

EDITORIALS

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Do We Care About Our Children's Future?

We can't help but be appalled about the apparent lack of interest that parents in the area seem to have for the future welfare of their children.

Just west less than 9 percent of the qualified electors of the Farmington School District turned out at the polls to register their feelings on the establishment of a community college district which would provide colleges close to home for all in the county. The turnout in most other communities in the county was also very poor.

We have no official figures to show how many young families with children 18 years of age or younger there are living in Farmington or Oakland County. We feel it would be safe to say, however, that these children not yet out of high school would run at least 50 percent. One might excuse adults with children already grown and away from home for not going to the polls and voting on a matter vital to the future of our youth. But, where are the ever-present parents who do have children who will be becoming of college age within the next 18 years?

Magazine articles, newspaper stories and speakers on education are continually pointing out that it is becoming more and more important yearly that young boys and girls receive some type of education beyond the high school level. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for youngsters with only a high school degree to obtain work, report after report emphasizes.

Also being pointed out is the fact that as more and more see the need and are trying to get their children into colleges present institutions of higher learning are bulging at the seams and cannot keep pace with the demand.

We just can't help but wonder what all those parents with children who did not go to the polls on Monday (some 41 percent by our guess) were thinking about or were so occupied with that they

couldn't take the time to get out and vote.

Who do they expect is going to come up with the facilities and programs of higher learning that our children are going to need even to obtain jobs when their turn comes up to graduate and go out into the world on their own?

Perhaps community colleges are not the answer but the general trend across the nation seems to be in this direction and from all the information we have been able to read on this subject it sounds like the most logical approach to us. Another solution might be to use present high school facilities in each community after regular school hours but we've heard some strong arguments as to why this approach isn't practical.

We sincerely hope that citizens aren't naive enough to feel that state or federal aid to higher education is a more practical route to follow. If we must go to this to get enough schools of higher learning, it is going to be a lot more costly than if we keep the money within the county and provide at least a portion of our higher education needs right here at home.

Indications are that the county community college proposition will be put to a vote again in the not too far distant future. Let's hope there will be a lot more parents really looking out for the future of their children by getting to the polls and voting on the propositions. To an average homeowner it would mean additional taxes of only \$10 or \$15 a year and we just can't think of any people other than retirees who don't spend quite a few times this amount each year on really unneeded pleasures or just plain foolishness.

If even close to half of the voters had gone to the polls and voted the county college proposals (down we don't think it would have felt nearly as bad about it as we did as a result of the decision being left up to between 8 and 9 percent.

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Allowing Freedom of Speech to Go Too Far

One of the principles of our democratic form of government is freedom of speech. No one wants or will defend this freedom any more than the newspaperman.

Despite this, however, we can't help but feel that our government is too liberal in some respects on this matter. When this free speech becomes grossly derogatory to most of the other principles of our democratic type of government then we feel there should be provisions to curtail or prevent it.

A good example of how freedom of speech is being abused was provided last week when George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the small but dangerous American Nazi Party, was brought into town by Russell Roberts to speak. Rockwell and his followers whose philosophy, similar to that of Hitler, is anti-semitism, anti-Negro, and anti-religion, and leans toward a master-race type of thinking.

This type of philosophy is totally contrary to the principles upon which our country was founded and has grown and prospered. Many of our countrymen have given their lives defending freedom and equality for all regardless of race, color or creed.

Yet, today the Nazi American Party, the Socialist Labor Party and other such groups are recognized by the federal government as perfectly legal and as worthy of being recognized like the Democratic or Republican parties.

To refuse to run advertisements or allow members of the American Nazi Party to speak out publicly thus must be considered, legally at least, as being equally as wrong as refusing members of the Democratic or Republican parties to

do the same.

Our contention is that any party or group that strongly advocates philosophies contradictory to nearly all of the basic principles of our democratic form of government should be declared illegal and by federal law and be forbidden from speaking or publishing their views.

Until such time as this is done we must recognize these groups and parties the same as the large parties that represent a majority of the people if we are to stay within the law.

A Community Leader

It was with regret last week that we reported the resignation of Floyd Jayne from the Farmington Township Board. His active interest in the community and community affairs will be missed.

While we never knew Jay as well personally as we would have liked, one needed only to look at the long list of community organizations he was active in and held official positions in to know that he was a real diligent community worker.

We emphasize the word community because of the fact that we have always felt there has been a real lack of community spirited leaders or at least a lack of ones who would step forward and offer their services.

Many will take an active leadership role in their own little subdivision or neighborhood groups but far too few seem to be interested in assuming leadership in groups that have as their purpose the promotion and improvement of the whole community.

YMCA July 4th Bell Ringing Program Set

At the request of Governor George Romney, The H-Y Clubs in Michigan are organizing a program called "LET FREEDOM RING" in which every bell in Michigan is to ring for Freedom on July 4.

This is a nationwide attempt to recapture the real meaning of the Fourth of July. The great chorus of bells swells across this land, it will be heard by families at home, on the lakeshore, in the mountains, wherever Americans gather on the Fourth. The sound will be a thrilling reminder of the great American principles upon which this land was built and are embodied in democracy's greatest manifesto, The Declaration of Independence.

