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In Our Opinion . . .

Get the Facts, Then Make Your Decision

Between now and the middle of November voters of the Farmington School District have some important decisions to make.

Three important school election propositions will appear on a special school ballot on November 18 and our decision as voters on them will have a lot to do with the kind of school system we will have during the next few years.

Every voter in the school district during the next month and a half has an obligation to go to himself and his family but also to the community as a whole to gain all the facts he can on the propositions and weigh the need for approval of them carefully before going to the polls.

An excellent opportunity to do this is being provided by the numerous special presentations that are scheduled at schools in each and every neighborhood throughout the community during October and the first part of November. Since they will be presentations made by members of the Board of Education and school system's administrative staff, they will naturally be geared to try to convince you that there is a need for what is being asked for.

The important thing to remember, however, is that question and answer periods will follow each presentation. This will be your opportunity to raise any and all questions you might have. You feel too much is being spent for the new schools being constructed or that there are too many mills in our school program now being offered, then this should be your opportunity to say so and get the school people's frank answers as to why they feel this way.

Go to one or more of the presentations coming up and decide for yourself whether there really is a need. Get the facts before deciding. Don't accept the statements you hear over the radio, in the newspaper or at a club meeting or at the office shop as truth and make your decision on how you're going to vote on the basis of facts.

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Two Township Facilities Needed Badly

Farmington Township needs a community dump and there is also an ever growing need for a township police station. We are requesting that Township officials all recognize the need for these facilities but have been shying away from doing anything about providing them because of the general unpopularity of them.

When we have criticized the uncleanly conditions existing in many residential homes and business establishments in the community in the past, which we have done many times, we have done so, very frankly, with some misgivings. The reason has been that we know full well many would be doing a better job of keeping their properties clean up if they only had some place convenient for them to take their trash to for disposal.

As for the unsightly condition caused by damaged or old cars around many of our gas stations, a substantial portion of this is the result of the town's not having any place of its own for the police to order cars damaged in auto accidents or abandoned in the Township taken. The gas stations get them and they must be kept, to be reclaimed by their rightful owners, for at least 120 days before being disposed of as junkers.

The time for Township officials to start looking for some possible sites for these two needed community facilities is past due. If we are going to have the kind of clean community we want, they are going to have to be provided. We may be able to have our trash hauled or haul it ourselves to some other less populated neighboring communities for awhile yet but they aren't going to be willing to take our trash indefinitely.

We have no definite areas in mind where such community facilities might be located but feel that locations for such are going to have to be found soon if at all possible. The longer the matter is delayed while the community is continuing to build up, the harder it is going to be to provide such facilities.

Even right now we are reasonably certain that any location that might be picked would meet with some resistance.

Very careful study is going to have to be made to come up with locations where the least amount of detriment to the present and future will be caused and we say the time to start this study is right now.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

OCTOBER 2, 1953

Farmington Woods

The proposed City of Farmington was met with a heavy resistance this week as the Farmington Township Citizens Committee went into high gear to prepare their petition for incorporation. The section of the Township incorporated as a City. High taxes were the key point in objections against incorporation of incorporation.

School Enrollment

The number of students attending classes in the Farmington School District jumped up over the total number enrolled in schools last year. The new, all-time high enrollment figure for this year is 5,767.

Falcon-Victories

The Farmington High School football team won its second consecutive victory this week, defeating the Rochester Ravens 23 to 13. The Falcons appeared headed for an undefeated season.

10 Years Ago

OCTOBER 1, 1953

Moderate Vote

A moderate turnout is expected for the special election set for Farmington, Michigan, on Monday, October 5, to determine whether the Township will be closed to hunting.

Enterprise Glants

The Farmington Little League officially closed its 1953 baseball season with a whole of a banquet staged in the First Methodist Church. One of the highlights of the banquet was the presentation of the first place trophy which this year was won by the Farmington Enterprise Glants managed by Paul Temple and coached by Al Morrow and Ralph Porter.

Pack Theatre

More than 700 youngsters packed the Farmington Civic Theatre last Saturday night for the special celebration here of National Kids' Day sponsored by the Farmington Enterprise Glants and the cooperation of Ed Hohler, Civic Theatre manager, and the 30 or 30,000.

15 Years Ago

SEPTEMBER 30, 1938

Falcons Nipped

The Rochester Farmington football game played last Friday on the Falcon gridiron was knotted, 13-13, until the final minutes of the contest when the visitors scored the winning touchdown to leave Farmington a tough 20-13 defeat.

Registration Opens

Residents of the City and Township of Farmington who are now eligible to vote but not registered to do so may register themselves of the special registration period set to open next week at the office of the clerk in each local government. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 21.

