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## In Our Opinion...

### Things Get Done When Approach Is Right

A group's willingness to put forth a little effort on its own coupled with a spirit of cooperation with government officials can go a long way in getting a worthwhile community project accomplished.

This has been clearly demonstrated on the project now in progress to get the old Quaker Cemetery on Gill Road completely fenced in again and the cemetery restored to a historical landmark in the community.

For the past several years now comments of concern had been voiced from time to time with regard to the way the old cemetery, where many of the community's early settlers are laid to rest, was becoming more and more run down. They usually came just before or just after Memorial Day and then were heard no more for another year.

This was not the case this year. The Farmington Historical Society, with a big assist from the Farmington Center Corporation's representative, presented a "long shot" city officials in the form of a direct appeal to the general citizenry for contributions to help finance the cemetery's fencing as a part of the total improvement project. Not nearly enough to finance the whole project was raised in about two short weeks a sum of \$175 in small contributions was received from interested citizens.

It was enough of a show of desire to prompt city officials to unanimously approve an expenditure of approximately \$600 in city funds to make it possible for the fencing phase of the project to be completed.

We are sure that officials of the city nor officials of none of the other governing bodies in the community would be able to come up with a generous amount of money such as this for every community betterment or improvement project that might be proposed.

City officials' action on the cemetery project, however, does prove a very good point. This is, that city officials are willing to cooperate with any group in accomplishing an end which is in the best interest of the community as a whole; if the group shows a willingness to work to help, and demonstrates a spirit of cooperation to them.

Officials of the Township of Farmington and the Farmington School District will generally cooperate with groups in the same manner if they determine the project proposed or the request being made to be worthy and reasonable and in the best interest of the citizenry as a whole.

Certainly not all of the worthwhile proposals or requests that have been brought before our locally governing boards in the past have been given the consideration we would have liked to have seen but by far a majority have.

In a number of cases, unfortunately, some worthwhile projects have never gotten off the ground when presented to our governing bodies because of the approach used. Those making proposals of requests frequently take a very demanding attitude and show no willingness to cooperate in the project or see the governing board's position on the matter and agree to a compromise.

Following rules and regulations for being heard by a governing body seems to be something few want to do. Yet, such rules and regulations are necessary if all business is to be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner. Letting everyone stand up at an official meeting and comment on anything and everything they want to for as long as they want is just not possible.

Those who follow proper procedures and show cooperation get a lot more done. Those who show complete disregard for rules and regulations in procedure and take a demanding "you have to do it" approach rather than showing a spirit of cooperation are much less successful.

### You'll Get What You're Willing to Pay For

What you want and are willing to pay for in the way of general community services and facilities is exactly what you are likely to get.

Before being too critical about what little service you are getting from your community compared to what friends you know are getting from their community, you would first have to compare the communities' operating budgets. Naturally, of course, you would have to take into consideration the differences in populations of the two communities in doing so.

A rather interesting comparison might be made on the budget for Farmington Township's proposed general operating budget for the coming year has been set at about \$477,000. The city's proposed general operating budget figure for the coming year is not yet available but it will probably be set somewhere between \$475,000 and \$500,000.

Based on the best estimates available, the total population in the township is now about four times as great as the city's population.

Since the total general operating budgets of the two governmental bodies are approximately the same, it would be reasonable to assume that City of Farmington families and business places should have facilities and services provided by their governing units four times as great as families and business establishments in the township.

With a per capita expenditure four times as great as the township's city property taxes should naturally be getting substantially better police and fire protection, much better rubbish and garbage pickup services, better roads and sidewalks, and on and on and on.

It seems strange to us, however, that many people just can't seem to understand this basic principle.

Those who choose to buy property in the city agreed to pay more in taxes to have the facilities and service cities offer. Those who chose a township location must have been, or at least should have been, aware of the fact that they were going to pay much less in taxes than they would have to be satisfied with less in the way of services and facilities.

As more and more services and facilities are demanded by the majority in the township or any other community, then the per capita expenditure has got to be increased. The only sure way that this can be accomplished is through higher tax levies.

