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In Our Opinion

Compromising on Both Sides May Be Needed

Many factors will have to be taken into consideration before it can be determined whether a swap of the old City Hall building and the Elks Lodge quarters just a few doors to the east on the north side of Grand River Avenue can be worked out.

It is our hope, however, that something can be worked out and that during discussions between the Elks Club and City officials, the City will be more strictly on the basis of dollars and cents involved but also on the basis of the value to be derived for the downtown business district as a whole. Let's face it, a lot of the City's future is dependent on the success of the business district in the downtown business district.

The old City Hall building probably still has quite a few years of usefulness in it yet although a fair amount of remodeling might have to be done if the building is to be utilized to the fullest. New on the block is the Elks Lodge which is the old Grace Hotel building, has more than served its years of usefulness.

It stands out as somewhat of an eyesore in the downtown business section. The City should be equally as interested in getting it torn down as we are sure the owners of nearby businesses are.

To have the area the building now occupies cleared to provide an access route to the rear of business establishments would at least be a start at determining whether the north side of Grand River Avenue downtown. An ingress route here would be far better than one where the old City Hall building now stands.

While the Elks-Lodge building has more Grand River frontage than the City Hall building, we feel the City should admit that their building has little if any future value as such while the old City Hall building does.

Our hope is that both Elks officials and our city fathers will see fit to make concessions in their thinking during the course of negotiations for the swap of these two properties and that a satisfactory agreement to both parties can be reached.

While there are still a few among us who have their heads buried in the sand, it is our feeling that most of our community's leaders, elected officials and organization leaders alike, now fully realize the importance of doing things that they can to help local business and industry thrive.

In nearly every instance, the healthy community is one that has a reasonable amount of healthy commerce and industry in it. This kind of a community is the one that also has the most active clubs and organizations in it.

The Dog Problem Should Not Be Ignored

This is the time of year when all who have dogs as pets or should be thinking about getting them vaccinated and obtaining licenses for them.

Unfortunately, however, we fear that there are far too many dog owners in the area who are not and don't intend to comply with the law on this matter. And, the really sad part of the whole matter is that neither the City nor Township has a really effective means of forcing them to.

Not only will there be a lot who will not comply with the law in having their dog vaccinated and licensed but they'll probably cause greater agitation for many of their fellow homeowners in the community by allowing their dog to run loose much of the time. Again, there has been no one to correct this situation for neither the City nor Township has the personnel or facilities for coping with this matter.

The problem of people getting dogs and then not having them vaccinated and licensed as they should and allowing them to run loose is a great deal of the time has been one that has been with us a long time. Countless thousands of dollars worth of personal property damage has been done by loose dogs, including the killing off of many of our citizens' other domesticated animals.

Fortunately, we have had no humans in our community who have been attacked by dogs found to be rabid in recent years, but the constant fear that it could happen at any time is always there.

As the community continues to grow the seriousness of our dog problem continues to mount.

We are not dreamers enough to believe that anything local governing bodies might do could completely solve the problem. We do feel, however, that the time is NOW for some corrective steps to at least reduce the seriousness of the dog problem which now prevails.

Our proposal would be that serious consideration be given by City and Township officials to the appointment of a dog warden or two, to give them the right to handle the dogs which the local wardens would pick up then the setting up of a local dog pound might also be in order.

We can't see that this proposal would prove so costly that enough money could not be found in the City and Township budgets to provide this additional badly needed service.

Ignoring the problem is not going to make it go away. Our understaffed local police departments cannot be expected to continue to act as local dog wardens as well as performing all the many other duties they are called upon to do.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
JANUARY 29, 1959
Sells Snow Ties
Last week David E. Krings of 3248 Dolansky inspired a two-line classified ad in the Enterprise. He had a pair of snow ties. He had 21 calls about them and sold the ties by noon on Thursday.

No Cloning
The proposal to allow a circus to be set up and open across from school property during school hours received a cool reception from the Farmington School Board who apparently are of the mind that no time or place to be clowning around.

FHS Wrestler
Dale Wiestler, the Farmington wrestler, has defeated at least one of the top wrestlers in the state in his last match. He dropped down to his knees in a wrestling position to the last time out and won easily.

Really Falls Short
The Farmington High School basketball team dropped to third place in league play last Friday to first place by a 46-37 score. The Falcons were only two points off the pace at intermission but failed to carry the initiative when play resumed for the second half in the action.

10 Years Ago
JANUARY 28, 1954
New Policeman
The Farmington Township Board authorized the hiring of a new Township police officer, Bill Bitter.

Unidentified Lady
An unidentified lady was reportedly bitten by a dog near the intersection of the Elks-Lodge building and Grand River Avenue. The lady was taken to the hospital and the dog was shot.

Light Vote
Voting in the Primary Election last Thursday was extremely light, more so than expected, in one precinct of the Township only. As persons went to the polls all day.

Minister Show
The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce has launched plans for its annual minister show. Bob Clark is the general manager, James Wall is the show director. Bill H. is the business manager and Ed West is the stage manager.