READING THIS YMCA-sponsored movement in Farmington are two young people active in their respective H-Y Clubs, Ronald C. Gaudin of 2018 Ararat and Vice-president of the N. Farmington H-Y and Suzie Fell of 2121 Oxford and President of the H-Y Club at Clatsopville High.

Working with them are members of each club, seeking out the owners of bells to ring on the Fourth.

They will be asking permission of bell owners to ring the bell at 1 p.m., sharp, on July 4 for a period of four minutes. All families and organizations are urged to participate in this time of tribute (Please NO sirens or whistles, just bells).

THESE H-Y CLUBS with Governor Romney "urge every citizen in every city, township, village and county in Michigan to organize and participate in the statewide 'Ring of the Bells'."

Reservations for the father-son canoe trip on July 13-14 are due immediately. There is room for five more couples for this week-end trip on the Maize. The hours will be full of fishing, canoeing, swimming, exploring, and good food. Mr. Charles Scher, who has had many years of camping experience, assures all participants of a good time. For reservation or information, call the YMCA at 474-3232 or WO 2-6595.

A last call for those interested in YMCA swimming instruction is being made for the classes starting on July 22. There are a few places left for beginners for the ten-session series.

The classes are being held at Bedford High on Grand Avenue at 6 o'clock at 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. each day for two weeks. Additional classes will be held at the YMCA at 474-3232 or WO 2-6595 for more information or registration.

Twin Valley Views

MARIE BRAUER
476-5213

A graduation cake decorated in the school colors of purple and white set the theme for the party by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawrence of St. Mary's Care in honor of their daughter, Carol, upon her graduation from Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. John Watzke of St. Mary's visited their nephew, Cade, who is a student at Notre Dame Military and Naval Academy at Lake Geneva, Wis. As guests of the Academy, they also attended the commencement exercises.

THERE WAS a round of celebrations this past week at the John Doyle residence of Elizabeth Doyle and her family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Doyle's 17th wedding anniversary was June 15 and their son, Tom's 9th birthday was the same day. On June 19, their daughter, Peggy, celebrated her 18th birthday.

On June 7, Sue Doyle and several of her friends gave a surprise 40th birthday party for Barbara Holton. The guest list included: Marilyn Napp, Cindy Wacker, Barbara Marsh, Lizette Shinn, Judy Breimeyer, Barbara Pylar, Sharon Rossow, Elaine Kerkza, Linda Applegate, Sue Colanin, Pat Connolly, Mary Phillips, Diane Rudzki, John Shepard and Carol Hoescher.

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A 'Thank You'

Gratitude: I thank your gesture in permitting the Teen-Agers of Farmington to advertise for summer jobs free of charge was a very fine and generous one.

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PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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Briar Hill Sub. Plans July 4th Observance

Letter to the Editor: Ever since our subdivision has been in existence in Farmington about five years - there has been a "community-type" program on the Fourth of July for all families living in Briar Hill.

The first few years it included a decorated bike parade for the children; refreshments at the "pumphouse" all day long; dancing and singing for young and old; and baseball games between mothers and daughters and fathers and sons.

Two years ago, my husband was asked to be the Recreation Chairman for the 4th. So he offered to have a flag-raising ceremony in our yard and to start the bike parade here at the top of our hill. The idea was carried to the extent that the program included revell (taps later) and band music by some of the children; Girl Scouts performing an official flag-raising with 400 folks at attention; and my husband, dressed as Uncle Sam, giving a patriotic speech explaining the meaning of the day.

Now, we are proud that this ceremony on our corner has become a Briar Hill tradition. Another 4th of July approaches and the suggestion of "ringing bells across the nation" is just perfect for the day's plans here especially. Our Association President, James Moreen, is the originator of a drive to have all 150 homes flying a flag. This plan is making fine progress. (It was a wonderful sight to see so much red, white, and blue displayed on Memorial Day.)

Let us join with millions of Americans to celebrate this 157th anniversary of American independence by ringing bells across the nation on this 4th of July.

Sincerely,
Mrs. George W. Nauman

Park 'Sandy Domain'

To the Editor: Recently it was suggested to Soumain Brookerton that the wading pool in the park be filled with sand to eliminate the stagnant water condition and provide the children with a "sandy domain."

In less than two weeks the idea had been presented to the proper parties, City Manager Dinan had authorized the work to be done, and the children, with shoes off, were enjoying the feel of sand between their toes.

We also noticed that the park grass was cut recently and that sand had been put around the swings and slides.

Our thanks to Councilman Brookerton, City Manager Dinan and the others who so promptly reviewed and filled our request. We appreciate such willing cooperation. Thanks to the efforts of many, the park is a much more pleasant place to spend an afternoon.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Robert J. Witt
Farmington JC Auxiliary

School Handicraft Show Is Successful

The Industrial Arts Department at Farmington Senior High School wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the cooperation given during the Second Annual Industrial Arts Exhibition, held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 6, 7 and 8, in the downtown Farmington Center.