### Looking Back in the Files

#### 5 Years Ago

MARCH 26, 1959

**Fire Chief**

George Hume was confirmed by the Farmington Township Board at its last regular meeting March 25 to determine whether a \$1,500,000 school number one in Farmington, building program, proposed by Hume has been serving in the capacity of Fire Chief for some time.

**Scoring Honors**

Harvey Chapman captured the scoring honors on the Farmington High School basketball team this season with a total of 270 points for the Falcons.

**Council Race**

A total of 12 candidates will be running for the three available seats on the Farmington City Council in the forthcoming election. Incumbents, Thomas Barber, V. O. Bates and James M. Cavanaugh, all are seeking re-election.

#### 10 Years Ago

MARCH 25, 1954

**School Vote**

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#### 15 Years Ago

MARCH 24, 1949

**Grass Fires**

A total of 21 calls were made by the Farmington fire department over a three-day period last weekend as an epidemic of grass fires swept the city and township area.

**Miss Sandy Schulze**

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### Kendallwood Comments

KATHY ZISKI, GR. 4-2621

The Kendallwood Women's Club is sponsoring a bridge party April 28 at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows. The funds will be put into the Orthopedic Fund for the Plymouth State Home and Training School for the Deaf and Blind. Tickets may be purchased through Elaine Dempster, GR. 6-3327, or Mary Jane Currie, GR. 4-2508. There will be refreshments and prizes.

The North Farmington Little League Baseball for Boys will present all-star professional wrestling at North Farmington High School on Saturday evening, April 4. There will be five pro bouts. Features will be a midge, match and an eight-lb. tag team bout. For details call Betty Kouris, GR. 4-6138, Barb Benva, GR. 6-3088, Moni Erickson, GR. 6-2788 or Mary Ann Kalkonen, GR. 4-6566.

The Kendallwood Keglers' Club will have a "Five Mixed Bowling League" that bowls at the Strike and Spares had an election of officers. The newly elected officers are: President, Gerry Campbell; Vice President, Bert Bacon; Secretary, Elaine Dempster; and a Treasurer, Chuck.

**MISS ANN BREZNEK** of Quail Hollow had a visit from her sister, Sue Sebastian from Cleveland, Ohio to help celebrate her birthday and the following weekend her daughter-in-law and their four children, Helen and Sammy Magnus from St. Clair Shores and her son, Donald Bittner and two children from Detroit, visited with her for her birthday.

Linda Rindskopf, daughter of a and Pat Rindskopf of Farmerville, celebrated her tenth birthday on Saturday, March 14. Her friends that helped her celebrate and blow out the birthday candles were Mary Selloff, Clare Schiller, Susan Gasser, Julie Bishop, Karen Dunn, Jane Kinsey, Colleen Sauter, Diana Drummond and Gale Storm. Also celebrating his tenth birthday last week was John Patterson, son of Fred and Doris Patterson of Leamington.

**SYMPATHIES** are extended to Mrs. K. P. Davidson of Farmington Road on the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Jay Gould, of Bay City.

**Miss Gignoni** and her young son, Jimmy, age 11, of Old Forge Lane, placed third in the recent First Annual Father and Son Bowling Tournament last Saturday, March 14, sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. They had been the leaders until the last squad bowled and were beaten out by eight pins.

**Bill and Dolores Schaefer** of Old Forge Lane were delivered by the state and were delivered a 9 lb. 5 oz. baby boy, named Kurt, on March 23. His two brothers, Billy, age 8, and Eric, age 5, are delighted that they have a brother.

**Brownie Troop No. 681** will make "approximately twenty" Easter baskets for the needy. The baskets will contain chocolate bunnies and a jelly bean which will be delivered to the Sarah Fisher Home on Thursday. There are seventeen members in the troop. Its leader is Marilyn De Haan.

On April 10, the Kenbrook P.T.A. is sponsoring a Square Dance at Dunkin' High School as a fund raising drive.

### 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.

**Reader Feels 'Checks' on Salesmen Wrong**

Dear Mr. Kiley:

I have just read your article entitled, "I've wanted it for a long time. Can Be Controlled" regarding door to door salesmen. I am in complete disagreement with your attitude concerning this type of salesmen, particularly when you classify every salesman in the same category.

