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## In Our Opinion...

### It's A Big Step in the Right Direction

It was with great pleasure that we announced last week the official signing of the first industrial plan to be located in the large Farmington Freeway Industrial Park Area in the west-central portion of Farmington Township.

The Diamond National Corporation's division plan which will be the first to go under construction in the industrial park is only the beginning of the development of the more than 500 acre park, but a very good start, as far as we can determine. Other plans in the park are already being planned, we are told.

For the past several years now, the per-capita value of the Farmington community has been slipping further and further downhill in spite of the fact that we have been adding more and more homes of above average valuation in our community. While it still may be hard for many of our citizenry to understand, a good sound community tax base cannot be built with above average homes alone. It takes a balance of commerce and industry.

The valuation behind each child in our public school system recently dropped far enough below the state average that we were labeled as a "distressed school district," and still are. Fortunately, we have been able to maintain a reasonably good school system but it becomes harder and harder to get good teachers and administrators and keep them. Many other districts are raising pay for teachers and administrators so much faster than we that good personnel is being lost.

Our city and township governments have functioned relatively well but a better tax base would make needed improvements that are going to have to come much easier to provide without placing an undue tax hardship on homeowners.

Rapid development of the industrial park in the township the next five to ten years is the only solution to making Farmington a really healthy community.

### Stimulating Interest, Pride the Objective

Writing editorials week in and week out, year after year, can prove somewhat frustrating at times.

Far too often the editorial writer's efforts are misunderstood or completely ignored. At least it seems that way quite often.

The purpose of editorials, which are an important part of any good community newspaper, is to provoke thought and to stimulate community interest and spirit among people in the community or communities that that paper serves. Contrary to what many might think, the space is not set aside as an area in the paper for the publisher to say nice things about people or make comments that will please the majority. Neither is it space to be used to boost the writer's self interest.

There seems to be a misconception among many that the editorial pages are for and the result is that it is not only harmful to the newspaper itself but to the communities they are trying to serve.

It has been our editorial policy in the past and will continue to be in the future to advance ideas and suggestions in an attempt to stimulate greater community interest and to see improvements made in the community that will be beneficial to the majority.

We are looking forward anxiously to the day when we will be able to announce that Farmington's tax-base has been improved enough to remove our name from the list of "distressed school districts" in the state.

### Looking Back in the Files

#### 5 Years Ago

APRIL 20, 1959

Lions Club Circle

The fall of the circle will herald the arrival early next Wednesday morning, May 6, of the world's largest motorized circus. Mills Bros. Circus will give two performances under the big top on the big lot behind the Farmington Shopping Plaza, under the auspices of the Farmington Lions Club.

Seek Third Car

The Farmington Township Board authorized Clerk Floyd A. Cairns to go out for bids on two police cars to replace those presently in service by the township. A request to buy a third car to keep up with the heavy police work will have to wait until the County Allocation Board has acted, when it would be known if funds would be made available.

Thiendeans Win

The Farmington High School track team smothered Van Dyke in an Inter-Lakes Conference dual meet last week, 74-35. Rex Cawley set a new broad jump record of 20' 7/4".

#### 10 Years Ago

APRIL 22, 1954

Elected President

Louis Schmidt was elected President of the Clarencville Optimist Club at elections held Wednesday night. Other Officers elected were: Vice President, Vernon Hawley and Fred Freley.

PTA President

Ivan S. Clarke was elected President of the Farmington PTA at the organization's annual business meeting held last Tuesday night.

Local Blood Bank

A total of 107 pints of blood were donated by Farmington citizens during the Red Cross Mobile Unit Blood Bank Drive staged here April 25.

No-Hitler by Radatz

The Farmington High School baseball team went down to a 9-0 defeat at the hands of Inter-Lakes Conference rival Berkeley Lakes Friday afternoon. The Berkeley pitcher, Dick Radatz, didn't allow a single Farmington hit and collected three safeties himself.

#### 15 Years Ago

APRIL 23, 1949

Falcon Trackers

The Farmington High School track team swamped Milford in an Inter-Lakes Conference dual meet last evening, 52-35.

The Falcons' Keith Wieland sprinted the best time of the day through the 60-yard dash in 9.2 seconds.

Take Extra Innings

The Farmington High School baseball team needed an extra inning but managed to push home six winning runs in the eighth to defeat Northville, 5-4.

The Falcons beat Clarencville, 7-4, on Tuesday. Farmington was edged by Keego Harbor in their season opener, 4-0.

Plan Fun Bowl

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning to stage their third annual Fun Bowl at Farmington Recreation on May 15.

Joe Louis Here

Joe Louis, Heavyweight Champion of the World, was made an honorary citizen of Boys' Republic on Monday afternoon.

## Girl Scout News

Southeast Farmington Neighborhood is happy to welcome Mrs. Frank Hornacek, Mrs. Russell Hines and Mrs. Donald Roussin, delegates for 1964-1965; also Mrs. Paul Rankin, Mrs. Rader, and Mrs. Hilga Jean, alternates for 1964-1965; and Mrs. John Metz who was elected to a two-year term on the Nominating Committee.

A little bird told me that Troop 430 held a swimming party at Bentley High School recently with a P.M. party following. Troop 710 held an extensive program on World Friendship recently. Slides from various countries were shown and each girl brought an item from home representative of another country.

