

Stop Wasting Our Schools and Our Youth

A subject that we have written on and talked about many times is that of making greater use of our many school buildings. We feel the ultimate goal of every taxpayer should be to someday be able to say that he is getting a dollar's worth of value from every school building he helped build.

Some may feel that we are accomplishing this with the educational program presently have but we still do not. The summer school program initiated in the Farmington school system last year was a big step in the right direction but we feel this greater utilization of facilities can still go much further.

We are not alone in our thinking on this matter. We ran across an editorial from the Lapeer County Press (Lapeer, Michigan) recently which gives some very thought provoking comments on this subject. We are reprinting it here in total for your consideration. It should also be pointed out that Lapeer is still a much more rural in character and farm youth attending schools there would have a lot more reason for three month summer vacations and short school days during the regular school year than youth of the Farmington area would.

"We always get a pain in the wallet area when we pass one of our schools in the summer. There sits a fine building unused for three months out of every year. The cost of education continually gets more burdensome but still we must support the archaic luxury of empty classrooms. No intelligent businessman would stand for such a waste of his investment; he couldn't afford to. But taxpayers accept the annual kick in the pants with hardly a squeal. Simply because they are used to it."

The old fashioned summer vacation system dates from the days when youngsters were needed to work on the farm. But today, the big problem is finding something to keep our youth busy and "off the streets." Our colleges and universities are fast becoming aware of the stupidity of closing up shop every summer. More and more of them are keeping the doors open all year, saving taxpayers' money and allowing students to complete their educations in less time at less cost. It is time that our grade and high schools took the same modern approach.

"We aren't saying that students shouldn't get a few weeks off. But the

vacations should be shortened and put on a revolving basis so as to take full advantage of buildings and teachers. Good arguments can be advanced that teachers need sabbaticals in which to refresh and refuel. But empty classrooms can't tour Europe in July. They can only depreciate while contributing nothing."

"Willard Goslin, veteran educator and now a professor at the George Peabody School for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn., recently spoke to the annual meeting of the American Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City. This is what he said:

"We are possibly the first people in history with little or no economic use for our children, unless one considers their extensive exploitation in advertising as an economic use. Our technological advances have rendered them unnecessary if worse by moving to town—nearly 90% of us—where we have automated our kitchens and heating systems and put motors in our lawn mowers."

"This situation has robbed American youth of what this speaker believes is an essential ingredient for evolving maturity and responsible citizenship."

"For 500 years American youth carried in the 'wood at 6, learned to plow at 12 and make a hand' at 16. Now, about the only thing we have for him to do is to go to school a few hours a day for about half the days of the year with time off for football and teachers' meetings. The remainder of his time—nearly all of it—is spent in the school which will be closed to him. For a few, there are dancing lessons."

"We emphasize reading readiness. Maybe there is such a thing as work readiness, and if so, it is undoubtedly frustrating and worse for millions of American youth if they find themselves in a society that doesn't have anything for them to do."

"We need to make a nationwide attack on this problem. Schools should be opened for 12 or 14 hours a day throughout the year, with far-reaching adaptations of programs. Parents need to understand the significance of work and try to find as many outlets for their children as possible instead of frequent shielding them from work experiences both in and out of the home."

Township's CD Plan Reported

Farmington Township Civil Defense Director, Russ Conway, reported before the Township Board Monday night, April 15, to outline a survival plan and give details on the Township's Civil Defense organization.

Conway, who is an officer in the Township Police Department, was commended by the board for his efforts in organizing the Civil Defense plans. "It was pointed out in the report that Growers Exchange at 2000 Drake Road in the Township was made available by the owner, John J. Rioridan, to be designated a fallout shelter. Conway said workers of other public buildings in the Township are being sought to provide emergency fallout shelters."

The survey, under way April 12, will culminate when emergency food, water and medical supplies provided by the federal government are stocked in the buildings finally designated.

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City Accepts Private Drives

City acceptance of a private drive running north and south along the eastern end of the area now being developed industrially on the north side of Eight Mile east of Farmington Road was approved by action of the City Council Monday night.

Another private drive at the north end of this industrialized area, extending eastward from Farmington Road to the north-south private drive will also be approved by the city as a public roadway.

Dedication of these roadways to the city will be beneficial, City Manager John Dinn stated at the city meeting. "The city will have control of traffic on these roads but will also have good access to the public utilities by having them in the roadways," he said.

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JC Seat Belt Clinic Planned for May 11

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct a "Seat Belt Clinic" on Saturday May 11, in the Municipal Park, Farmington. Local youth of Grand River just west of Farmington Road.

In a similar clinic held last fall, the Jaycees installed more than 175 seat belts for motorists. Sponsored as part of the Jaycees' annual safety campaign, the seat belt clinic offers motorists an opportunity to have their cars inspected by members of the Automotive Engineers' approved equipment installed at a moderate price with all proceeds going towards their fund.

William Hanftan (GR. 6-2292) and Doug Wenderick (GR. 4-8100) are co-chairmen of the Jaycee project.

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.

Which Cancer Group?