Falcons Leading
The Farmington High School basketball team is leading the league in possession of first place in the Inter-Lakes Conference last Friday with a victory over Van Wert. The Falcons now own a 4-1 record in league play.

15 Years Ago
JANUARY 27, 1949
FHS Captains Win
The Farmington High School basketball team won a game in a non-league contest last night. It was the ninth victory of the season for the Falcons. The game was played at the Mustangs' home, 46-30.

School Additions
Both the new Bond Elementary School addition and a new grade school will be opened January 31 for students in the Farmington School District.

Extend City Limits
You may have noticed this week that the signs at the east end of town were extended further east to Grand River and Hawthorne Street, the new City limits along the Elks-Lodge area was amended.

Editorial
If more talks and when it belongs to the people, it should even show a little, a revision of our State Constitution is an important "must." This is particularly true in the case of a local organization, is concerned.

Top Team
The Farmington Dairy bowl team is in first place in the county. It is at Farmington. The team is made up of the following: Lanes this week.

WPC Says It Needs All the Information It Can Get
The WPC says it needs all the information it can get to help it set prices for natural gas.

Children's Art Classes Open February 8th

Mr. Kenneth Moss will teach art classes, Saturday, February 8th. The classes are sponsored by the Farmington Public Schools in cooperation with the Detroit Institute of Art. The Institute makes available its great resources, to the instructor and the children.

The series of classes provide children an opportunity to work in a variety of mediums with students their own age with the best of materials and under competent supervision. In addition to the classes, are planned to supplement the art lessons that the children receive in their regular classroom.

Enrollment forms (i.e. the classes are being distributed in the public schools this week and are available to other interested persons by calling Robert Benjamin, Elementary Art Consultant at 474-5132.

The classes at Farmington High School are open to interested students from the area in grades 1 through 12. Enrollment dates, class dates and times, and fee are all outlined on the enrollment form.

Any questions about the classes should be directed to Mr. Benjamin.

Grade School Workshop Held For Educators

The Farmington elementary school teachers attended a workshop at the Ten Mile School on Friday, January 24. Response to the all-day workshop was so good that additional chairs had to be set up in the aisle ways to accommodate all of the teachers and administrators. The workshop was held for the purpose of exchanging ideas and information among the teachers and administrators.

Miss Edna Merton of the Holt, Rinehart and Winston Company spent the morning explaining to the group what she termed, "contemporary mathematics." She held the workshop attention of the educators with her dynamic personality and her ability to present new ideas in a most interesting manner.

The workshop program in the afternoon featured Miss Merton's discussion with Farmington elementary school teachers from the kindergarten through third grade classes.

Mr. E. Swore of Holt, Rinehart and Winston discussed mathematics with teachers of fourth through sixth grade classes in the Farmington School District.

Teachers and administrators planned many new and interesting developments in the math and arithmetic fields from the latest techniques. The workshop was staged for the purpose of keeping faculty members and administrators in step with the latest techniques and developments in education.

Ole Oja Hears Pest Control Experts Talk

Ole Oja from Ace Entomologist Co. attended the 28th Annual Pest Control Operators Conference at Purdue University.

This regional conference, attracting pest control operators and scientists from many areas of the country, is designed to bring people up-to-date on insect and other pest problems. A group of scientists including Dr. Richard Miller, University of Kentucky, Dr. Philip J. Spear, technical director of the NPGA, and Dr. William J. Schuchman, Purdue University, explained the problems of utilizing new insecticides in order to provide safe, effective control measures for the public.

The growing importance of insect resistance to chemicals was reviewed by Dr. J. M. Grayson, head of the Department of Entomology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

With many of our insects now resistant to common insecticides, it is necessary to use new materials, which also have been developed, to achieve control. When insecticides are used according to the label directions, they present little hazard to the public. Such details were reviewed by Dr. Mitchell Zaron, entomologist with the Kettering Laboratories.

It was pointed out by Dr. John V. Osman, head of the Department of Entomology at Purdue, and Chairman of the National Pest Control Operators' conference, that the pest control operator because of his training and familiarity with insecticides and rodenticides is the best qualified person to be handling these materials, rendering safe, effective service to the public.

In addition to insecticides, considerable Conference time was devoted to modern approaches to termite control, the problems of birds and pests, and new uses for fumigations. This Conference scheduled for five days concluded on Friday, Jan. 24.

Girl Scouts Taking Orders For Cookies

From January 31 through February 9 Girl Scouts will be taking orders for cookies. Delivery will be March 14 through March 23. The cookies sell for 5 cents a box. These will be Fudge Cream Sandwich, Butter Flavored Shorties, Peanut Butter Cookies, and Mints. The girls are urged to be sure to order all that you can use when the girls knock at your door for they will be delivered only once.

This is one of the ways the girls can secure funds for their treasury. For each box of cookies sold, the girls will receive a bonus of 5 cents. As the girls find it difficult to do all of the things they desire on the limited funds available to them, this is your opportunity to help them.

