

## Important Decision to Make on Education

Is it worth a little extra money to you to provide the children of the coming generation with the educational tools they will need to cope with the ever increasingly more complex world they are going to have to work, live and raise families in?

This is a question which each and every citizen of Farmington and all of Oakland County should seek his or her sincere answer to between now and Monday, June 10, when they go to the polls to vote on the community college propositions.

It will be asked to approve a \$1 per \$1,000 special tax levy for a 20 year period to buy the sites and construct the college buildings, needed at three locations in the county to provide close-to-home centers of advanced learning in all educational areas. They will be facilities not only for high school graduates but for children and people wishing to broaden their knowledge in certain subject areas. To a person having a home valued at around \$20,000 it would mean additional taxes of about \$10 per year and for those with homes in the \$30,000 value class added taxes of \$15 per year.

We personally feel that this is very little additional to pay to provide the places of higher learning we need. The proposed locations for the two year community colleges planned would be near Troy, north or northeast of Pontiac and most important to us, a campus located in the Farmington-Novi area.

It would permit those locally wanting to go on for more advanced schooling but not able to due to finances or academic grades to obtain that all important extra training while staying at home with their families.

Back in our grandparents' days an eighth grade education was considered adequate and they didn't seem to have too much difficulty in finding jobs with this amount of formal schooling. Up until a few years ago anyone having a high school education was considered pretty well qualified to hold down a fairly good job.

But, today you need only talk to a few people with only a high school education seeking work to know that business people in just about every field are now requiring some sort of advanced

training beyond the general high school program. All indications are that these advanced types of training are going to be insisted on more and more in years to come and we are going to have to provide facilities where it can be obtained close to home.

A start has been made in some counties in the state of Michigan but we still have a long, long way to go. Other states such as California and Texas are way ahead of us.

Some feel that the additional college facilities that are needed should be provided by the state but we disagree strongly. They should be provided for, financed and controlled at the local governmental levels. Not only will it prove more satisfactory for us to have control at the local level but it will also cost us a lot less.

The need is real. Our present four year colleges are jammed and limiting admissions. By 1970, projections indicate that almost 10,500 will be graduating from high schools in Oakland Co. and without additional facilities more than half will have no post high school educational opportunities available to them. As was pointed out earlier, this additional schooling beyond high school is becoming almost a must to obtain and keep a satisfactory job.

We strongly urge you to vote "yes" on the community college proposition on Monday's ballot.

You will also have four local candidates to consider for one seat to be filled on the Farmington Board of Education. We sincerely hope that you will read carefully their qualifications and answers to a couple of important general school questions in which we asked.

We personally are well satisfied with the job Mrs. Barbara Brown, incumbent, has been doing. We know very little about the three candidates running against her and, to the best of our knowledge, feel that none have shown exceptional interest in the school system as a whole up to this time.

This does not mean that we do not feel they would do a good job. All seem to be well qualified although we think a couple of the candidates were a little evasive in answering the questions we put to them.

## Unified Effort Still Desired by Many

The turnout at the initial general meeting of the newly formed Farmington Board of Commerce, Inc. held last week was very gratifying. It demonstrated that there are still a substantial number of business, professional and industrial people in the community who feel as we that a unified effort is needed to get Farmington people thinking, buying and working for the betterment of the whole community.

This is not a united effort for Farmington only. It is a need that every community which is really going to be a self identifying community has to have. Wherever you go where you find a community that is growing and prospering or at least holding its own against outside forces you'll find a unified group of business and professional people working as a team for the betterment of all.

While the turnout at this first general meeting, last week represented less than a third of the total number who should have been present, it did represent a representation of key people in nearly every section.

The community's experience in the past with chambers and associations of this kind has been somewhat disappointing and we are sure that this is the reason why some of those who should have been present at the meeting were not there. We regret that because of some unfortunate past experiences they have

chosen to try to continue to go it alone rather than join with the rest. Let's hope they will reconsider.

Like the school which has had a losing football team for four or five years, we don't feel this is justification for giving up and abandoning the sport altogether. There are new members to help serve on the team now and we think that if everyone will really get behind the team (the new Board of Commerce, Inc.) in the future it can be a very successful and beneficial group for all.

