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In Our Opinion

Get Right Candidates for State House, Senate

This coming Tuesday the decisions will be made on who the opposing party candidates will be for the election in November and the privilege of representing the citizens of this area in the state house and senate during the next term of office.

There are contests in both the Democratic and Republican parties for the party nominations and the right to vie in November for these two important legislative posts. Probably the most hotly contested race is for the 14th District State Senate nomination on the Republican ticket. There are five GOP candidates seeking the nomination.

FOR THE SENATE

After careful consideration of all the candidates, our support goes strongly in favor of Fitzhugh Prescott of the City of Farmington.

We favor Prescott over the others, not because he is a local candidate, but rather because of the fact that he has demonstrated to us a real grasp of the state political issues and a keen awareness of the needs of this area. He is young, vigorous, and in good health. Of great importance is the fact that he would have the time to devote his full efforts to serving the voters of this district and we sincerely feel he would do so if elected. To the best of our knowledge, Prescott has no obligations to any special interest groups to prevent him from working at all times in the best interest of the citizens of the 14th Senate District.

Prescott is well schooled in politics. His father was a state senator in Lansing for 16 years and his grandfather secretary of state from 1905 to 1909. We urge all Republicans to nominate him.

Prescott's strongest rival, without much doubt, is Paul Chandler of Livonia who is presently a state representative for the old district made up of northwestern Wayne County.

A Livonia newspaperman very actively involved in his business endeavors, we just don't feel that Chandler can devote the time he must to the demanding type of business he is in and also serve us well as our state senator.

His attendance record in the state house in 1963 substantiates our feelings on this matter. For an 85-day period in which the House was in regular session and one of two special sessions, Chandler is reported by official sources to have been absent 16 days and tardy on six other days. In addition to this he missed roll calls on 96 different occasions. It isn't the worst record for members in the house of representatives in the 1963 sessions but still well below average and not a very impressive record.

Chandler's health is also a concern to us. During a special session the early part of this year, he suffered what was indicated later to be a heart attack and was hospitalized. He missed the last 38 days of that special house session. Such could occur again since heart attacks come suddenly and without warning.

Some of Chandler's campaign methods have also been distasteful to us.

The other three Republican nomination hopefuls are Carl Wagenschutz of Livonia, George L. Westlund of Farmington Township and Paul A. Kern, Jr., of Orchard Lake. None of these three men has demonstrated to us a sincere enough interest or a vigorous enough campaign to indicate they really want this important state office.

If we were to make a second choice on the five GOP candidates, it would probably be Wagenschutz, who has been Livonia City treasurer since 1944 and has had other political training. Our preference for young blood and the fact that he is now 59 years old has a lot to do with our placing Wagenschutz second behind Prescott.

Of the three Democratic candidates seeking nomination, our support goes to A. E. Vallier of Plymouth. He is well versed on issues of importance to this area and has had a considerable amount of political experience.

A councilman in the City of Plymouth since 1961, Vallier has also served on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, on the County's Tax Equalization Committee and the Airport Committee and with other governmental committees.

Neither James McCarthy nor Joseph F. Mullaney, his rivals from Livonia, impress us as being equal to him in experience or ability.

FOR THE HOUSE

For the 64th State House seat, our wholehearted endorsement and support goes with our incumbent state representative, Raymond L. Baker, for the GOP nomination now and his re-election in November. Formerly of Berkley, Baker is now a resident of Farmington.

We feel that Baker has done an exceptionally good job of representing us in Lansing in the past and will continue to do so in the future. His attendance record in the house during 1963 and before has been reported to be exceptionally good.

Emerson Schink of Orchard Lake and Sam Baillo, also of Orchard Lake, both seem to have some good qualifications but we still don't feel that they can compare with Baker. Allan P. Howell, who is only 24, needs a little more maturity before seeking a post as important as this one, in our opinion.

The two Democratic candidates for nomination as their party's candidate are John I. Bain of Farmington Township and Evelyn J. LaBelle of West Bloomfield. Based on the lack of knowledge that we have on these two candidates, The Enterprise doesn't feel justified in endorsing either one.

Don't sell the September 1 Primary short. It's very important that we get the right candidates for all offices nominated, and particularly for the state senate and house. Go to the polls Tuesday and vote.

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Clarification of Newspaper Identity

Some confusion seems to exist among a few regarding the newspapers now being circulated in Farmington in view of the fact that the owner of The Enterprise recently purchased The Plymouth Mail.

As was stated at the time the purchase of The Plymouth Mail was made, there were no plans of combining these two communities' newspapers into one. We feel that both communities want and desire their own individual papers.

The Livonia newspaper which began circulating into Farmington earlier this month under the name of "The Observer of Farmington" is not in any way associated with or a publication of "The Farmington Enterprise."

Rest assured that The Farmington Enterprise, recognized official newspaper of Farmington City and Township for over 75 years, intends to continue giving Farmington residents and business people complete community coverage (both news-wise and advertising-service-wise) in the same manner as it always has.

Other publications may claim to be the Farmington paper to obtain advertising and news stories, as some have in the past, but The Farmington Enterprise still remains the only paper giving complete, exclusive and total coverage for the growing Farmington area.