You have evidently forgotten the "American Way" of free enterprise in which the salesman has been the great promoter of same. It always has been the outgoing aggressive without antinomy salesmen who have promoted the best things this country has ever had in the way of religion, politics, and material things. I know many ministers and priests who sell their product from door to door; would you have them carry a license to sell their product? Of course not, you say, "It's not the same thing."

Well, don't you see it all in the same class, Mr. Editor, as you have so deeply done by your little ambiguous prologue to your Male Help Wanted column - which you were so busy about answering ads for salesmen. The large metropolitan papers don't see fit (or the need) to warn people about the very ads which you accuse me to run in your paper.

I think Mr. Kiley, that you would do well not to project your own limited thinking into your paper. A paper that reaches a great number of people who might really believe that since you are the only one of a newspaper, you might even begin to be right. You certainly project the mental attitude you possess about the people who have played the greatest part in making this country great - salesmen. Salesmen of religion, education, and everything else that is good that is a timid fear to approach in a positive manner for fear of being reproached, laughed at, or ridiculed.

I object, Mr. Editor, and I challenge you to print this - even though most of my colleagues and salesmen friends believe that you will not.

Donald G. Helmsdon, Promoter of Free Enterprise and Direct sales people.

**EDITOR'S REPLY:** I respect your right to disagree with my thinking, as I express that in my editorials, or the thinking or feelings of any other individual or group. This is why we welcome and publish "letters to the editor."

I believe in the free enterprise system and the importance of salesmen to make this system work the same as you. After all, newspapers, through the advertising that does and must appear in them if they are to survive, represents one of the biggest sales forces in our free enterprise system to help.

While I believe wholeheartedly in salesmen and in the need for them, I also feel that they should have some protection from undesirable salesmen. By that I mean salesmen who want to try to peddle an inferior product or service and then move on to another community to fleece others.

Protection against undesirable salesmen is the reason why I favor all communities having ordinances requiring salesmen or peddlers to be checked out thoroughly and licensed before they go door to door.

### Local News

MARIE LONG GR. 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas De Groot of Flint announce the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Lynn, born March 21. She weighed eight pounds at birth. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pagel of Grand River Avenue and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don DeGroot of Ardmore Street, both in Farmington. The former Linda Jean Pagel is a 1961 graduate of Farmington High.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson of Grandville welcomed the birth of a baby girl, Rhonda Marie, on March 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She weighed six lbs., ounces at birth. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blum of Southfield and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnston of Detroit.

Mr. Melkian of Wilmarth Street was taken to Providence Hospital in Detroit on Monday of this week. She and her husband formerly operated a shoe repair shop here.

**MISS MARGARET SNOW**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Snow, 21504 Karl St., announces her engagement to William H. Kelts, son of Mrs. Doris Kelts of 17224 Patton Ave., Redford. A fall wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. McCullough of Flint Ave. returned home March 19 from a two-week vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida where they visited old time friends.

Mrs. Martha Pence of Indianapolis, Indiana and a friend visited recently with the Boyd Fairfax of Farmington Road.

Beverly Baker, Mary Porter and Linda Trombley, all of Farmington, are home from Michigan State University for spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Monard Peterson of Blue Earth, Minnesota recently visited their cousin, Mrs. Lester Lemon of Hull.

**MRS. ELMER LELL** of Farmington is in Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for treatment and will undergo surgery sometime this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Perry of Farmington Road have been entertaining Mrs. Perry's mother, Mrs. Nelson from Norfolk, Virginia for the past month. Last week her husband drove up for a few days visit and to drive Mrs. Nelson home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner, formerly of Cass Court, have moved to Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Warner was transferred there by the Ford Motor Company.

Robert Bacon of Power Road and Gary Mannisto of Medbury Street are home for Easter vacation in Bradenton, Florida from their studies at Northwestern University.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denbo of 3195 Inkster Road are returning this week from a winter vacation in Bradenton, Florida. They stopped in Corydon, Indiana for a brief visit with relatives. They later spent eight weeks in Bradenton, Florida before moving on to Ft. Lauderdale where they spent the rest of the winter soaking up the sun and attending the races at Pompano Beach. They also paid a visit to Mrs. Eva Anderson, formerly of Farmington, who now makes her permanent home in Florida.

