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In Our Opinion

A Neighborhood Park Plan That Worked

A couple of weeks back we commented editorially on our concern over the fact that our still undeveloped township and city was building up fast and that no firm provisions were being made to provide for more public parks or open beauty areas in our fast pace move toward total development. Our appeal was actually for a little action to provide for some public breathing areas between subdivisions.

This past week we received in the mail a note from Ruth Henry of Prospect St. which included with it a story from "Reader's Digest" explaining how the City of Minneapolis has developed an exceptionally fine network of parks and parkways over the past several years.

Minneapolis has actually developed a total of 154 beautiful park sites in its community without placing any real tax burden on the city-at-large and now has at least one park within easy walking distance of almost every house in the city, according to the article.

"A community with parks never feels crowded," one citizen was quoted as saying in the story. We're sure that most of you as citizens will agree wholeheartedly with this statement.

How'd they do it? Quite simply, they left it up to the homeowners in each of the neighborhood areas as they developed to provide their own neighborhood public parks by means of special assessment districts or to the developers who wanted to get a good price for their property and the homes they built on them.

The project really started in Minneapolis way back in 1883 when it was

The Balloting Dilemma Can Be Solved

The new state election laws which call for a fewer number of elections with a greater number of offices to be filled on one voting date coupled with a change to the "Massachusetts" balloting system have clerks in communities all over the state talking to themselves and moaning.

The job of getting voters through to ballot on all the candidates for the large number of local, county, state and national offices to be filled is not going to be any easy task and we sympathize with the clerks and their election workers on this matter.

But, having observed a number of elections over the past several years and having witnessed various polling places at different times of the day, we can't help but feel that much of the problem would be solved if an even flow of voters could be maintained throughout the hours that polling places are open.

The jam-up of voters seems to come at two of three periods during the time the polling places for elections are open. During many times of the day, election workers are often sitting around with nothing to do.

What the real answer might be to getting a more even flow of voters throughout the voting day is not an easy one to give.

Looking Back in the Files

- | 5 Years Ago
JULY 30, 1979 | 10 Years Ago
JULY 30, 1974 | 15 Years Ago
JULY 30, 1969 |
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| Parking Plan
Notice of intent has been given by the City of Farmington that they will proceed with plans for drafting a large downtown parking area. A public hearing on the proposal has been set for August 10. | Water Emergency
Farmington City Mayor Keith R. Loomis this week declared a state of emergency over the city's water shortage and served notice that a ban on outside use of water would be in effect until the serious drain on the city's water supply passed the critical point. | Health Ordinance
The Farmington Township Board unanimously approved health ordinances at their regular meeting this week. |
| Traffic Death
One man was killed and seven others injured in accidents on the Farmington - Brighton Expressway this past week. Three accidents occurred on Sunday and two on Tuesday along a stretch of the expressway less than a mile long just west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Township. | School Enrollment
Half day sessions will return again to the first and second grades of the Farmington Township School District in September as a result of the steadily increasing population throughout the Farmington area. | Accident Record
The accident record in Farmington hit a new low last week as just eight traffic deaths were reported and only minor injuries resulted to any of the persons involved. |
| Plane Crash
William E. Ramsey, 58, of 3350 Shawanaw Avenue in Farmington was badly injured Saturday afternoon when his light plane crashed into a wooded area near the Wixom Airport, west of Farmington. | Primary Election
A light vote is being predicted for the Farmington Township Primary Election on Tuesday, August 3, on the basis of a small registration of new voters and the limited number of candidates running on both party tickets. | Gala Days
The American Legion, Groves Farmington, will hold their annual Gala Days Homecoming August 1 through August 7. |
| Mooney Paving
The City Manager announced this week that the paving project on Mooney Street in the city would get under way soon. | Bargains Galore
are you reward when you read The Classified Ads. | Call Kindergarten
Miss Elaine Ziehl, Farmington School Supervisor, announced this week that special enrollment of kindergarten students will be held August 1 through August 5 in the Farmington Township School District. |

Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names and addresses must be given. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Mailbox space is 1,000 words.

In Agreement With Editorial

Dear Mr. Editor,
I am in agreement with your recent editorial on "We Owe Them (our children) More Than We Are Giving Them." Over 400 million dollars were "spent" on horse racing in Michigan alone last year. THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME. IT IS A REALITY. IT IS A FACT. IT IS A TRUTH. IT IS A REALITY. IT IS A FACT. IT IS A TRUTH. IT IS A REALITY. IT IS A FACT. IT IS A TRUTH.