The only recent change made by The Enterprise, at the request of LOCAL advertisers was to start offering total coverage of the growing Farmington City and Township area with a "blanket coverage" section of The Enterprise. This section is a part of the regular paper to paid subscribers. It goes into the post office on Tuesday night for distribution on Wednesday to all non-subscribers.

The Enterprise feels that postal delivery guarantees your getting its printed products. We don't feel that having young boys and others throwing free newspapers on doorsteps on a hit and miss basis is a satisfactory distribution method for either advertisers who want to use our paper or to those who want to read about what is going on in Farmington.

Free lessons in weaving on hand looms will be given in the Home Arts Building at Michigan State Fair which opens Friday, August 28, through Labor Day, September 7.

What d'ya hear these days? The Detroit Hearing Association will check what you hear, and how well, free of charge at its booth at the 115th Michigan State Fair, August 28 through Labor Day, September 7.

The average driver is involved in most accidents. It isn't always the fool or daredevil who makes the error. The everyday driver, driving too fast and taking one chance too many is often the culprit.

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 1,200 words.

Sees Need for Class In Parent Education

The Enterprise recently had information on the coming Fall season of Adult Education in our school system and reported that whatever classes the people seemed to want and would patronize, would be offered.

May I suggest a course of perhaps ten weeks, one evening a week for parents in the most important job we have in this life, that of raising our children? We have all heard about the vandalism, the erring youngsters and perhaps it frightens the parents of children approaching their terrible teens to look forward to this most important period of adjustment in family life.

ALSO IT IS extremely important that these budding citizens, who in a very short time will be defending, guiding and running our community and country and world, receive the PROPER guidance. And how does one guide them? Most of us don't know, don't ask, other than when one gets in trouble or presents a terrific problem. Would it not be wise to forsee these problems, prepare for them and properly educate oneself for the future? In this manner those of us who have children that are no problem, can keep them that way, and those who need help can get it.

Perhaps a good text book dealing with the problems of this age and how to treat them would be in order. Certainly most authorities feel that whatever the child is, is the result of his upbringing and environment. Wouldn't it be nice to have a series of lectures by perhaps ten different authorities (who would probably serve for little or nothing) coupled with a good study program using a good text book?

UNDERSTANDING the problems of our fellow men and children can prevent their suddenly becoming complete strangers who are going out from the home for advice and companionship, and perhaps becoming what we never in the world intended them to be.

Program? School drop-outs, Religion and its role in the program, Youth Protection program and Youth and Children's Center of the County, Psychology of the Child and Teens. I for one would welcome and attend a course like this.

One Who Observes

Firm Stand Taken By Elly Peterson

Dear Editor:

On Primary Day, September 1, the Republican voters of Michigan will be asked to choose their candidate to run for the United States Senate in November. As you know, I am one of three seeking my party's endorsement.

I firmly believe that to campaign for the nomination on nothing but vague statements like "sound government", "firmness in foreign affairs", or "ruination inflation" is little more than an attempt to obscure a candidate's honest position on the issues—or to conceal his ignorance.

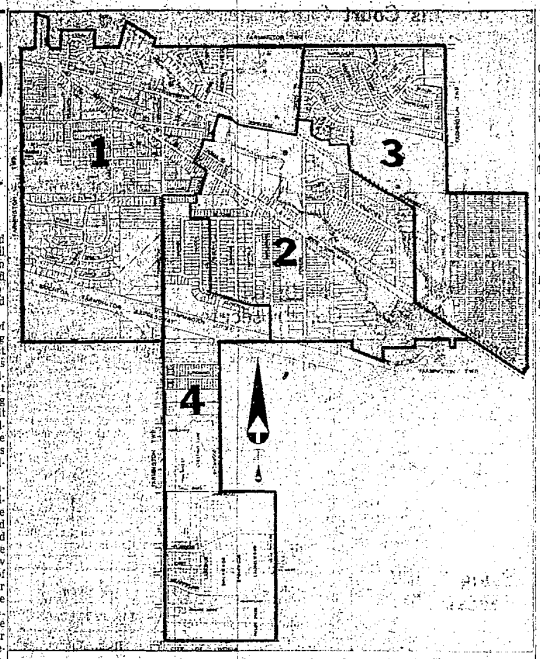
Some time ago I prepared a position statement attempting to set forth as specifically as possible where I stood on the issues facing Michigan and the nation today. Many friends, some of them experts on particular issues, have been kind enough to offer their comments and suggestions. I have now boiled down my original statement to one of eight pages, which is enclosed. It is my hope that your paper would be willing to convey this statement to your readers in your edition of August 28 or 27.

I am well aware that the editors of weekly newspapers go through an ordeal every week trying to fit all available material into their pages. If you cannot find space to include all of the enclosed statement, I would appreciate it if you would select excerpts from it, choosing those parts you feel your readers are most interested in. If you should do so, I would only ask that you identify the selections as excerpts, and mention that the entire statement can be obtained from my campaign office at 111 S. Cochran Street, Charlotte, Michigan.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Elly M. Peterson

The nationally recognized St. Andrew's Bagpipe Band and the Highland Dancers, sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, will perform for senior citizens on Old Timers Day, Sept. 2, at the Michigan State Fair, which runs from August 28, through Labor Day, Sept. 7.



