

May 9, 1963

Local Membership Need Even Greater

Wednesday a membership drive was kicked off by the recently organized YMCA Development Committee of Farmington with the ambitious goal of signing up 4,000 member families in the community.

While 4,000 family memberships is an ambitious endeavor, we feel it is a goal that can and should be met.

The varied programs and activities which YM and YWCAs have to offer provide something appealing to every one of our citizens from the family with younger children even on up to those with older children. A list of these activities which other areas already have well established "Y" branches are taking advantage of would take as much as a page or more to list.

The need for a locally centered or more leisure-times activity program for Farmington youngsters and our young citizens has been great for some time. This need continues to become even greater as the community grows.

There are some who contend that enough social and recreational activities are offered through the local school program itself that there is no need for any activity programs other than family activities themselves. We disagree very strongly with this thinking and feel that if you were to ask any teenager or even younger youths in this or any other area they would express the same opinion.

Most youths have plenty of time to do a good job on their school studies, take part in school social activities and still have plenty of time left over when they "just don't know what to do."

A majority of our citizenry has said they do not want or at least will not be willing to pay even a small amount in additional taxes to finance a year around recreation program for Farmington City and Township.

Even the short six-weeks' summer recreation program is in jeopardy unless

the city and township agree to come up with substantially more out of their operating budgets to keep the program going. Although it is contrary to United Foundation policy to underwrite the cost of recreational programs for communities, an exception was made for Farmington several years back and has been continued reluctantly in subsequent years up until now. This source of revenue which has financed the bulk of the cost for the summer program will soon be cut off.

Since a good community recreation program does not appear to be able to become a reality for some time yet, it gives even greater reason for citizens to become active members of organizations like the "Y's." Some examples of the kind of fine leisure-time programs offered by the YMCA are given in the programs already started locally including swimming instruction classes and family swims, "Y" Indian Guide Tribes, Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y for high school youth and canoe tripping for fathers and sons.

Most of the fine leisure-time activity programs need many local citizens through a very active YMCA organization in Farmington should be a very satisfactory solution to those who opposed a special tax levy for a community wide local recreation program. The nominal costs involved are borne directly by those holding memberships and participating in "Y" programs and thus cost taxpayers nothing.

We personally feel that there is need for both a good local YMCA program and a strong year around community recreation program. Well, but until (if ever) enough other citizens feel the same way, we sincerely hope that every family will see the value to be derived from becoming a member of the YMCA at once. There is much more reason to do so due to the fact that we don't have a community recreation program than there would be if we had such.

Shrine Club Plans Gala Ladies Night

Good things are planned for the Farmington Shrine club's May 9 get-together.

Nobles announce that it will be one of their best, with all the trimmings, in honor of their ladies.

Pete Baltus will be on deck with his delightful accordion music for everyone's listening and singing pleasure.

THE SPECIAL EVENT of the evening will be Moslem's narration, titled "A NOBLES DREAM COMES TRUE." It promises to be very heart warming and certainly very enlightening. Social Hour 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a very fine dinner to follow. Don't forget the night of Thursday, May 9.

SPECIAL BULLETIN. The club announcement in the latest Moslemite issue as to party location was not intended to be an arrangement. The club's officers are happy to inform all that it will continue to hold its meetings at Parkers House, Frontier Town, 3000 Grand River Ave., until further notice.

Awards Dinner For Engineers

The Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Awards Dinner of the Oakland Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers will be held Thursday, May 9, 1963, at the Roundtable Inn on Pine Lake Road. The dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Following the officers report and the election of officers for the coming year, awards will be presented to members of the chapter who have been successful in various fields during the past year.

The Oakland Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers consists of over 140 Registered Professional Engineers who work or reside in Oakland County. They are recognized after examination by the State Board to verify the competence of the people of Michigan that they are competent, ethical members of the engineering profession.



GIRL SCOUTS of Troop 157 in Farmington presented Kenbrook Elementary School with three beautiful flowering crab trees last week in special ceremonies conducted at the school. Pictured with the girls, on the extreme left, are Troop Leader Mrs. Rena Spears and Kenbrook Principal Mrs. Emma Seidel.

Soc. Classes Visit Hospital

The sociology classes of F.H.S. visited the Pontiac State Mental Hospital on Monday, April 22, during the hospital's 37th annual Open House.

