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In Our Opinion...

A Delay That Should Not Be Allowed

The delay that is being experienced in getting Detroit water into the seven special assessment water districts in Farmington Township was a very disheartening piece of news which we found it necessary to report last week.

We are certain, however, that it wasn't nearly as disheartening as it is, it was to the hundreds of families who have been waiting many years to get an adequate supply of water into their homes. To wait as long for this Detroit water as many in the special assessment water districts have and then see the laying of lines completely halted with no prospect of the job being completed is accepted no other way. How would you feel if you were already paying for something you haven't got and don't know when you'll be getting it?

The contracts called for the completion of the transmission and distribution lines for the special assessment water districts by June 22 and it was expected that the water could be turned on by at least the first of July. The estimate was that there are only 15 to 20 more days of work to be done to get the water system in operation but it's now anybody's guess when the completion date will be. It's pretty much up to the striking Underground Construction Workers.

Would the members of the Underground Construction Workers Union have walked off the job here June 5 if they had been living in one of the homes in the "dry area" of Farmington Township and had been waiting for an adequate water supply as long as "dry areas" have?

Every employee working at any trade has a right to seek better pay, better working conditions and other benefits from his employers whether as a group of individuals or a member of a union. But, when working on a project of such vital importance to a very large number of citizens as in this situation we cannot help but feel that workmen should be forced to see the job through to completion before striking.

In our opinion, legislation should be adopted to prevent stoppage of work on a job of this kind when it adversely affects so many people. Labor union leaders would probably vigorously fight such legislation. But, would they if they had found it necessary to carry fresh water into their homes in milk pails from central wells for the past several years such as a number in the "dry areas" have had to do?

Real Show of Community Confidence

The National Bank of Detroit has added another modern, new banking facility in Farmington. The new Farmington Branch of GRD which was opened this week on Farmington Road at Alta Loma in the downtown business section is a very attractive addition to the growing downtown complex and one that each and every citizen in our community can be proud of.

What use the bank's former facilities at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Farmington Road will be put to has yet to be announced but we are confident that the bank's officials will see that it is sold or leased to tenants who will conduct reputable operations from the building.

Farmington citizens and businessmen can be exceptionally proud of the many fine banking facilities we have in our

community.

We have it from good authorities that bank officials just don't authorize the construction of new banks in any communities until they are sure that these communities will grow substantially in the future and will be inhabited by citizens with average or above yearly incomes.

That we do have so many fine bank facilities should strengthen the confidence of each and every businessman and commercial property owner here that Farmington will be an even better place in which to conduct business successfully in the years ahead.

We compliment National Bank of Detroit officials highly for having as much confidence as we in the potential of our community.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

JUNE 25, 1959

Property taxes will run up approximately 13 per cent higher in the Farmington School District this year as a result of action taken by the School Board Monday night. The total 1959 school tax rate has been boosted to \$38.52 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation.

Russ Ellis has unanimously been elected to the Farmington District Library Board, by the action taken at the Farmington Township Board meeting Tuesday night.

Community House
The proposed community house plans have been declared "far from dead" at the meeting of the Farmington Area Community House Association composed of civic and business members from various local organizations.

Police Officers Assn.
Officer William Gaudin of the Farmington City Police Department has been elected President of the Farmington Police Officers Association, at a meeting held Monday night. Others elected were: Donald Yonides, Vice President; Robert Watson, Secretary; Robert Deadman, Treasurer; and Robert Wick, Sgt.-at-Arms.

10 Years Ago

JUNE 24, 1954

Nab Bandits
Quick and concerted action on the part of a police officer and a citizen led to the arrest of two holdup men within minutes after the pair had robbed the North Star Store at 3042 Grand River Avenue. The alert officer was Sgt. Gordon Miesner of the Farmington City Police and the alert citizen was Mr. and Mrs. Howard R.

Back of 37331 Macomb Avenue in Farmington. With that kind of a combination, the bandits never had a chance for a getaway.

Library Site
It was suggested at the joint City Council-Township Board meeting last week that the proposed library building be situated on the west side of the Old Town Hall, between Grand River and Avenue and Oakland Avenue. The library, it was suggested, should either be a separate building or an addition to the Town Hall.