While some may have the feeling that this kind of group cannot be beneficial to them or that they are not welcome as members, we know for a fact that it is not the intent of the Board of directors to see any section of the community or any segment of the membership benefit more than any others.

All business and professional people in the entire Farmington area must pull together. It cannot and should not be the policy of the Board of directors to pit the business and professional section pitted against another. The job of the Board of Commerce must be to get more people buying and taking part in local activities and programs and get a substantial percentage of the people now going outside of Farmington to do their purchases and activities motivated locally again.

The intent of the Board's directors, as has already been expressed, is toward this end.

## Call Goes Out For Volunteer Hospital Help

Orientation and training for the Summer Student Volunteer Program at Plymouth State Home and Training School is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8 and 9, in the auditorium of the administration building on Sheldon Road at Five Mile. Attendance will be required for each session.

William Boyd, Community Relations Director in charge of the volunteer program, announced that students (44 years and over) must be at least 16 years old in three different areas:

**PHYSICAL THERAPY:** ambulation training, minimal exercise and basic recreation. (14 or over)

**PATIENT CARE:** Feeding patients, grooming, reading to the children and conducting games. (16 or over)

**NON-PATIENT CARE:** Clerical duties, sorting linen and assembling trays. (16 or over)

**STUDENTS MAY** volunteer to serve one or more days a week as desired. For maximum efficiency, the daily schedule will provide a choice of morning, afternoon and/or evening hours, Monday through Saturday.

**Morning Shift (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)** and **Evening Shift (6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**.

Dependability and regularity of attendance are the only qualifications required by the staff. Each student is requested to have a chest X-ray as a safeguard for the children.

Plymouth State Home has approximately 700 mentally retarded children ranging from one to twelve years of age. Although the Home has a Volunteer Auxiliary, the children benefit from the care and attention provided by last year's student volunteers.

Orientation for the two Saturday shifts will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end by noon. The Summer Volunteer Program will start Monday, June 11.

## Farmington Acres

MARGE STOCK  
GR. 5-189  
IRENE WALKER  
GR. 6-238

FARMINGTON ACRES sent their boldest to the ball. Among the Jr. High School ninth grade beauties in their party finery were Karen Osborne, Pam Herd and Kathy Hildner.

This evening affair celebrated their farewell to junior high days and anticipation of senior high days. Farmington High graduated their Senior Prom at the Farmington Hotel in Grandville Village. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by seniors Lynn Stock and Jim Young with their respective dates.

**PAT AND NEIL** Thibaudau entertained friends, Kathy and Jerry Forbes, who had from Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Glenn Stock family enjoyed the party. Mrs. Nora Marshall, visiting here from Chatham, Ontario.

**Happy Birthday** time - Two birthday cakes were presented. The birthday cake of little Sherrie Thibaudau, youngest daughter of Neil and Pat Thibaudau of Meadowlark.

**April Burd**, youngest daughter of Byron and Doris Burd of Laurwood celebrated her seventh birthday with ice cream and cake for neighborhood friends. Her Sherrill, 10, was enough to vote now. Happy Birthday girls!

**Arline Strane** was hostess to Bridge Club No. 2 last week. Among regular members playing were Barb Adams, who won first place honors. Janet Strong won second and Nan Field won booby. Other players, enjoying the evening were Pat Thibaudau, Joan McCrie, Joan Friedman, and Irene Walker, who was substituting for missing member Mable Bland.

**BEV SHERPITS** has a set of keys in her possession, which were found outside of Flanders School. If you are missing a set of house keys plus others, please call, GR. 4-6792 and identify them and they will be returned.

Don't forget to make a trip to Barbas Drugs Saturday, June 3, where the ladies of Flanders School P. T. will hold their Bake Sale. The sale will be conducted outside, unless it is raining. In this case, the baked goods will be on display in Barbas Drug Store.

**Meadies have been running rampant** in our fair community. Youngsters who are now on the streets are being caught by the police. Dick Eason's two oldest girls, Ellen and Tom-Coe's daughters, and Linda Sprimigier, daughter of Delores and Walter Sprimigier, just to be different, Pat and Carl Jacobs' daughter, Monetta, had a bout with Chickadees.