Where Were They

Where was Farmington when the whistle blew, when the ball sailed through the air, when the visitors charged down the field? They weren't on the sidelines. Some of them, sure, but only a handful. Where was that? It wasn't on the 50 yard line, or the 30 or 30,000.

FLORAL PARK

E. H. PHILLIPS
GR. 4-5775

Well, back from a short vacation, and right away, we want to have a short visit with Mrs. Margaret Leathley, from South Venice, Florida.

Mrs. Leathley was here visiting her family and friends in the Detroit and Farmington area. She formerly lived at 2240 Lilac.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Knepler and their two sons, Raymond and Royce of 2250 Orchard Lake Road, just returned home from a real adventurous vacation. Hitching on their trailer, they went east on Highway 10 in Ontario from the Soo, to Thessalon. Here they turned north on Route 129, towards Chapeau. This road is called the "Chapeau Route," and it is just that. It sounds more like a Trail. Narrow, "washboard" and rough. Over a half a mile of underbrush and hemlock in with rough. Up and down rolling hills where it was impossible to see what was coming until you reached the crest. At several points, they would stop and would walk forward to see if they could get through with the trailer or not.

There was a practically no time to turn around so each time they went on. Just before they arrived at Chapeau, they saw a small store, so stopped with relief and went in to inquire about the road ahead. As they looked around the store, they noticed several huge bears skins hanging on the walls. They were informed that the bears were shot in the neighborhood last winter and spring. They were told that the temperature was about 60 degrees in the area with a snowfall of only three feet, in a mild winter.

Their next goal was Foley, northeast of Chapeau. The road was similar to the one they drove down the main thoroughfare there was not one person visible.

THEY STOPPED to check the supplies for the trip and found several articles had broken loose from their packing, and a milk carton sliced completely in two, from the rough, bumpy roads.

The town consisted of a gas station, a couple of stores and a Post Office. Before they were ready to leave, there was a d. a. combined effort in good spirit to make Farmington a better place in which to live. They are, also, individuals who wanted to meet other young men having mutual interests and objectives.

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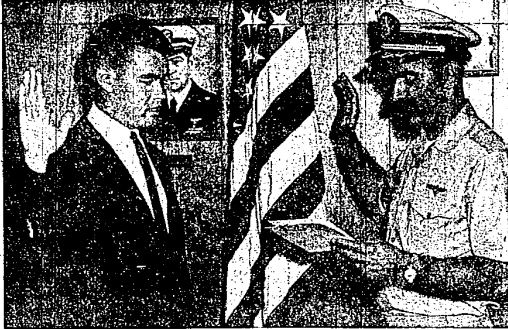
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PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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.

Local Jaycees Are Men of Action

To The Editor:
In a recent Enterprise editorial, you made mention of several of the local service clubs in Farmington, among them the Junior Chamber of Commerce. To supplement your remarks, we felt that we would like to tell you a little more about the Jaycees.

Our club was first chartered in 1946 and is currently made up of approximately sixty members, all of which are young men between the ages of 21 and 35, living in the Farmington area. Contrary to a popular misconception, the Jaycees are not all local merchants; in fact, most of the members work outside of the Farmington area.

The members do, however, have something in common: they are young family men who feel that they want to contribute a little of their time in the community. The club is a place in which to live. They are, also, individuals who wanted to meet other young men having mutual interests and objectives.

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Offer 5-Week Reader Skills Course at U of D

A five-week practical course in reading techniques designed for high school and undergraduate college students is being offered by the University of Detroit College of General Studies beginning Oct. 14.

Designed to improve the reading skills of high school and college students, the course provides for diagnostic testing of reading skills related to efficient reading.

THE CHIEF AIM of the clinic is to improve work-study reading skills of students. Topics covered include fitting into a reading to purpose, reading, skimming, comprehension, main ideas and details, summarizing, outlining, drawing conclusions and problem solving.

Vocabulary improvement through the use of context clues, knowledge of prefixes, roots, and suffixes, and the use of dictionaries and other word source books is also considered.

THE COURSE will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. daily from Oct. 14 to Nov. 15. It will be repeated from Jan. 6 to Feb. 7.

The classes will be taught by regular members of the University of Detroit Reading Clinic staff.

For information contact the College of General Studies, University of Detroit, Detroit 21, Michigan.

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Accreditation for NFHS Report Given

A detailed report on the findings of the North Farmington High School administration and staff to obtain accreditation from both the University of Michigan and the North Central Association of Schools was made to the Board of Education Monday night by Harold Humble, NFHS principal.

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—Mary Baker Eddy



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