Special thanks are in order to the Farmington Center Corporation who provided a generous display area, complete with air-conditioning, for the students to exhibit their handicraft and projects.

The industrial arts classes also wish to thank school personnel and others instrumental in producing the exhibit. Finally, the students thank the public which showed fine interest and support with their visits to the three-day exhibit.

Sincerely,
Earl Baumann,
FHS Industrial Arts Dept.

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Local Caddie Wins College Scholarship

Gary T. Gryswiewicz, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gryswiewicz, 131 Ely Dr., Northville, has been awarded a four year Chick Evans college scholarship by the Golf Association of Michigan.

Gryswiewicz was among 27 new winners announced today by George H. Webb, of Detroit, chairman of the Chick Evans scholarship committee of the Golf Association of Michigan. They were selected from a record total of 161 caddies.

Gryswiewicz will be among approximately 400 Evans scholars in college this fall, including approximately 100 from Michigan. The G. A. M. has awarded 310 scholarships since joining the nationwide Evans program in 1948.

This is the caddie scholarship program that Chick Evans, veteran amateur golf star initiated in 1920. By the end of this summer approximately 1,500 Evans scholarships will have been awarded nationally. Each scholarship covers full tuition and housing and is renewable for four years. Its value is in excess of \$2,500.

Gryswiewicz's selection was made possible by the financial support given to the nationwide Evans program by more than 15,000 golfers this year, including 10,000 in Michigan and the 5,000 members of the Farmington Country club where Gryswiewicz caddied.

To qualify for the scholarship, each boy must caddie at least 25 years at a G. A. M. member club, must graduate in the upper 25 percent of his high school class, and must need financial help to attend college. The scholars are awarded on a competitive basis using these factors.

Gryswiewicz, a graduate of Northville High School, will enter Michigan State in September and will reside in the Evans Scholars Chapter house in East Lansing.

Completes US Army Signal Training

Army Pvt. Lester Rackov, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Rackov, 21391 Halstead, Farmington, recently completed an eight-week radio relay and carrier operation course at the Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Rackov entered the Army last December and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. The 20-year-old soldier is a 1959 graduate of Farmington High School.

ACCURACY

By HUGH BRONAUH, Mgr.

FOR MOST OF US, communicating with others is as natural as breathing. But what about the person who can't speak due to surgical removal of his larynx? Or those with impaired hearing, who can't see? Michigan Bell, together with the Bell Telephone Laboratories, the research arm of the Bell System, is continually seeking ways to improve communications for handicapped persons. Braille switchboards for blind operators, a special telephone handset for the hard-of-hearing, and the artificial larynx that serves as a workable voice for the voiceless are a few examples the Laboratories has come up with. These and other special telephone services offer encouraging hope for a better way of life to many persons handicapped by physical disabilities.

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Ferris Graduates Two Farmington Men

Two Ferris Institute students, and friends. The Farmington graduates from Farmington were among the more than 700 seniors granted degrees or certificates at the college's commencement on Sunday, June 9.

Edward L. Cushman, vice president of American Motors Corporation, delivered the commencement address before a crowd of 6,000 graduates, parents, and friends.

Michigan's public schools have 1,700,000 students, 72,000 teachers.

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PEOPLE SOMETIMES THINK they have a "bad connection" when they can't hear the person at the other end of the line clearly. So they ask our Repair Service to find the trouble. We've found, though, that what often seems to be a poor connection is actually a case of the other person's "tired arm!" Inadvertently he lets the handset wander away from his mouth. To be clearly understood, it's best to hold the transmitter end of the handset directly in front of your lips. It's a small courtesy others appreciate.

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Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
JUNE 17, 1948

New Trustees
Rolf Smith was a seat on the Farmington City Council. The Board of Education, leading his closest competitor by a better than two-to-one majority. Only 341 votes were cast out of a total number of registered voters in the District of 1,990.

Temp. Water Split
Residents in the southeastern portion of Farmington Township were at the last regular Township Board meeting to inquire how much progress had been made in the work for the water system. It had been made in the suit now in Federal Court over the loss of water pressure in the Clarence, Farmington Township will be the District Water System. Residents were told the bondholders' suit is still in litigation with a decision pending.

Summer Recreation
Three separate playgrounds announced a drive will be conducted in Farmington area on Monday in connection with the newly established recreation program.

5 Years Ago
JUNE 18, 1953

City Takes Action
The Farmington City Council authorized the City Manager to arrange for an engineering survey of the sewer conditions in the southwest section of the City.

License Bureau
Effective Monday, the Farmington Drivers' License Bureau will be moved from the present Fire Hall Building to the City Hall.

Road Widening
Sealed bids on the construction of a new road have been received from the contractor. The road will be 10 miles long and 14 feet wide. The Farmington Township will be the District Water System. Residents were told the bondholders' suit is still in litigation with a decision pending.

Red Cross Drive
The American Red Cross has announced a drive will be conducted in Farmington area on Monday in connection with the newly established recreation program.

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