Half Water Sale
Increased demands on the City of Farmington's water system brought action from the City Council last week calling for a ban on the sale of water to users outside the City limits in the future. Those already hooked up to the City water will not be affected.

15 Years Ago

JUNE 23, 1949

Legion Nine Wins
Farmington's Junior American Legion team won their second straight game of the summer season Sunday afternoon when they swamped the Royal Oak diamond, 10 to 1, late fifth. The Legion Nine chalked up their third victory in the series at the expense of Northville, 11 to 1, on Tuesday afternoon.

Lions Club President
Russell Hill has been elected as the new president of the Farmington Lions Club for 1949-50.

Rabbit Dog Bites
Five small children, the oldest eight, the smallest three, are taking a series of 24 shots over a rabies this week as a result of dog bites suffered June 11. Health Officers
The Farmington Township

Board is again considering the adoption of a health ordinance. A three-man committee has been named by the Board to work with the Township Attorney in drafting such an ordinance.

Summer Recreation
The Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer recreation program will open on Monday, June 27, it was announced this week by Director William Nuss.

Unlucky 13 Jinxes
FHS Honor Graduates

Dear Editor:
After thoroughly reading the issue of your paper, I saw no mention made of the honor graduates of Farmington High School. We have lived in Farmington for thirteen years and there has always been a picture published in the Enterprise of the honor graduates.

The week of Commencement at the University of Detroit in North Farmington High School honor graduates in a previous issue. I mentioned the matter to my son, Neil. He informed me that they were to have been in the pictures taken for the Enterprise immediately following graduation. This was fine, I thought. However, someone underestimated the length of the ceremonies and set the time for the photographer to be at the school at 9:30 p.m. The whole affair was over at 9:15. They kept the graduates there for a while and when no one showed up by 9:45 they turned in their caps and gowns and left. This was unfortunate and we were all disappointed. However, I believe you could have published the names of these honor graduates. I do not think it is too late to put them in the Enterprise and I am enclosing a program which designates by double stars the three high honor graduates and by a single star the 34 honor graduates. We are proud of our sons and daughters and we would be delighted to have the "summa cum laude" honors, must have published their names as honor graduates of Farmington High School, Class of 1964.

Sincerely,
(Mrs. L. E.) Melba P. Warriner



THE KIWANIS CLUB of Farmington presented their annual scholarship award of \$250 to Jacob Fletcher (center), June graduate of Farmington High School who plans to enter Wayne State University's Monthell College this fall. Presenting the award to FHS Honor student is Kiwanis Club First

Vice President Al McGaw (left) as Kiwanis Club President Fred Muller looks on from the right. The presentation was made at the regular meeting of the Farmington Kiwanis Club in Botsford Inn Tuesday night, June 16.

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.

Opposed to the Name "Jaycee Park"

To The Editor,
Which shall be "Farmington City Park" or "Farmington Jaycee Park"?

The City Council has been asked to change the name of Farmington City Park. The park is dedicated to public recreational activity. They have asked for expressions of opinion on the proposal from the citizens of Farmington. The decision on the matter is expected at the next meeting of the Council, Monday, July 6.

Before I set forth my reasons for opposing the proposed change, I, as a citizen of Farmington, shall acknowledge, with thanks the voluntary and generous contributions made by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of the valuable equipment placed in the City Park for use and enjoyment by the public - you and me.

The proposal came to the Council in a letter signed by the president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in which it was pointed out that approximately \$7,000 worth of equipment plus many man hours of labor by its members had been contributed in the past few years and that if the Council sees fit to accede to their request "the Jaycees would have an attractive permanent sign erected in this effect and they would continue their enthusiastic support to this worthwhile community project with their time, talents and money."

To me this proposal is very bad taste coming, as it were, from the Jaycees, themselves, and it represents, consciously or unconsciously, self-seeking aggrandizement and an exhibition of unmitigated gall.

We had more than one park for recreational use (and we should have their proposal well pictured in a different picture and contain some merit.

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Farmington Sailor Back from Far East

Robert E. Carter, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Carter of 33760 Rhinowood, Farmington, returned to Long Beach, Calif. last month aboard the Navy transport ship, the USS Herbert J. Thomas from a tour of duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

This cruise marked the last operational voyage for the Thomas as a radar picket destroyer. Thomas is scheduled to undergo fourteen months' Fleet Rehabilitation and Modernization at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif. When she returns to active duty she will be a destroyer, a unique ship. Thomas is to be the first destroyer to receive the program Ships Toxicological Operational Protective System (STOPS).