Farmington YMCA Membership Grows

To the Editor:
Your Community Membership has been received; we are grateful to you for this support. The YMCA in Farmington is growing in service and activities, with a membership exceeding 1,500 people. The largest program area to date have been in swimming instruction, in a father and son program called "Y" Indian Guides, and in a teen program called YATAC.

Paging Jack Sexton

Gentlemen:
Jack Sexton is somewhere in Farmington wondering why the U. of M. Exhibit Museum in Ann Arbor did not call him. He has been called and sent his money for. At least his letter was post-marked Farmington. They do have a problem. He didn't say he wanted not give his address. A letter addressed to him in Farmington was returned. Does someone know Jack Sexton?

JFK Exhibit Scheduled for Detroit Aug. 1

A traveling exhibit of personal papers and memorabilia of the late President John F. Kennedy, including the handwritten draft of his famed "I have a dream" speech, is scheduled to arrive in Detroit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, starting Aug. 1. The exhibit will be open to the public without charge from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will continue for four days.

The exhibit, sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Library, will include 70 photographs and a number of the historic documents and personal papers associated with the Kennedy Administration. Among the latter will be the President's notes on the Cuban missile crisis, his handwritten "I have a dream" speech, and many other items.

Also included will be actual notes President Kennedy made on dinner menus, envelopes, and other scraps of paper. One invitation list drawn up when he was serving in the Senate shows his handwritten addition of the name "Jackie Bouvier" to the guest list.

The Kennedy Library will be built along the Charles River in Boston, on a site chosen by the President last fall and donated by Harvard University.

The library will be built by contributions from the American people, at a cost of \$100,000,000 and then turned over to the federal government, which will be held in trust for the use of all Americans.

Libraries, including those of Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower.

Farmington Acres News

BETTE J. WILLARD 476-3865

We hope you're all enjoying these hot summer days. We're wondering what your secret is for beating the heat. Your snappy reporter has seen more than one adult sneaking out to the youngsters' pool and they seem to have as much fun; if not more, than the kids do.

The Norm Heverlys have beat the heat by moving to South Haven. Their winter-time temperatures are in the low 60's. Their temporary address is: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Heverly, P.O. Marine Hotel, Room 329, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Another family to leave their native shores are the Robert Walkers. They'll set sail for England on the Queen Mary.

Farmington Oaks

MARIE RYBIE 474-6212

Some long-distance travelers returned to Farmington Oaks last week. Jack Toomey is back from a two-week business trip to England and Europe. Bill and Ann Yelton are home after a trip to British Columbia. Anna tells me they came home early because it was so cold there. Incidentally, Bill and Ann are announcing the engagement of their daughter Connie to Jim Waddington of Redwood. No wedding date has been set.

Norm and Ginny Skeirik were visited by Ginnie's sister, Betty Urd, and her daughter from York, Pennsylvania. Kristin Skeirik was the loser in a battle with a milk bottle, had to have four stitches in his little finger.

Harv and Kay Masow and family, Kathy, Susan, Paul, Jimmie, and Eddie returned from their camping trip in northern Michigan a little early. The bugs were too much for them.

Ray and Sonya and the little Persia's, Kim, Amber and little Ray, had a beautiful warm week up in Canada, north of Toronto.

Chuck Cline, Dick Duncan, and Don Stoddard went on separate business trips to California and made plans ahead of time to meet in Las Vegas before coming home.

The Smith boys - Mike, Kenny, and Kelly are spending the next two weeks at Camp Bay Clark at Green Lake.

Ralph and Waltraud Venn and their four children went to Carmichael, Pennsylvania to visit all the relatives for the first time in four years. While they were there they celebrated Linda's seventh birthday with all the family. Ralph's brother, Bertram, returned with them for a visit.

Tom Ruyke spent the weekend camping at Camp Grayling with the Boy Scouts.

Recipients of birthday congratulations are Mike Mosley in the 18th, Yvonne Smith on the 20th, Debbie Walton on the 21st, and Ginnie Skeirik on the 22nd. Richard Kincade was nine-years-old on the 22nd. He received a letter and a telegram from his grandmother, Pearl, in Farmington.

Pat Smith, Wynne Moore, Betty Jim and Jan Schaefer celebrated his birthday the 27th. As a surprise, Sharon and Kathy are now in the magic land of the fairies.

