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In Our Opinion . . .

Take the Initiative — Broaden Your Training

Hardly a week goes by that someone isn't applying for a job. Some of the applicants are tradesmen seeking printing work or allied jobs or men wishing to start on an apprenticeship program in the field.

But the bulk of the applicants are women seeking office work and the sad part of it is that they wouldn't feel we could hire most of them even if we did have a job opening.

Ask them if they have had any training in typing, shorthand or working on business machines and they'll tell you very frankly they haven't done much of anything in this area since graduating from high school or completing a business course ten, fifteen and even more years ago. They lack poise and find it difficult to converse with you.

What they are really asking you to do is stick your neck out and hire them and then pay them good wages while you're training them over an extended period of time in the hopes they'll develop into a good worker for you. They act quite annoyed when you tell them that you need someone who has had some recent training or experience.

The disclaimer often voiced is: "But how are we ever going to learn if nobody will hire us without training?"

It's quite simple if people would only learn to take the initiative. Look over the list of adult education courses being given this fall right here at home by Farmington public schools. Courses in typing, shorthand, filing and business machines are all planned if there are enough interested to warrant conducting them. Those interested in jobs selling in stores or as receptionists have an opportunity to improve themselves with proposed adult education courses in speech, business English, charm and poise, and other classes along with those mentioned earlier.

The chief for any of these courses is nominal and completion of them would give an applicant for a job with little or no recent training or one who has been away from the working field for some time a much better chance of being hired.

We're living in an ever changing and very complex world and the importance of all of us broadening our knowledge in a lot of areas become greater and greater each year. Even those already employed or those not considering looking for work should be interested in improving their knowledge in various subject areas.

Courses in rapid reading, sewing, stocks and bonds and upholstery should be of interest to a substantial number of citizens in the community. On the recreational side there are classes proposed in bridge, oil painting, organ and water color painting.

The door is not closed here, either. If there are classes in any other subject areas you want and enough other people desire this same course it will also be offered, the adult education director has corrected.

Don't complain that you don't know enough about this subject or that or that you haven't enough training in business subjects to get a job. Take the initiative and learn through the adult education program.

Need Stern Action to Stem Accident Tide

The seventh local traffic fatality of the year was recorded in Farmington Township earlier this month and injury accidents in the community are running substantially ahead of past years.

Within the last four months left in 1968 we are on the road to setting all-time records that none of us like to see.

There are a lot of reasons being given nationally and at the state level as to why auto accidents are on the increase and all of them have a sound basis. Steps to eliminate some dangerous intersections locally would be helpful. So would expanded police forces to allow for more patrolling of our roads.

On a state basis we need stiffer requirements not only for obtaining driver's licenses but also for getting them renewed. We also join those advocating required regular mechanical automobile checks on a statewide basis.

But when all is said and done all of these things in themselves are not enough.

We need a change of attitude on the part of every person who gets behind the wheel of a car. Everytime we exceed a speed limit or pass carelessly or neglect getting a "minor" mechanical repair made on our car as soon as it crops up we are letting ourselves become a potentially dangerous killer. Driving when drinking or overly tired can not be justified as being right.

More and more cars and drivers are being added to our community and every community across the nation every week and we are all travelling more miles than we ever did before.

Every driver has a responsibility to give in such a manner so as to be able to cope with any hazardous conditions which prevail whether it be dangerous weather, careless drivers or unthinking pedestrian or faulty mechanics of his car.

We don't know what the state or other communities are planning to do to stem the tide of the mounting serious injury and fatal accident toll but locally and right now we urge a crackdown for the betterment of our highways on all kinds of careless driving practices.

Some stiff fines and some stern lecturing by our judges may be necessary to drive the point home to motorists that the fault lies basically with them when accidents occur. Speeding, reckless driving and travelling on highways in cars not up to par mechanically is going to have to be stopped if we are ever going to cut the mounting accident rate.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
AUGUST 29, 1963
Twp. Petitions
Three petitions were in circulation this week, according to the president of the League of Subdivision Associations, Robert H. Nason. One of the petitions sought to block the proposed 11½-mile expressway, another called for a reduction of speed limits and the third called for stricter regulations regarding gravel pits and dumping in the Township.

School Enrollment
A boost of 80 students in the Farmington School District is expected according to the latest enrollment figures released this week from the Superintendent's office. The total number expected for the opening day of classes this fall is 6,622.

