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In Our Opinion . . .

Getting Involved in Community Affairs

Summer vacations and the lazy summer season are now behind us and by now nearly everyone should be pretty well settled down to a routine of activities.

Now we would like to see each and every adult homeowner and business-man give some serious consideration to determining how they can become a little better community citizen this year than they were last year.

Nearly all of us can be so busy with our own personal schedule of activities that we cannot find at least a little bit of time to take an active part in some worthwhile community group or function. It might mean giving up a couple of favorite television programs one or two nights a week or foregoing some of our leisure time activity but we think the rewards of becoming a real part of an active community group will be found to be well worth it.

Naturally, there are the PTA groups at each of the schools, but if you're really interested in the school system locally you might consider becoming a member of the School Citizens Advisory Committee or the special Dropout Study Committee.

If safety of school children is a concern of yours then you might consider becoming a member of the special Community Safety Committee functioning in the community. You should not consider it, however, with the idea of getting a personal problem solved but rather with the intent of working to improve conditions in the whole community.

Becoming an active member of your own subdivision association should be a must. We would hope, however, that as a member you would try to push for a united effort on the part of your association in working with other associations in accomplishing community-wide betterment projects.

Of course there are a number of active local service clubs such as the Jaycees, Optimists, Kiwanis, Lions, etc. which would welcome you as an active member assisting in community projects they have in mind or undertaking or are talking about initiating.

Even if you do not feel that you can spare the time to become an active

A Problem to be Solved in the Home

Another rash of vandalism cases was reported by the Farmington Township police department last week and while no dollar value was put on the extent of the damage done, it was considerable.

School buildings seemed to be the target of the attack this last time but on other occasions it has been homes under construction in new subdivisions, road construction equipment, tombstones in cemeteries and numerous other types of properties having substantial values.

These cases do not fit in with the idea of childhood pranks but are serious malicious destruction of property crimes. A substantially larger police department might help curtail some of this problem but by far not enough.

The answer to the problem, as we see it, rests to a large degree right in the home. Respect and appreciation for other people's property and awareness of the seriousness of doing damage to others' property seems to be lacking among far too many young people today.

The usual comment you will hear is that this malicious destruction is being done by rowdy kids from areas outside our community where poor economic and social standards exist. We disagree. The increase in this type of crime is being caused by the failure of parents at all levels of our society to instill in their youngsters responsibility, respect and a set of proper values.

Too many have the attitude that Mom and Dad will stand behind them with pocketbook in hand to pay off no matter what they do short of murder.

A good example was provided last week when the story came out about the "big bust" debutante party in New York where supposedly well educated and well-to-do kids did nearly \$10,000 worth of damage to a fashionable mansion rented for the party.

And what was the attitude of the young man who broke a very expensive chandelier: "So I have to pay for one chandelier! Big deal!"

There was a serious malicious destruction of property crime committed but it was not all concerned about going to jail or before a judge to be put on probation and have his social activities curtailed sharply for some months. Neither was there any fear of what punishment his parents might dole out. Neither were the names of those involved published.

As long as we continue to protect our children when they do these kind of things and stand behind them with our pocketbooks open instead of with a good switch or some other form of stern disciplinary action to impose ever increasing penalties of this kind are going to continue.

At Naval Training Center for 9 Weeks

Samuel L. Thompson, 19, son of a ship or shore stations for training specialty.

Naval training produces the power in seapower by supplying qualified personnel to man the ships, aircraft and shore stations of today's Navy.

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

During their training period recruits receive tests and interviews which determine their future assignments in the Navy. Upon completion of the program they are assigned to service on-board ships or in shore schools for technical instruction.

Local USN Airman Completes Training

William R. Wichman, Jr., aviation electronics technician airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wichman of 24081 Ravenna Rd., Farmington, was graduated Aug. 16 from Aviation Electronics Technician School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

The nine-week course in navigation covers the repair, operation and maintenance of electronic equipment used to guide ships and aircraft under instrument conditions.

The curriculum includes radio theory, troubleshooting, identification and repair techniques.

Before attending the school, students must complete course in aviation familiarization.



L.J. YOUNGBLOOD

Det. Edison Co. Appointment

Appointment of Lawrence J. Youngblood of 21420 Giff Road, Farmington, as assistant field superintendent for Detroit Edison Co.'s construction and maintenance department has been announced.

Mr. Youngblood, a native of Detroit, started with Edison in 1928 as an apprentice bricklayer for the construction department. Later, he advanced through a series of posts to become field construction foreman in 1957. For the past three years he has been an inspector for the construction and maintenance department.

Twin Valley Views

MARIE BRAUER 476-5213

Just before Labor Day week Mrs. Marie Brauer and her daughters, Kristin and Jan, with Mr. and Mrs. A. Gross, visited Mrs. Hauser's parents in the Samoset Lodge in northern Ontario, Canada.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bednarzyk and their daughters, Monica, Anita and Rita, returned from a motor trip to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In Peckville, Pa., near Scranton, they visited Mr. Bednarzyk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bednarzyk, who hadn't seen their granddaughter, Monica, since she was one year old and had their first meeting with little Anita and Rita. They then took the grandparents on with them to visit Mr. Bednarzyk's sister - a d d brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Green in Reading, Pa. Before returning home, they drove to Haddonfield, N.J., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Rafe Balcarok. Mutual friends gathered at the Balcarok home to welcome them. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schuler with Sandy, Ron and Ken spent their vacation at Lake Delton, Wis. They enjoyed the water shoot on Lake Delton and the boat ride through the Upper and Lower Wisconsin Dells. They also visited Barab, Wis., and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

THE NEWCOMERS to Twin Valley Subdivision are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boston and children Robert, Tommy, Susan and Jimmy. They built a new home on Merrill Ct. They were originally from LaGrange, Ill.