**STUFFING ANIMALS** for the trophy room is not what 16-year-old Bill Cletcher of 33720 Harlow in Farmington considers an easy job. Bill shot the eight-point buck on the first day of hunting season last fall but has only just received the mounted head back from the taxidermist. His father, Bill, Sr., came back from the same hunting trip empty handed and now has a perhaps vexing reminder of the experience.



## Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

### BRIDAL WREATH

Cascading sprays of white flowers on the bridal wreath spirea have transformed these shrubs so that they now have an ethereal beauty. This is a beauty that is often not fully appreciated. Because these shrubs have been so widely planted, and because they are so hardy and so long-lived, they are often taken for granted. However, they are a lovely part of the Spring and early summer scene - whether they are growing in a well-tended suburban garden, around an old

farm house, or beside the front door of a tumbledown city house.

Bridal wreath is the common name given to three or four distinct species of spirea, and the name aptly fits them all. All bear numerous small white flowers that cover the shrubs like a flower veil.

Spirea Vanhouttei blooms profusely in June. It grows about six feet tall and has long arching branches wreathed in clusters of creamy white bloom.

**THE KOREAN** bridal wreath, *S. trichocarpa*, also blooms in June. It is a most decorative shrub growing four to six feet tall.

Spirea prunifolia is also known as bridal wreath. It blooms in early Spring. It has a spreading but upright, growth of four to six feet tall, with graceful branches. The variety "plena" has double flowers, very sparsely white born in great abundance.

The arguta spirea which bears a mass of tiny white flowers on twiggy branches, early in April is also sometimes called bridal wreath.

These bridal wreath spirea may be used for foundation planting where taller plants are needed. They also may be used for specimen plants, or mass planting, and make excellent hedges. They are exceedingly hardy and will grow in either full sun or partial shade, and in ordinary soil.

### REMINERS . . .

Now lawns regularly to provide a thick healthy turf that will resist weeds and diseases. Potted or container grown plants can be planted at any time but water it regularly. Plant vegetables and annuals. Spray Roses.

## Twin Valley Views

MARIE BRAUER  
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The families of our subdivision will greatly miss the Tully Family of Twin Valley Ct. when they move this summer. Mr. Tully will be transferred when the Company for which he works moves their offices to Philadelphia.

Last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Tully were in New Jersey and decided on a location for their new home which will be built near Haddonfield, N. J. in the Cherry Hills Township.

On May 18, a surprise going away party was given for the Tullys by the Ten Mile Elementary School PTA at the home of Mrs. Jane Clements.

**MR. TULLY** was Father of the year by the organization of the Company for which he works moves their offices to Philadelphia.

A weekend to Hemlock, Mich. for a family get-together was recently enjoyed by the Floyd family of Farmington. They were house-guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller from Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell from Ithaca also joined them. Golfing followed by dinner and dancing in Saginaw were enjoyed by the group.

On Sunday, May 28, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thuston from Dearborn and their children, Mark and Ruth, were dinner guests of the Robert Brauer family of Farmington.

**CONGRATULATIONS** were in order as Mark Thuston had just celebrated his eighth birthday on May 25.

## Serve Aboard Navy Carrier

Delbert G. Patterson, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Patterson of Farmington, and Michael R. Hall, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis H. Hall of 33889 Broadway, Farmington, recently reported for duty aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany which is currently operating with the First Fleet off the coast of California to qualify pilots in preparation for the Eastern deployment in the fall.

Newest of the Essex-class carriers, Oriskany has modern equipment to handle the Navy's most modern jet aircraft. Her equipment includes the Naval Tactical Data System, Omega Navigational System and the Fresnel Lens Landing System.

## Girl Scout News

**INTERMEDIATE TROOP NO. 430**, under the leadership of Mrs. John Matz and Mrs. Victor Stockell, held a Court of Awards at the Stockell home on Middlebelt Monday, May 27.

Mothers were invited and royally entertained. The festivities were started with a flag ceremony in which Barbara Palmer, Willy Martilla, Carolyn Sheldon, Cindy Kleinhaus, and Evelyn Allen participated. A "Health and Safety" skit was then presented by Cheryl Hoeber, Barbara Rankin and Barbara Treidel.