The tour was highlighted by color slides and musical entertainment, provided by the patients. Most people think of a mental hospital as frightening and depressing, an opinion which was probably adopted by the students who visited the institution. Fortunately, this viewpoint is not shared by all, for the hospital's more than 800 volunteers find the work both enjoyable and rewarding.

The 3000 bed hospital serving 10-county area draws its volunteers from 100 separate organizations, the largest being the American Red Cross. Their duties vary according to the volunteers' ability and interest and even professionally trained workers have occasional jobs found in their way into the hospital's service.

Mr. Ted Panareos, director of the hospital's relations department, noted that the field of mental illness is rapidly changing. "Not only in the past did fear of the unknown keep volunteers away, but volunteers were not always welcomed by the staff."

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Girl Scouts Present 3 Trees to Kenbrook

On Wednesday, April 24, the Girl Scout Troop 157 presented three beautiful flowering crab trees to Kenbrook School in North Farmington, presented three flowering crab trees to the school.

The Troops were escorted from school at 1:30 and every one went outside for a brief ceremony.

Troop 157, under the leadership of Mrs. William Spears and co-leader, Mrs. Dale Shell, conducted the program. MRS. WILLIAM KEEGAN, Neighborhood Chairman, mentioned that the next day was Arbor Day and groups all over Michigan would be planting trees commemorating that day.

As the Scouts planted the trees to beautify the school, so do others all over Michigan, to enhance the beauty of our great State. Mrs. Seidel, the Principal of Kenbrook School, also spoke to the Scouts and said in years to come, as the trees grow big and the Scouts do too, they will be very proud to have taken part in this event.

A new Brownie Troop was organized at Eagle School in March. 23 girls were invested on April 4 and they are now known as Troop 11 and are under the leadership of Mrs. Lyle Jacobson and co-leadership of Mrs. William Wacheb.

A reminder that applications are now being accepted for the Farmington-Novici Day Camp at Warren's Woods (Haggerty Road) just south of Twelve Mile Road. The camp will accommodate 120 girls, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

Elementary School Menu

- MAY 13 Creamed Chicken on Biscuits, Buttered, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Pie, Milk
- MAY 14 Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, Cheese Sticks, Asparagus, Bread and Butter, Deluxe Potch Delight, Milk
- MAY 15 Barbecued Turkey on Bun, Cole Slaw, Blueberry Cobbler, Milk
- MAY 16 Meat and Cheese, Green Bean Salad, Applesauce, Milk
- MAY 17 Tuna Macaroni Salad, Buttered Carrots, Peas, Hot Roll and Butter, Milk



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Army Promotes Local Soldier

Guido Tenaglia Jr., whose parents live at 3508 Springvale Rd., Farmington, recently was promoted to private first class while serving with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Tenaglia, a supply clerk in Company B of the division's 101st Aviation Battalion, entered the Army in July, 1952, and completed basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

The 18-year-old soldier attended Farmington High School.

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Sinking Fund Plan Deserves Consideration

On June 10 voters of the Livonia school system will be deciding on an important question and it is going to be interesting to us to see what the outcome will be.

A proposal to levy added millage (\$3 per \$1,000 valuation) to build up a sinking fund for a new high school and thus have cash available in the bank when a new school building is needed for the school is needed will be on the ballot. Approval would permit the establishment of a savings account for the tax money collected in advance. This, plus the interest earned on it, would provide a fund for cash payments for construction of a high school.

Livonia, like Farmington school officials, know that growth and the need for more and more schools in their community is inevitable. What they are hoping to do through the establishment of a sinking fund is to eliminate the need for a bond issue to be paid off over a 30 year period. The tremendous interest costs are what they actually want to eliminate.

Over a 30 year period the interest costs actually double the cost of the project. This means that a \$2 million high school financed by a bond issue over a 30 year period actually costs \$4 million before the mortgage can be burned.

We don't have actual figures on the amount of interest costs Farmington is

presently paying out yearly on previously approved school building issues. For this reason we feel the sinking fund philosophy should be given serious consideration for future school needs.

There are some good arguments against this method of meeting school needs. "Why should we pay for a total cost for a school building or buildings which newcomers to the community will derive all or most of the value from?" By financing through the sale of bonds over an extended period the newcomers also pay their share for the building, those in opposition to the sinking fund approach say.