AS A PART OF their work toward earning a badge, the girls in Troop 840 are working in pairs. Each week two girls get together and bake a cake which is then served at a treat at their weekly meeting.

Troop 838 held a combination Birthday party - both the National Girl Scout Birthday and the birthday of their troop. At a recent Mom's meeting slides from Camp Arapaho were shown. Now all the girls are to be considered for this year's Day Camp!

Troop 886 has been learning wood grooming. For their birthday celebration they held a "You're a Young Lady Now" contest.

Troop 1003 is fortunate that Miss Schulkins has been selected to attend and assist serving at the Senior Planning Board International Dinner.

Troop 287 made Easter baskets for the children of the Convalescent Home. For their birthday celebration the girls studied the different types of scout uniforms and dressed dolls to represent the countries.

Southeast Farmington is sponsoring the showing of "You're a Young Lady Now" as a community service. Due to the lack of time and space it is necessary at this time to limit the 5th and 6th grade Girl Scouts.

MRS. NAQUIN reports that this year's Cookie Sale was a roaring success thanks to all who bought cookies. Troop buses ran from \$19.90 to \$32.20. There were 275 girls in our area, from 12 troops who sold 8,128 boxes of cookies. Besides the work which it enables the individual troops to do which they could not otherwise find time to do, the sale will be done at Camp Nardin to facilitate more social housing more opportunities available to them.

Again Day Camp applications deluged Southern Oakland Council soon after the April 1 mailing date. Interest is running high and Mrs. Iles and Mrs. Martin are busy making plans for another two weeks of fun and learning.

We are looking forward to the grand finale to this year's work in scouting, Mrs. Stodick, 476 0244, is in charge. If you missed this month's meeting, be sure to give her a call before May 20.

If anyone has a little room and a little time on their hands - we need a custodian for the equipment which Council loans to troops who plan campouts. Mrs. Erickson (GR. 6-9722) has details.

TROOP 1005 which meets at East Junior High School has a St. Patrick's party as part of the Social Responsibility Challenge for Lynn Callahan and Bettie Wright.

The troop has been busy making a belt. Four girls will hold their equipment when camping. Recently they had an outdoor day with their sister Troop 659 from Flanders School.

As a part of the service to Southern Oakland Council, Senior Girl Scouts helped clean-up Camp Nardin on Sunday, April 26. Helping them were twenty boys from the Order of the Arrow, led by Chuck McBeth. This project was sponsored by the Senior Planning Board, Pat Graves of Birmingham, president. In charge of food was Sharon Lowe of Berkeley.

Presented with awards at the April meeting of the Pack were: Bill Conington, Roxie Buffing, John Shek, Mark Magenta and Michael Alber of Den 2; Dana Byers, Nelson Henry and Guy Williams of Den 3; Gary Brown of Den 4; and David Norton of Den 6; Mark Parmelee, Gray Parmelee and Thomas Carner of Den 7; Tom Scott and Jack Hall of Den 8; and Michael Elledge and Michael Davy.

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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF Farmington presented a flag to Farmington Boy Scout Troop 161 on Tuesday, April 14, at Botsford Inn. Pictured above at the presentation are (L to R) Lieutenant, Governor of the Kiwanis 6th District Carl Simon, Robert Pol-

## Farmington Acres News

MARGE STOCK GR. 6-3489 IRENE WALKER GR. 6-2530

Norb and Helen Jankowski bloom. Six-year-old Jeff Dorisch are "cuddled pink" with their love, little tiny Teresa Ann who has a broken leg and a high high east to prove it. His brother Dennis popped out with Germaine. This week Kevin Deighton has the mumps, and five brothers are awaiting the same malady.

Eddie Besalke had a very feverish bout of tonsillitis as did baby Andrea Sick. Seven-year-old Howard Federspill had his tonsils taken out. Tiny Judy Besalke, just one week old, was rushed, choking, to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Much to her frightened parents' relief, she recovered and was treated for a very young sore throat.

Bob Smith, playing catch with his sons, forgot to duck and his error resulted in three stitches over his left eye. Shirley and Debba Smith returned from their two-week vacation in Milwaukee, allergies still intact but glad to be home.

Don't forget the Flanders School Fair this coming Saturday.

The Finnish Finnessers met at the home of John and Lynn Washburn last Saturday night.

Friday night Gretchen and Tom Ford were hosts at their Robinwood home to neighbors who came to welcome newcomers Mary and Bill Naylor of Laurelwood. Bill and Janet Strong, Joanne and John McCririe, and Betty and Ron Wolford were the guests who helped welcome the Naylors into the subdivision.

Happy Birthday to John and Lynn Washburn's two daughters, Carol and Chris, celebrating April birthdays, numbers 7 and 11, respectively. Jill Benson, daughter of the Jack Benson's blew out an even dozen candles.

TOMMY WASTBURN, almost two, packed his suitcase and went home with grandma, Mrs. Grace Willis, to spend a week at her home in Ohio.

Aches and Breaks are in full

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### Irene Hyland Named To Dean's Honor List

Irene Hyland, 33730 Brittany who earned a grade average of 3.50 (on a 4.00 system) 7 students in the Medall School of Journalism at Northwestern University to be named to the Dean's high honor list by Dean I. W. Cole.

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