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OVER LABOR DAY weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brauer with Betty, Bobby and Larry joined Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lang and Pat, Lemmie and Jimmy on a trip to Cleveland, Ohio. They enjoyed a sightseeing trip to Terminal Tower, the Art Museum and Gardens and St. Anne's Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Olgierd Szczepkowski of St. Mary Ct. and his son, Jeremy, who is here on a visit from Warsaw, Poland, camped for two weeks in the Northern part of the United States. They took a canoe trip near Ely, Minnesota and spent a third week at Lake Charlevoix, Mich. where Mrs. Szczepkowski said they enjoyed.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 11, 1958
School Bus Stop
A new two-way school bus stop law will go into effect next week, September 18, as a result of action taken by the Michigan legislature. The new law will require traffic heading in both directions to stop when a school bus stops on the highway.

Oppose New City
A citizens committee has been formed to oppose the proposed City of Farmington Woods. Whether incorporation of this proposed City will be allowed will be decided by the voters at the November 4 election. A strong opposition group is campaigning to impress upon residents the alleged pitfalls and high taxes which would follow the proposal if it succeeded at the polls.

Gravel Pits
The Farmington Township Board this past week charged that alleged mis-information had been printed by the League of Subdivision Associations regarding the operations of gravel pits within the Township. The Board stated existing gravel pits were in operation before the zoning laws came into effect and have not, as publicly stated, come into existence in the last three years.

Football Time
The Farmington High School football season gets under way in earnest next Friday afternoon as the Falcons play host to neighborhood rival Clarenceville. The Falcons are heavily favored to trample the visiting Trojans even though many of their key players were lost through graduation. Farmington went undefeated in the last season's football season.

Zoning Ordinance
The Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance came in for further study at the last regular meeting of the Board and another amendment was proposed that would include a portion of land abutting the Grand River Cut-Off near Drake Road. At the present time the area is zoned and unclassified.

New-High School
The new Farmington High School building was completed and ready for students after a last minute rush of details were completed by contractors. The new school located on Shiloh Avenue just west of Orchard Lake Road, still needs some minor work done before it will be fully completed.

Reception Center
A new reception center and communications office is nearing completion in the City Municipal Building.

New School Bus Law in Effect

A new law, now in effect, requires school buses to pull off the pavement whenever possible to allow or unload children.

Erwin Hendershot, director of bus transportation for Oak Ridge, said the new regulation will permit a motorist to pass a school bus which has pulled off the road after the red light has stopped flashing.

THE MOTORIST is required to stop first and then proceed past the bus no faster than ten miles per hour.

The purpose of the law, Hendershot explained, is to maintain the flow of traffic as well as to provide for the safety of school children.

The law is stated in Section 822, paragraph 6, of the Motor Vehicle Code, effective September 6, 1958.

Area Students Attend Leadership Workshop

Farmington area students gave the community something of which to be proud when the youngsters were elected by fellow representatives to committees and offices while in attendance at a leadership training workshop recently.

The University of Michigan Extension Service conducted its third workshop August 11 to August 16 at the Iron County Youth Camp on the shores of Indian Lake near Cystin Falls in Michigan's upper peninsula.

FOUR STUDENTS of Our Lady of Sorrows High School were chosen by its faculty to attend the leadership course and proved a credit to faculty judgment.

Out of the 64 students from all over the state of Michigan the Farmington group made its presence known in impressive fashion.

Danny McLaughlin was elected to the recreation committee while Tom Cunniff was elected to the Evaluation Committee.

Mike Bars was elected to the evaluation committee also and was chosen by the committee as its chairman.

KELLY BURKE was voted President of his barracks and as such became a member of the camp council. He was also elected by the council to be its president.

The 28 girls and 36 young men were given intensive instruction in techniques of leadership with primary application of these skills to be applied in student council activities.

The instruction was conveyed by professors on the staff of the University of Michigan as well as by several high school principals.

Seton Guild Plans Harvest Party Here

A "Harvest Party" is to be held on Thursday, September 19, at Laureate Hall in St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Home for Children in Farmington.

Refreshments will be served at 8:00 P.M. followed by cards with table prizes, door prizes and special prizes.

MRS. LEO WEBER and Mrs. Frank Burke are Chairman and Co-chairman and the following local women are working on the party: Mrs. Frank Battle, Refreshments; Mrs. Paul Bowman, Refreshments; and Mrs. Faye Baldwin, Decorations.

Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Richard Mrowczynski (EL. 6-0511), and Mrs. Jerry T. Flanagan (MI. 4-9399).

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Appointed Mgr. At NBD Branch

National Bank of Detroit has announced the appointment of Mitchell Herman as manager of its Middlebelt-Fourteen Mile Road office.

Mr. Herman, of 18919 Harlow, Detroit, has been with the bank since 1917, most recently as assistant manager of the Grand River-Fenkell office.

HE TOOK OVER his new post on September 1, succeeding Theodore F. Thrasher who becomes manager of the Seven Mile-Wyoming office.

The Middlebelt-Fourteen Mile office is currently operating in temporary quarters while its permanent building is under construction. The new building is scheduled for completion this fall.

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