Farmington Hills
A small Naval training vessel named "Farmington" last Thursday ran into the big ore carrier "Edmund Fitzgerald" off the coast of the Detroit River.

Tough Customer
A Farmington man was in Detroit this week in jail to serve a term to twenty years in prison in Jackson for the \$700 armed robbery of the Chesapeake Bank.

10 Years Ago
AUGUST 27, 1953
Health Code
The Farmington Township Board called for a complete revision of the Health Code at their regular meeting Tuesday evening in an effort to determine the enforceability of the code.

Order Crackdown
The Farmington City Council this week ordered the owners of three buildings in the city, classified by the Building Department as unsafe, fire hazards and unsanitary, to be corrected by September 15 or face legal action. The owners have each been sent official condemnation notices.

New Grid Coach
Earl Bye, a Navy veteran and a graduate of Northern State Teachers College, has been named the new head coach of the Farmington High School football team.

Road Construction
Area roads have come in for considerable attention this week. The Oakland County Road Commission, presently, work is commencing on the widening and re-surfacing of Eight Mile Road between Farmington and Road and Inkster and the same job is nearing completion on that portion of Orchard Lake Road between 11 Mile and 14 Mile roads in the Township.

15 Years Ago
AUGUST 26, 1948
Primary Election
The September 14 Primary Election has begun to stimulate increased voter registration in both the City and Township in recent weeks. In the Township, almost a hundred voter registrations had been received by press time this week while the City took on nearly 30 new registrations.

Junior Olympic
The curtain came down Friday afternoon on a successful Farmington Area Summer Recreation Program with the closing of the Junior Olympics, games and events for boys and girls who were enrolled in the eight-week program conducted at area playgrounds. Approximately 72 boys and girls took part in the track and field meet and other sports at the Farmington High School athletic field.

Legion All-Stars
A hand-picked team of Farmington-American Legion Juniors defeated their counterparts from Wayne this past week, 8-4. The All-Star line-up for Farmington consisted of Fred McGinn, Red Bryant, Jim Baker, Chuck Roush, Gene Schaffer, Junior Nichols, Chuck Markham, Bud Rudberg and Ronnie Roberts.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS got a first look at what may replace black-top or bituminous asphalt road construction in future years as a soil-cement road construction project, the first in the Detroit Metropolitan area, was held in Farmington Village on a mile stretch of Wollington Drive. Pictured above getting a full account of the project from J. R. Stevens, paving engineer for the Portland Cement

Association, are (L to R) Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall and Township Clerk Floyd Cairns. Soil-cement roads are constructed by using a mixture of gravel and cement to form a base for a thin covering of asphalt. The machine at the extreme left is mixing the material while the machine on the right is spreading the cement.

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.



Subdivisions Going It Alone Only Solution . . .

In your editorial on August 22, you take issue with the proposed Kimberley East subdivision on the grounds that it will provide a part and a whole swimming pool for its residents. You state, "We look at the private subdivision swimming pool as a good thing with interest only in their own little area problems as being detrimental to the development of a good community."

As President of a subdivision home owners association which has a community pool, I take strong exception to your statement at an organization such as ours. It may be best to ask, "What groups such as ours are springing up in the newer subdivisions?" The reason is simply that the residents demand and seek services that are often provided by governmental units and that are not being provided in this community.

"Having a pool to provide recreation is not the only service lacking that is sought. We as an organized group have had to provide such things as swimming pool, our own "Stop" signs and overhead lighting because our backward and ruraly dominated community could not provide them. We feel that there is a need to pick up garbage and trash more than once a month so we hire it done."

When becomes an elementary assumption to say that if local government cannot provide these basic services, how in the hell can they provide something as costly as adequate recreation.

Call a subdivision pool a sales gimmick of anything else to sell a home, but basically it is an attraction to the moderate income home buyer who cannot afford a back yard pool or who does not want to travel miles to a lake. We as residents in this type of community appreciate our pool when it is well maintained.

Place for our youngsters to go within walking distance of home. It is properly supervised, cleaner than a lake, and reasonably priced. Because of a neighborhood pool, we develop a wider sphere of friendship in our community and become more community minded.

