

Kendallarks Now in 7th Yr.

The Farmington Kendallarks when the Christmas party was being planned last week. Bozo as an entertainment group much in demand throughout southeastern Michigan.

This chorus is unusual in that its members are all talented members within the group not only sing with the chorus but have perfected small acts, either as individuals or in small groups, and their versatility runs the gamut from light to classical works, from comedy to serious art.

THE KENDALLARKS are hard at work on a Christmas program which will appeal to children, especially since they are looking forward to entertaining at the annual Christmas party of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

All the Michigan chapters of the Foundation will be guests at this affair on December 8 at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. There will be about 1,000 children present, plus their families.

Mrs. Roger Belanger, president of the Kendallarks, was invited to sit in at the meeting of representatives of the Children's Leukemia Foundation.

Jim Dickerson Announces Candidacy for Congress

Confirming the rumors of the past several months, Jim Dickerson announced today that he is a candidate for the congressional seat in the nineteenth district.

Dickerson, Assistant to the Chancellor at Oakland University, said that his ten years of activity in the Republican party had created a strong interest in serving the party in elective capacity. Dickerson is 37 and a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

"I'VE HAD THE opportunity of being involved in a number of aspects of the economic development of a large portion of the district and believe its economic potential as well as its problems present an interesting challenge to a new congressman."

Because of the importance of this election to the people of the nineteenth district, I am certain that they will want to give careful consideration to the way each candidate approaches the problems facing the district and the nation. Slogans, labels and generalities are no substitute for a thoughtful analysis of the many issues confronting our country. I am looking forward to talking with many of the people in the district during the coming months, so that they will be able to have a clear idea of how I would represent them if I am elected.

"Naturally I am happy that it now appears that neither Dan Murphy nor Farrell Roberts will be candidates in the primary race for Congress. Both have been good friends and their interest in serving the county and state in other offices strongly influenced my decision."

Among his community activities are the following: member of NESC Manpower Refrainment Committee for Northern Oakland County; member Board of Directors of Family Service of Oakland County; past Chairman Public Relations Committee of Pontiac Area United Fund; past Chairman Industrial Affairs Committee of Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce; member of 1959 - 1960 Pontiac Mayor's Emergency Bus Transportation Committee.

IN THE REPUBLICAN party his responsibilities have included Precinct Delegate and Captain, District Chairman, Chairman Public Relations Committee, Member of County Executive Committee, delegate to County and State Conventions.

Dickerson received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan and is a graduate of the University's Law School. Before joining Oakland University as an administrator, he served in a business management and sales capacity in the newspaper and magazine publishing industry. Dickerson and his wife live with their three children in Bloomfield Township.



JIM DICKERSON

Bell Telephone Co., Enterprise Grow Up in Farmington Together

The history of the telephone in Farmington closely parallels that of the Farmington Enterprise and dates back to before the turn-of-the-century when Alexander Graham Bell's "invention" was still in swaddling clothes.

Michigan's first telephone exchange was only ten years old when the Farmington Enterprise was founded in 1888, and telephone service in Oakland County was provided by the Telephone and Telegraph Construction Company.

According to yellowed records, telephone numbers in those early days were assigned according to the date the order was received. Among those who had numbers between 1 and 10 was the Enterprise.

Service as provided over the telephone instruments of those days was a far cry from today's modern method of doing business and was dependent in part upon the subscriber's patience and lung power.

THE SOUND of wind and branches brushing streets, the lines were more distinct at times than the conversation being carried on. Combined with static and other outside noises, making a telephone call was considered quite a feat.

Much of the history of telephone service in this county is intertwined with the experiences of many small independent telephone companies which set up telephone exchanges and on operated toll lines.

One of the early companies here was the Peoples Telephone Company. By 1907, when it was sold to the later State Long Distance Telephone Company, it had a number of installations in Oakland County.

When in 1909, the Enterprise joined the series, "Life in Farmington 50 Years Ago," an article referred to the telephone service of 1908:

The tin shop and telephone office of Mike and Matilda Doherty was where the Homestead House (now Art Van's Furniture) is located. About 50 phones were connected, and a night service consisted of having someone sleep in the phone office.

The Inter-State Company continued to improve and expand its facilities in Oakland County until it was sold to the Michigan State Telephone Company in 1912.

GROWTH OF telephone service was slow but steady over the years, with the number of phones reaching the 500 mark in 1929.

How quickly service developed in this community since then is evident by the growth that took place before another quarter-century passed.

In 1953, Michigan Bell completed construction of a new central office and replaced Farmington's old "crank-type" telephones with manual service for 700 customers.

Each year for the next three years facilities were expanded and by the middle of 1961, the number of telephones had doubled to 1,400.

Following World War II, Michigan Bell poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into its Farmington exchange to keep up with the expanding community. By 1952, 4,600 subscribers were making 18,000 local calls a day.

Dial telephone service was inaugurated in this community in 1955 at a cost of more than a million dollars. When Michigan Bell opened its newest central office, Farmington's 6,500 telephones were connected to the latest type of equipment which permitted users to dial direct to 30 m e "4 million" telephones throughout the country.

WITH GROWTH continuing at an unprecedented rate, Michigan Bell had to expand its local facilities three times in as many years to keep up with new home and business construction.

To date, since the 1955 dial cutover, the company has spent some \$4.2 million here for expansion and improvement of its service.

The number of telephones has quadrupled in the past 10 years until today there are more than 20,000 total telephones in service in the Farmington exchange. Included in this figure are 12,000 main residence phones.

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