Jim and I were proxy Godparents Sunday for Little Lorraine. She was baptized at St. Aidan's by Father O'Hagan. Her mother is the daughter of Bob and Margaret Waskins of Farmington Road.

Bill Conroy Does Tool Phone GR. 4-5511

As a farewell to Irene Walker, Bridge Club No. 1 attended a performance of Mr. Roberts at the Northland Playhouse. The ladies met at the home of Sandy Schurr, where they presented Irene with a lovely handbag. Club members who miss Irene's lively personality are Polly Lawha, Joanne Hasket, Margo Stock, Grace Mitchell, Joyce Green, Mary Lou Dixon and Sandy Schurr.

FAMILIES ON BIRCHWOOD waved good-bye to another neighbor, as their good friend Dorothy Mutchler, her two daughters, Ericka and Melanie, left to take up residence in Minnesota.

Nita Mesler and son Terry Drove to Indiana recently, visited scads of relatives and attended a family reunion. A couple of weeks later, Nita and husband Mike, vacationed in Burlington, Iowa. When the Meslers returned from Iowa, they brought back Mike's mother, Mrs. Fred Mesler, who just celebrated her 80th birthday!

Other visitors to the "Acres" were Mr. and Mrs. C. Vanden Heuvel of Robinson, Wisc. Mrs. Vanden Heuvel of Robinson, Wisc. The Vandens spent two weeks taking daily strolls to various points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Becker and their children, James and Sharon, from Cleveland, Ohio, visited Bette and Roy Willard. The Beckers are the daughter of Robinson, Wisc. Mrs. Becker, Roy's sister, brought a beautifully decorated sheet-cake to celebrate all the Willard children's birthdays.

Speaking of birthdays, two birthday cakes will be needed at the Bill and Janet Streng household on July 28. Twenty-two artists, including Betty Streng, who was born at St. Mary Hospital on big brother Kerry's third birthday. Kristen weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 18 inches long.

BILL AND NANCY Croitor enjoyed a weekend camping

out with friends in upper Michigan last week. The Croitors' four lively youngsters stayed with "Grandma," giving Bill and Nancy a much needed rest. John and Joanne McBride took their two children, Bobby and Jill, up to grandmother's cottage at Elk Lake, Michigan, off on more strenuous activities were Jerry Bogoske, Al Dozer, Bob Lawshe and George Black. These energetic fathers drove seveneen Cub and Boy Scouts to Grayling, Michigan, for a campout. Their itinerary included a trip to the fish hatcheries and a tour of Grayling National Guard camp. For fun and frolic, swimming, fishing and water skiing were planned.

Belated birthday wishes to Becky Koerig, Danny Willard and Michael Mesler, Mike, who just turned seventeen, was given a surprise birthday party by Paula Norman. The party was held at a neighborhood club and attended by several of Mike's friends.

Quite a few teenage "Patrol Parties" were recently held. One visiting cousin of Mrs. Ray Rizzo, Mary Jo is enjoying her vacation here and soon will be returning to Pennsylvania.

CONSUMING GALS of pizza and gallons of coke were guests of Judy Woody, who entertained visiting friend Nancy Brownell of Detroit.

Our readers have probably missed the names of Irene Walker and Marge Stock under the Farmington Acres News heading. If you've been wondering, you'll be surprised to learn that Irene is moving and Marge is retiring from her journalistic efforts, for the time being. The folks of Farmington Acres feel that both women have served their area well and have enjoyed their interesting accounts of neighborhood news. Your new reporter, Bette Willard, hopes you'll call her with your latest bits of information and news.

Hold Art Show At Beechview Swimming Club

The first annual outdoor art exhibit sponsored by Beechview Swim Club was a rousing success on Sunday, July 28. Twenty-two artists exhibited their work. The folks of Farmington Acres feel that both women have served their area well and have enjoyed their interesting accounts of neighborhood news. Your new reporter, Bette Willard, hopes you'll call her with your latest bits of information and news.

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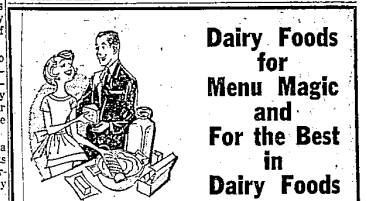
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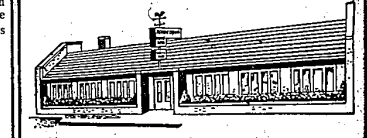
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