Reflecting on your article, I cannot feel guilty of being a part of this type of organization that seeks to provide the residents with services that cannot be supplied by local government and I also dispute your statement that citizens in this type of community show little or no interest in the community as a whole. We had two candidates for mayor in the last election. I myself, in the last school board election and I am sure that our secluded community will be well represented in the future. In fact, association dues for the year are \$10.00. The activity is probably a good training ground for future community service.

We of Forest Park, as pioneers in this type of community encourage the developer of Kimberley East subdivisions with the new residents the best of luck with their planned community.

CHARLES H. WILLIAMS, President
Forest Park Home Owners Association

Councilmen Felt They Should OK Zoning Board's Plan Changes

Action by the Zoning Board of Appeals in approving changes in the plot plans for Thomas Duke's proposed large apartment development next to the American Legion Hall came in for some sharp criticism from Councilman Henry Forrest at the last City Council meeting.

Forrest was of the opinion that any changes in plans proposed should have been presented to the Council since it was the Council itself that approved the initial plans.

COUNCILMAN Howard Thayer, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals himself, also stated that he felt it should have been up to the Council to approve or disapprove and move changes. He pointed out that he had raised a question about this when the matter came up before the Appeal Board and that this was the reason he abstained from voting at that time.

It was emphasized during discussion that the normal procedure for getting plans changed once they have been approved is to take the matter to the Board of Appeals.

City Manager John Diman pointed out that the changes were actually an improvement over the original plans and incorporated in them corrections of many of the things councilmen were critical about when the plans were under discussion. The number of apartments planned has now been reduced from 110 to 104 and the layout changed around to move the units closer to Grand River Avenue and further away from the residentially zoned property to the south and southeast.

FORREST and Thayer both agreed that the changes called for probably are an improvement.

A 'Thank You'

Our heartfelt thanks and eternal gratitude to the Farmington Township Police Department and especially to Officer Russell Conway for their efficiency in rescuing our daughter from almost certain death at the hands of a degenerate.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley G. Bush

Highway Funds Of 25 Million Divided in St.

The State Highway Department has started distributing the second quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections to Michigan counties and incorporated cities and villages.

State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie said net receipts of the Highway Fund during April, May and June of 1968, amounted to \$47,260,000, an increase of 2,487,060, or 5.5 per cent, compared to the same period of 1967.

OAKLAND County's share totaled \$973,679 while Farmington received \$10,237.

All state gasoline and diesel taxes and license fees go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

After deduction of collection costs and the Waterways Commission's share, the money is distributed under provisions of state law which provide that 47 per cent goes to the State Highway Department for use on state highways 35 per cent to the State's 83 counties for use on county roads and 18 per cent to 515 incorporated cities, villages and towns for their roads and streets.

Under this formula, the State Highway Department will receive \$22,214,984 as its share of the second quarter collections, while the counties will receive \$18,542,939 and the incorporated cities and villages will get \$6,482,077.

Wood Creek Farms received \$1,620 in highway funds and Quakertown \$1,218.

Southern Michigan has grown pay for them. Over a million an, up from \$100,000 in the Not in recent centuries, to be sure, but larger remains of mammoths and mastodons tell us so.

Farmington Soldier Completes U.S. Army First Aid Course

In living up to the motto, "The Army takes care of its own," Specialist Five Jack M. Callahan, 21, of Farmington, completed a 16-hour course recently in emergency first aid while a member of the 1st Armored Division's 4th Medical Battalion at Fort Hood, Tex.

SPECIALIST Callahan was trained in accident and injury evaluation, treatment of burns, psychological first aid and other features of emergency medical care. The course culminated in a county fair-type demonstration of the training that the specialist had received throughout the period of instruction.

Callahan, a medical specialist in the battalion's Company C at Fort Hood, entered the Army in August 1961 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

The specialist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn Callahan, 2555 Dulane, is a 1960 graduate of Farmington High School.

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Neil G. Morris Begins Naval Boot Training
Neil G. Morris, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Morris, 10800 State St., Farmington, is undergoing nine weeks basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Mich.

The intensive training program includes naval orientation, history and organization, military law, ordinance and gunnery, damage control, seamanship and shipboard routine, sentry duty, military drill and physical fitness, swimming, first aid and survival.

DURING THEIR training period recruits receive tests and interviews which determine their career assignments in the Navy. Upon completing the program they are assigned to service schools for technical instruction or to ships or shore stations for on-the-job training.

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