dora Schiller - Co-Hostess.

February 14, 9 a.m. Cancer Pad Workshop at Norma Penders home on 32224 Farmersville.

The University of Michigan Medical Center accommodated over 21,000 patients in the hospital last year.

Looking For Bargains? . . . Look no further than The Enterprise Classified Ads.

Post 346 meets tonight at 8:30

PTA's Council To Meet Feb. 13

The general membership of the Farmington Area Council of PTA's will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, at the Farmington Junior High School.

The Principal, of each school, the President and two representatives of each PTA, and the superintendent of schools or his representative make up the membership of the Council. However as always the meeting is open to any and all interested residents of the school district.

This meeting will bring the members up to date on the recent activities of the Council. Of great interest is the progress of the Council-sponsored Fluoride program.

MRS. JOHN SLAGLE, chairman of the group working on the presentation of the Wayne State University Children's Theatre, has made plans for that group to perform the "Emperor's New Clothes" on Saturday, March 16. Additional details will be available at the meeting. The proceeds for this undertaking will once again be put in the fund to be used for scholarships.

Mrs. Peter Bogatinoff, chairman of the scholarship Committee, is happy to announce that the Middlebelt PTA has pledged three hundred dollars to the scholarship fund. This amount will provide one young person with the opportunity to start college next September. At the present time pledges have not been received from the majority of the schools. Hope is that each PTA will try to increase the amount pledged last year, so that four or five 1963 graduates may receive help rather than just two as last year.

James Brush, Council President, will give reports on meetings and studies concerning the problem of school drop-outs. Along with this will be a report on local juvenile delinquency problem and ways and means to help curb this.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

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