Dear Sirs: A week ago the City Council denied a request by the American Cancer Society of permission to conduct a door-to-door solicitation in the city for funds largely because it does not participate in the United Foundation program. At its meeting Monday night, by a 3-2 vote, the Council reversed its previous action and granted permission for the drive.

At Monday's meeting the Council listened to a paid representative of the American Cancer Society put forth claims to service to the community. The representative stated that the cancer patients in this area that have in fact and almost entirely been performed by the Michigan Cancer Foundation, a member of the United Foundation, to which you contribute once each year. It is the Michigan Cancer Foundation that has furnished cancer patients, hospital beds and services needed by cancer victims in this area.

In a conversation following the meeting with Mayor Linhart, he informed that it was the work of Mrs. McIntock of Pontiac whom he thought represented the American Cancer Society. He stated that she was changing his position on the solicitation drive. The fact is that Mrs. McIntock has been and is now a member of the board of trustees of the Michigan Cancer Foundation and has directed its North Oakland unit for many years. It would be well if our Council heeded facts and sifted the claims poured into their ears, sometimes valid and sometimes invalid, a little more carefully. To those who believe in the United Foundation program of giving once for all but who for other reasons wish to contribute something extra to cancer work I say that the Michigan Cancer Foundation will accept voluntary contributions but does not solicit funds except through United Foundation.

Sincerely yours, W. Allen Nelson.

Offer Hospital Tour

To the Editor: Would you bring to the attention of your readers that, should a club or group in your community be interested in touring Northville State Hospital, most appropriate time will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of Mental Health Week, April 30, May 1, or May 2. Organizations plan such tours throughout the year. A special effort, however, is made by the hospital staff to extend invitations to the community during Mental Health Week. Our hope is for exhibitors to abound along the path of tours. Details about general tours for the public on Sunday afternoon, April 28, will be reaching your newspaper in a few weeks.

But we realize that many of the clubs in your community plan their programs for busy weekdays. Perhaps that club would like to plan a 2:30 p.m. luncheon with, served at a modest cost. One of our staff members, following the luncheon, then could outline briefly our hospital's work. By 1:30 p.m. or 1:30 a.m., the program would close except for those who might be able to remain to tour. For ladies' groups, a morning tour (planned by the luncheon) would allow the mothers to be home by mid-afternoon, when children return from school.

A call for further details can be made by Mr. Louis J. Schuler, our Director of Community Relations, Fieldbrook 9-2800. Or a letter can be addressed to him, Northville State Hospital, 4100 Seven Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

Sincerely, Philip N. Brown, M.D., Medical Superintendent

The Trojans Hamble

The Farmington Senior High School baseball team humbled the Clarencville Trojans 11-0 on the Falcon diamond last Friday afternoon. Left-hander Curt Love, of Farmington, led the team to victory. Love's teammates came up with seven solid hits off the hands of the Trojan hurler.

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To Direct Expansion At Madonna College

Theodore F. Zukoosky of Farmington, prominent Detroit Real Estate Developer, has been appointed Director of Development for Madonna College, announced Sr. Mary Raynolds, CSSP, president.

A year ago Zukoosky, in coordination with the Livonia college's \$6 million expansion program. Already well under way, the first phase of construction facilities for 1,000 students will be completed late this summer, overlapping initiation of the final phase in May, 1953.

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River Zoning Proposal Heard

A request to have the Township set up a zoning ordinance providing for the preservation of the Rouge River bridges was brought before the Township Board Monday night by Robert Kelly, attorney for three property owners with land along the stream in the south-eastern section of the Township.

Kelly asked the Board to consider adoption of a "River Valley District Zoning Code" which would safeguard residents now located on the flood plain from land operations elsewhere along the course of the river.

He cited information gathered in a survey recently completed for the City of Farmington as grounds for consideration of stronger controls being established by the Township.

The Township lost a court case in 1942 which was instituted to block a property owner's sanitary fill operation. It was the view of Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan that any ordinance restricting such operation would subsequently be ruled out in the courts.

City Okays Parade, Sale of Blue Daisies

A request from Farmington Baseball for Boys for permission to conduct their annual parade opening the 1953 summer baseball season was unanimously approved by the City Council Monday night. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 25.

Also approved was a request from the Blue Star Mothers for permission to conduct their annual Blue Daisy Day sale in the fall. It was indicated in the request that it was necessary to existing policy to reflect salary changes for instructional personnel.

The revised policy provides for a beginning salary for degree personnel of \$4,850 and a maximum of \$7,550. For persons with master's degree the beginning salary is set at \$5,250 and the maximum at \$7,950.

The Board also approved changes in salaries of principals taking into account changes authorized in the teachers' salary schedule.

Clarencville Teachers Getting Raise in Pay

Action was taken by the Clarencville Board of Education at its regular meeting Thursday night approving an amendment to existing policy to reflect salary changes for instructional personnel.

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Scottish Rite Freemasonry Honor Awards

More than 300 Blue Lodge Masons from 11 Southeastern Michigan counties will be in Detroit April 25-27 and May 3-4 to receive the 4 degree to 32 degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

The 33rd semi-annual Reunion has been named in honor of the late Morgan J. Smead, of Rochester, Michigan, Grand Master of Michigan Masons in 1950.