**BEVERLY HATCH**, Kathy Mayskens and Barbara Rankin (substituting for Geraldine Lupia who was absent) presented a skit entitled "Baby Sitter". Debby Newton performed a ballet to end the entertainment portion of the program.

Eight girls received Second Class Rank Badges. They were: Evelyn Allen, Norma Jean Bennett, Judy Johnston, Barbara Mayskens, Carolyn Sheldon, Barbara Palmer, Holly Stockell and Susan Walter.

Proficiency Badges were awarded.

**COOKING:** B. Rankin, S. Hinton, S. Walter, E. Allen, J. Naquin, H. Stockell, B. Hatch, B. Palmer and S. Martilla.

**HOME-MAKER:** S. Walter, E. Allen and B. Palmer.

**CHILD CARE:** B. Hatch, K. Mayskens and S. Martilla.

**MUSICIAN:** B. Palmer, B. Hatch and S. Martilla.

**DANCE:** E. Allen and S. Martilla.

**MAGIC CARPET:** B. Palmer.

**READER:** B. Palmer.

**SNAP:** B. Hatch.

**GARDEN AND FLOWER:** B. Hatch.

**ANIMAL RAISING:** K. Mayskens.

**MAMMAE:** K. Mayskens.

**DRAWING AND PAINTING:** K. Mayskens and B. Palmer.

**CAT AND DOG:** B. Palmer.

**ATHLETE:** B. Matz and S. McCormick.

The girls served refreshments to their moms. The entire day was planned by the girls, inviting friends, decorations, refreshment and entertainment.

It is with regret that we say "So Long" to Mrs. Matz who will be leaving the troop as leader but is continuing on in other areas of scouting and is looking forward to seeing the girls in camping and other activities. Our thanks to Mrs. Matz for her leadership this past year.

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The University of Michigan was the first to be governed by a board of regents elected by the people and the first major university to admit women in 1870.

Eighty four winter sports centers were in operation in Michigan during the 1962-63 season, the largest number of any state in the nation.

Michigan is the hub of the Great Lakes Region, the world's greatest market for consumer and industrial goods. In these five states live 21 percent of the people of the United States, producing 33 percent of the dollars added by manufacturing.

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## Looking Back in the Files

### 15 Years Ago

JUNE 3, 1948  
**Baseball Crown**  
The Farmington High School baseball team captured the inter-Lakes Conference championship last Tuesday night, when they defeated the Walpole Lake nine on the Falcon diamond in a nip and tuck contest, 8-7.

**Runner-Up Champs**  
The Falcon track team narrowly missed gaining the conference championship last week as they were nipped by the Vikings of Walpole Lake in a one-mile race, when they were edged out by the Vikings of Walpole Lake.

**Trojans Win**  
The Clarenceville High School baseball team came back to avenge an earlier defeat at the hands of the Falcon line as they defeated the Walpole Lake nine on the Falcon diamond in a nip and tuck contest, 8-7.

**Power and telephone lines** were downed in the Farmington area last week as a result of a storm which struck late Saturday afternoon and caused severe flooding in streets and roads. A one house was struck by lightning damaging a television set and the furnace in the home.

### 10 Years Ago

JUNE 4, 1953  
**Signed Into Law**  
The Governor has signed the piece of legislation which outlaws hunting in Farmington State Park. The bill was earlier passed through both the Senate and the House.

**Little League**  
A gala program is planned to usher in the Little League and Junior League baseball programs in Farmington. A color parade and special ceremonies in the City Park are expected to provide spectators with plenty of pre-game excitement.

**Sixth Hits Area**  
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**Road Mis-spelling**  
Some confusion still exists over the correct spelling of the building at a service station at the corner of Farmington Road and Alta Loma Street. The building has been named the Shell Oil Company.

### 5 Years Ago

JUNE 5, 1958  
**School Election**  
A total of six candidates are vying for the two seats available on the Farmington School District Board of Education. Running in the June election are Charles Anoda, William Bliss, Patricia Dates, Douglas P. P. W. Allen Nelson and Yvette Wisely.

**Zone Lining Suits**  
A civil zoning suit to force the City of Farmington to allow the building of a service station at the corner of Farmington Road and Alta Loma Street has been won by the plaintiffs, the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Shell Oil Company.

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