The point is well taken but our contention is that even the newcomers arriving here ten years from now will pay a fair share under the "cash as we go" plan since there will still be need for more schools when they arrive. All have the need to be paid off and since since by the time they arrive we will probably need some new school buildings to replace the older ones we presently have.

We think the disadvantages of the sinking fund plan are outweighed by the interest savings realized. Give this some serious thought and express your feelings on the matter to school officials or at your next PTA or other school meeting.

Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

REJUVENATING OLD LANDSCAPING

Farmington was founded many years ago, and in the Farmington area there are both old and new subdivisions and established neighborhoods. The older areas have a certain charm and atmosphere that the newer areas have yet to attain.

Farmington is justly famous for the beauty of many of its older homes. The large shade trees that grace the older neighborhoods have a dignity that cannot be matched, and these trees grow more beautiful as time passes. Little care is needed to keep them healthy and growing. An occasional feeding with commercial fertilizer will keep up their vigor. The only other care that most require is to have broken branches trimmed off and the cut surface protected with tree sealant.

Big, old branches should be sprayed very early in Spring to ward off Dutch Elm disease, but this is the most of the older trees that most require is to have broken branches trimmed off and the cut surface protected with tree sealant.

THE MATURE SHRUBS found in the yards of the older residences are often very beautiful. Some, though old, are still in good shape and should be kept. Big, old shrubs have become leggy and do not bloom well. This can be remedied, in most cases, and the shrubs can be rejuvenated. Big, old shrubs should be saved off close to the ground level and young sprouts allowed to develop. It is a rather drastic treatment to cut the entire shrub back at one time. Less drastic is the method of removing a few old branches each year until all have been removed.

Often times the shrubs and trees are overgrown looking because they have been neglected or they were planted too close together or too close to the house. The best way to remedy this is to remove some of the plants and allow the others to spread naturally. Shearing and hard pruning only tends to result in stiff, awkward looking plants.

In many cases foundation plantings and door yard plantings have grown out of bounds. Years ago, the old residents that we now use, had not yet been developed or were not widely available. The tiny evergreens that were planted years ago have now grown up to the second story in some places. They are out of proportion to the size of the house and are no longer serving the purpose for which they were planted, namely to set off the house to advantage.

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Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago MAY 13, 1948

Traffic Ordinance
The Farmington City Commission adopted a Traffic Ordinance at their last regular meeting which established speed limits and traffic control signs for the City and defines the regulations for both enforcement and penalties.

Suggest More Education
The Board of Education for the Farmington Township School District has introduced the proposal to hire a full time art teacher for the School District. A School Nurse, the Board feels, is also badly needed.

Proclamation
The Mayor of Farmington, Delos F. Hain, has proclaimed May 27, 28 and 29 as Poppy Days in the City of Farmington.

Track Standstills
Jim Crawford, Keith Wieland and John Buck tried in stellar performances for the Farmington Senior High School track coach last week in a meet which was the first dual meet for the Falcons in the 1948 season. Buck scored 18 3/4" in the broad jump event for Farmington.

Wieland captured first place berths in the 100-yard dash and the low hurdles to contribute 10 points in the Falcons' team effort.

10 Years Ago MAY 14, 1933

Zoning Violators
Action was taken against alleged violators of the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance this week by Township Attorney Archie Leonard, who filed suits in Oakland County Circuit Court charging two Township property owners with violations.

Record City Budget
The Farmington City Council this week approved a record fiscal year budget for 1933-34 amounting to \$178,054 at a special meeting called Monday following the annual public hearing on the proposed budget.

Speed Laws
The Michigan State Highway Department this week informed the City of Farmington that a survey on speed limit zones in the City revealed closer enforcement of speed laws was needed here.

Highway Department
The Highway Department advised that 85 percent of the traffic cleared in one mile zone were traveling at excessive speeds above the limit.

FHS Trackstars
The Farmington Senior High School track team captured five first place berths in the Lakes Conference track meet held May 4.

5 Years Ago MAY 8, 1938

Village Limits
Areas voted to become village limits in hopes of safeguarding their boundaries from annexation by the City of Farmington. A new name for the Farmington Grand River Cut-Off is being sought by the Farmington City Council and citizens are urged to submit suggestions for the Council's consideration.

Whitcomb Sign
The Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce has erected a sign to greet motorists approaching the community from the west along Grand River.

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