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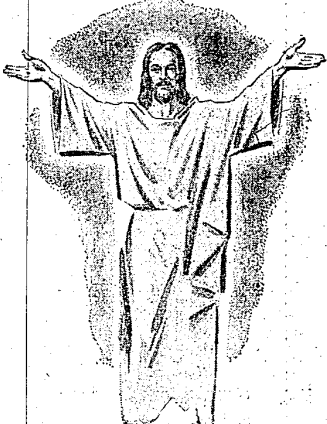
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### Attend Easter Services

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### Watch Out for Mail Frauds

Noting that mail frauds filch millions from the public annually and are increasing, Postmaster Henry Trombley urged today that local residents take care in responding to solicitations from unknown companies or to "offers too good to be true."

The Postal Service is pressing a strenuous drive against quackery by mail, land fraud promotions, gyp work-at-home schemes and the like. Trombley said, but must have the cooperation from the citizenry.

"It should be emphasized," Postmaster Trombley stated, "most businesses doing business by mail are reputable firms, including many that may not be familiar to the prospective purchaser. However, if you have any doubt, it is best to get information from reliable sources, such as the Better Business Bureau. In cases where there is a genuine prospect of fraud, we would like to have prompt information from the public in my office and I will see that appropriate action is taken."

### Girl Scout News

Farmington Girl Scout Troop 819 held a Scouts' Down for their parents March 21 at the home of Marg Habicht, 3688 Britany Drive. The theme was "learning through badge work."

Each girl presented a badge she had earned and displayed work accomplished through badges.

The girls who had earned sewing badges prepared the table arrangements and served as hostesses. They were Linda Finlay, Maureen Jarus, Diane Jagelsky, Kathy Lynett, Loriann Marra, Patricia Och, Patty Williamson and Dina Wolf.

**THE GIRLS** who had earned their cooking badge baked cookies and prepared punch. Serving on the refreshment committee were Kirsten Bell, Janice Dishman, Mary Habicht, Amy Kirksey, Joyce Redwood, Janet Taylor, Cynthia Wilson, Cynthia Wolf and Debbie McJannet.

A film showing the group of girls who had qualified for Horsewoman badges last summer was enjoyed by the audience. Mrs. Habicht and Mrs. Wolf are co-leaders of Troop 819.

I love everything that's old, friends, time, books and wine. - Goldsmith

If you've been badly wronged, forgive and forget. - Mary Baker Eddy

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### Twin Valley Views

HELEN CAMPBELL 474-782

Not too much going on around Twin Valley, at any rate, my phone hasn't been kept too busy.

The fifth and sixth grades at North Farmington School entertained their parents at their annual Spring Music Concert last Monday, March 16. It was nice seeing Mrs. John Dignan and Mrs. Charles Kupferschmidt, and the Carl Campbell's from our area.

**MISS SANDY SCHULZE** of St. Mary's Court has something in common with the President's daughter, Lynda Byrd, they both celebrate their birthdays on March 19. Sandy was seven and Lynda was eight.

Miss Lynn Walzke also of St. Mary's Court will be "Sweet Sixteen" on Good Friday, March 27. She entertained with a dinner party of fifteen of her girl friends from Farmington High.

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### West Farmington Farm Bureau Meets

The West Farmington Farm Bureau held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Green of 37800-14 Mile Road on Tuesday, March 17.

Twenty members representing a total of twelve families were present. The March 17 meeting marked the 19th anniversary of this organization.

**SUBJECTS** discussed at the meeting included:

1. Donations for the Sister Kenny Foundation, an organization which this club has contributed to for many years.
2. Contributions to "Friends for Friendship," a philanthropic agency of Farm Bureau.
3. A report by Wendell Green on the organizational meetings of the Michigan Certified Farm Market.

The discussion topic of the month, "Farm Control Bids for Farm Voice," was enjoyed by the members and was expertly conducted by discussion leader, Louis Gibson.

After adjournment, the members enjoyed an anniversary cake and ice cream were served by the hostess, Mrs. Wendell Green.

The place of meeting for April will be announced at a later date.