After the system is installed, Thomas will be equipped for nuclear warfare. Every space not exposed to the air will be pressurized. Entry and exit to the interior of the ship will be through airlocks.

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Talk to members of the City Council. Let them know what you think and then attend the next meeting of the City Council at the new Municipal Building on Monday, July 6, at 8 p.m.

Sincerely yours,
W. Allen Nelson

Says Fire Dept. Bad

Dear Editor:

I would like to know what is wrong with the city of Farmington. Why does a community of between nine and ten thousand people lack a full time fire department?

In the last ten years the development of Farmington has been great. There are numerous suburbs of beautiful homes, great numbers of stores and businesses, and even more apartments. What if these apartment buildings caught on fire? The loss of both property and lives could be tragic.

Although I realize the Farmington Fire Department has a very good record for never losing a basement, I could not say the same for their record of saving homes!

It seems that within the last ten years everything in Farmington has developed except our fire department. We all drove 1941 cars, but yet we still have the same old fire department we had in 1941 when I moved here - a great disgrace to Farmington!

There will be more fires, maybe serious ones, but I would not like it to be my home, and I am sure that other citizens do not want it to be theirs either.

If our city council is too lazy or lacking in initiative to do something to change this situation, then I suppose it is up to the citizens to solve this problem. Won't you join me in urging the city officials to take immediate action in this matter.

Sincerely,
A Worried Citizen

Local U of D Scholar Is Honors Graduate

Richard G. Randolph of 34055 Middlebelt Road in Farmington Township was awarded a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit in commencement exercises held this month on the Detroit campus. Randolph was among five Arts College graduates from Farmington Township to receive their diplomas "summa cum laude."

Graduates, in order to be eligible for the "summa cum laude" honors, must have maintained a 3.75 academic honor point average out of a possible 4.0. The degree carries the highest honors of the university.

13 Farmington MSU Students Earn Degrees

A total of 13 Farmington students were graduated from Michigan State University at commencement exercises held at the East Lansing campus on June 14.

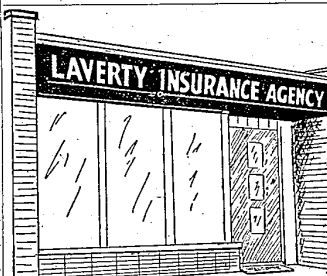
The Farmington students and the degrees they earned are: Jack D. Atchison, 33911 Macomb, BA, Accounting, High Honors; Ann J. Bailey, 23075 Mooney Ave., BA Social Work; James Davidson, 20021 E. Markham, BS Veterinary Medicine; Muriel G. Dowling, 33719 Oakland, BA Speech, Honors; Karen L. Kupiec, 23277 Herndonwood, BA Art Practice; Noel E. Kuntz, 31675 Shawassee, MBA Marketing; Linda Layton, 33314 Macomb, BA Special Education; Lynne P. Moore, 21944 Gill, BA Mathematics, Honors; Vicki L. Nielsen, 23382 Whittaker, BA Special Education; Phyllis Schmidt, 34660 Thornbrook, BA Elementary Education; Alan J. Shepherd, 32740 Balmoral, BS Mechanical Engineering; Allen Thomas, 34390 Brittain Dr., BS Packaging; and Sharon L. Tomlin, 32140 Baintree, BS Physical Education.

Byron Walter Appointed New Trust Officer

Byron T. Walter of Farmington has been appointed a trust officer of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. It was announced by Roland A. Mewborn, president. Walter, who joined the Bank in 1955, formerly was associated with the legal firm of Monaghan, McCrone, Campbell and Cramer. A member of the Farmington Township Board of Trustees, he earned his A.B. degree from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and his LL.B. degree from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Detroit Life Insurance and Trust Council and of the Detroit and Michigan Bar Associations.

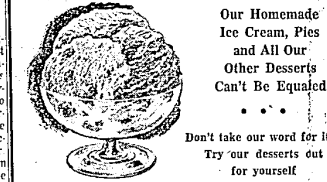
He and Mrs. Walter live with their four children in Kimberley Subdivision in Farmington.

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