IN ADDITION to the troop bonus, the girls will receive benefits through the funds which are returned to the council. These monies go to develop camp facilities and to subsidize camp fees so that girls have an opportunity to enjoy camp.

Current plans for Camp Narn include a new four-sided building to accommodate 20 girls and 12 adults. Present sites are Sky III, Hillside, Oak Hollow, Star Bluff and Timber Lodge which accommodate 20 girls and 14 adults each. The waterfront will be revamped this spring.

Plans call for a new Dining Hall and Canteen quarters by June of '68 and a Trading Post for '68.

Cville School To Try Evening Library Hours

After a number of weeks of consideration, the staff and principals of the Junior and Senior High Schools, and the Superintendent of Schools, have decided to try evening library hours.

Plans call for the library to be open for two hours on possible Tuesdays and Thursdays. The library will be open for high school students to work on various projects, studies, or assignments.

It was also a part of the recommendation that a class-room teacher be available in order to assist youngsters who may be having scholastic difficulties in certain areas. One of the members of the student librarian staff will work with the teacher and will be in charge of the checking of books.

It is anticipated that the program will be satisfactory to both staff and students.

Farmington Coed Named to Dean's List

Ann Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Spicer, 2254 14th, Farmington, has been named to the Dean's List for her excellent academic record during the past term at Northwestern University, Alton.

President Arthur E. Turner will host a dinner in the early spring for the members of the Dean's List, all of whom must maintain a B average to be included on this list.

Ann is enrolled in Arts and Sciences.



EXCHANGING IDEAS at an informal meeting before the Elementary School Workshop staged last Friday for teachers and administrators in the Farmington School District are (L. to R.) Workshop Chairman Jack Cleveland, principal of the Alameda Elementary School; Miss Edna Merton, workshop guest speaker and nationally prominent authority in the field of mathematics; G. V. Harrison, superintendent of the Farmington School District; and Dr. David Wells, Oakland County mathematics consultant.

Farmington Acres News

MARGE STOCK
GR. 4-3488

IRENE WALKER
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At the annual general meeting of Farmington Meadows Association the following Board of Directors were elected: District 1 has not elected a representative yet; District 2, George Sammons; District 3, Al Doser; District 4, Ted Pidgeon; District 5, Gary Green; District 6, George Stancuk; District 7, Tom Michalski; District 8, Norm Haverly; District 9, Ed Kretz; District 10, has not elected a representative yet; District 11, Bob Smith; District 12, Gary Stenquist; District 13, George Uba. District 14-large elected the same evening were Ron Wellbaum, Orman Bowers and Bob Walker. At the Board of Directors business meeting held last week, the following officers were elected: President, Bob Walker; Vice President, Gary Stenquist; Secretary, Bob Smith; Treasurer, Tom Michalski.

LOU GRENIER was hostess to a luncheon honoring Ginny Oakes birthday last week. Ginny, who with her family will be moving to Lansing soon, was greeted by Mary Lou Rhodes, Estelle Stale, Jean Osborne, Lee Justice, Helen Jackowski and Margaret McFarland.

Farewells were said on Laurelwood as Bill and Betty Nash and son "Butch" left for their new home in Highland Park. Over one hundred guests and youngsters drove off to their new home in the state of Massachusetts.

As ever, the bridge club met on a matter what the weather. Marge and Glenn Stock were hosts to the "Friendship Finances" month. The bridge players were Lynn Washburn, Joyce and Gary Green, Irene and Bob Walker. Winners for the evening were John Washburn, 1st prize, 2nd prize, Marge Stock, and 3rd prize, Lynn Washburn.

Bridge Club No. 3 met at the home of Nan Held on Robinson Road. Regular members playing were Mickey Starn, Joseph McGarrick, Janet Steng, Barb Adams, Joan Friedman, and new member Fran Nickels. The evening's winners were Joan Friedman, 1st prize; Barb Adams, 2nd; and Arline Strane, 3rd.

Bridge Club No. 3 chose their January meeting to present Ginny Oakes with a farewell gift. Regular members present were Jean Osowski, Lee Justice, Helen Jackowski, Betty Bottel, Lou Grenier, and substitute Mary Wischmeyer and Nancy Noble.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 659 enjoyed an evening skating at the Redford artificial skating rink last Friday evening. They were accompanied by their leaders, Ruth Vanden Hurvel and Polly Layshie, and a group of mothers and fathers who acted as drivers and chaperones. The girls skated to music and some of the girls took this opportunity to qualify for a skating badge. Cookies and cocoa were served.

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Plan Mercy College Health Careers Day

Junior and senior high school students interested in medical fields are invited to participate in "Health Careers Day" at Mercy College of Detroit on Saturday, February 8.

Displays, demonstrations, films, and a tour of Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital will give an overall understanding of the various health and medical areas of endeavor.

Registration with Mrs. Elizabeth Byres, director of admissions, should be made before January 31. For further information, call XEwood 1-7820.

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