The degrees will be conferred during two weekends in Detroit's main Masonic Temple and climaxed by a banquet Saturday evening, May 4th, in which Benson Ford, a 32 degree Mason, will be the main speaker.

Other distinguished Masonic leaders taking part include Judge George E. Bushnell, of Detroit, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite, Clyde A. Fallon, of Charlotte, Scottish Rite Deputy for Michigan, and Glenn L. All, of Ann Arbor, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan.

Participating in the degree work will be groups from outlying Scottish Rite Clubs, from Jackson, Monroe, Ann Arbor, Pontiac and Port Huron.

Heading the group from the Pontiac area will be John E. Dickens, President of the Oakland Scottish Rite Club. Other Club officers and members who will take part in the presentation of the 32 degree on Saturday, May 4th are: Julius King, Francis Mapley, Robert S. Gowans, Clyde G. Townsend, C.M. Wharton, Marquis Sartell, Robert Calvary and Floyd Temple.

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Top Historical Speaker Here

Dr. M.E. Shattuck, a past president and member of the Detroit Historical Society, spoke to the Farmington Historical Society at its meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in the band room at Farmington Senior High.

A retired assistant superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, Dr. Shattuck is interested in the growth and organization of many such societies around the country. He spoke on the various activities of other groups and particularly the Detroit Historical Society.

Visitors to the historical society this spring will be invited to join the society this fall. The only requirement for membership is an interest in preserving and assisting in obtaining information for the permanent record of Farmington City and Township.

Now Phi Gam Pledge

Doug Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Henry of Violet Street, has pledged the Epsilon Lambda chapter of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at Michigan State. He is a sophomore majoring in political science and is a member of the Farmington High.

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United Efforts Good But Can Go Too Far

In recent weeks now we've been hearing an increased amount of talk about the subject generally referred to as "metropolitan government."

The theory expounded by the advocates of this system simply stated is that all communities in the same metropolitan complex should unite in working to solve their common problems.

We feel that this theory has some real merit in the areas of solving water problems, drainage and sewage disposal needs, educational needs and the like. There could be some real economies realized, we are sure, if joint authorities were formed and it were not necessary for each community to duplicate the efforts of every other in working to solve their problems in these areas.

We are fearful, however, that too many who are advocates of the "metropolitan government" idea have in mind one massive governmental unit with

most of the governmental controls centralizing in the core city (Detroit in our case). While they have made it quite emphatic that they do not wish to dissolve all the smaller outlying communities into one major community, it appears to us that many at least would like to see outlying communities' governmental bodies become little more than puppets to "big brother" Detroit.

In our opinion, the majority of our citizenry moved here to get away from big city and big city government. We want to see Farmington retain its own identity and retain its own governmental controls on most local matters.

A combining of the city and township and the villages in the township into one community we favor but any governmental unit larger than this we are strongly opposed to.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
APRIL 29, 1948
Mail Service

Three mounted mail carrier routes will be added to the Farmington postal service effective July 1 this year. Farmington Postmaster Norman C. Lee stated authorization for the switch from rural to mounted mail delivery was received this week from the Regional Post Office Department in Chicago.

Falcons Notch Win

In their first inter-lakes conference of the year, the Farmington Senior High School basketball team journeyed to Milwaukee and won a 3-2 decision last Friday afternoon. It was the second straight victory posted by the Falcons since they used a battery of Fred McLean on the hill and Bud Bryant back-stopping. McLean struck out eight batters and walked only three en route to the victory.

New School Units

Final plans for the three proposed school units to be constructed in the Farmington Township School District this year were informally approved by the Board of Education at their regular meeting Monday night. Only 4 farmington school buildings are in the plans which are expected to be incorporated in the final drafts and finally acted upon by the Board.

10 Years Ago
APRIL 20, 1933
Twp. Health Code

Positive action was taken by the Farmington Township Board at their Tuesday night meeting calling for a tightening up on the enforcement of the township health ordinance. The Township Health Inspector was given the authority to provisions of the health Ordinance with enforcement of the health ordinance in cases of unsanitary conditions exist.

Court Hearing

The City of Farmington is expected to come under fire from the State Attorney General's office in Lansing this week for delay in construction of a new sewage disposal plant.

Citizens' Committee

Approximately 30 persons attended the first meeting of the Farmington Township School District Citizens' Advisory Committee held Monday evening at the District High School.

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5 Years Ago
APRIL 20, 1938
Bottle Loans

The Farmington Township Attorney this week attacked the legality of several resolutions voted on and approved by residents in attendance at the Township Board meeting. The challenge was made at the last Township Board meeting when a woman resident asked that the Township Supervisor if Detroit papers were correct in stating the Annual Township Meeting would be abolished in Farmington.

Widen Bridge

The narrow bridge which spans the branch of the Rouge River just north of Grand River on Power Road will be reconstructed for the purpose of providing a wider right-of-way and smoother road surface. The work is expected to be completed sometime this summer.

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