THE FOUR VOTING precincts for the City of Farmington are fairly easy to distinguish on the above map. In most cases boundary lines are drawn down the centers of streets or roads, but there are a few exceptions. If anyone is in doubt as to where they are to vote, City Clerk Trena Quinn says, "First check the map, then check your registration card. If you are still in doubt, call the clerk's office, 474-5500, before September 1 if possible."

Program Set for New Town Hall Series, October Through April

The Northville Town Hall series which will resume again this fall offers an outstanding program in the fields of Art, Politics, Exploration and Human Interest which will be presented by authorities and professionals on these subjects.

October 15, Agnes Moorehead of stage, television and films will offer "Come Closer, I'll give you an ear full." Baroness Maria Von Trapp, world adventuress, author and stage personality will appear on November 9 with "Around the World with the Trapp family singers."

Town Hall of Northville then takes a two-month break. Appearing in 1965 on February 4 will be the famed portrait artist, author and art columnist at the P & A Theatre in Northville, and last about an hour. A celebrity luncheon follows each lecture which is optional and reservations prior to the date is necessary.

Brochures can be obtained at the Farmington Library. The proceeds from this series will again be contributed to charities in Farmington, Plymouth, Livonia or Northville through the Board of Awards.

Children under 12 will, as usual, have a place of their own at the Michigan State Fair, August 28 through Labor Day, September 7. It is the Kiddie Farm area which will have animals, exhibits, a puppet theater and prizes—all free. Children age 12 and under when accompanied by an adult, are admitted free to the Fairgrounds.

Contentment is something that depends a little on position but a lot on disposition.

Norman Garbo, proving that anyone can paint, with his lecture "Pull up an easel." Politics then takes the platform on April 1, 1965 with Martha Rountree, political writer, columnist and speaking on "Rountree's Washington Roundup." For the last lecture for Town Hall comes the Commander of the USS Skate, Commander James Calvert, USN, with a nationally interested topic of "Surface at the Pole."

Northville is entering its 4th season with the Town Hall of 64-65 and even as young as this, the membership has gone up into the 800's. Season tickets can be purchased for $10.

The lectures begin at 11 a.m.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
AUGUST 27, 1959

New Principal

Jack A. Cleveland has been named principal of the new Alameda Elementary School on Power Road in the Farmington School District.

Road Paving

Approval was given Tuesday night by the Farmington Township Board to the plan for paving 13 Mile Road, west from Orchard Lake Road a total of 2,340 feet, to serve residents in Kendallwood, and Westbrooke Manor subdivisions.

Planning Committee

The Farmington City Council named a three-man committee to help study ways to rejuvenate the downtown Farmington area, at their regular meeting Monday evening. Named to the committee were John Oldpison, Harry Lapham and Robert J. Boise.

New School

Farmington School Board officials expressed satisfaction this week with the progress being made on new school additions in the District. They report new additions at Longacre and Kenbrook schools will be ready by the time school opens next month.

10 Years Ago
AUGUST 26, 1954

New Fire Truck

The City of Farmington received delivery on their new fire truck this week and the modern, specially-equipped engine is now in service.

Water Problem

Over 300 protesting residents and property owners jammed into the Town Hall Tuesday evening, at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board, to demand action on the establishment of a water system in the "dry" areas of the township.

Fatal Crash

Leon Merriweather of 600 Chandler in Detroit was killed early Sunday morning when his car left the road just north of Ten Mile on Orchard Lake Road and crashed into a concrete culvert.

New Store Hours

Beginning September 8, stores in the downtown business section will remain open Wednesday afternoons, according to officials of the Merchants Association.

15 Years Ago
AUGUST 25, 1949

Land of Tall Corn

Calvin W. Boswell of Robinson Street finds a five-foot rule won't help measure his 12-foot corn stalks. The corn, a Missouri variety, was planted only May 15. "It might get goodsized if the growing season was longer," Boswell said.

Lands a Big One

Roy Gohl, who operates the Texaco Station at Grand River and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington, landed a 20-pound bass on a four-pound test line in Cedar Lake last Wednesday. It took Roy twenty minutes to land the big one.

Traffic Signal

Work began this week on the installation of a regular traffic signal on the Grand River Cutoff at the Farmington Road intersection. There has been no light at the intersection previously.

Calls Gridders

Farmington High School football coach Bill Nuse reported this week that a record number of boys turned out for the first grid meeting of the season, held last Wednesday evening.

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Win Mayfair Bridge Club Games Aug. 21

The Mayfair Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Friday night, August 21, were Clarence and Edna Johnson (north - south) and Don and Ann Doan (east-west).

Second place bridge players were Becky Markey and N. Gugel (N-S) and Anne and Paul Phillips (E-W).

The Mayfair Bridge Club meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. at 29300 Middlebelt Road in Farmington. Marion Collins (MA. 6-2109) is the Director.

John Gutenberg printed his famous Bible on a simple hand-operated machine which resembled a wine press of his time.

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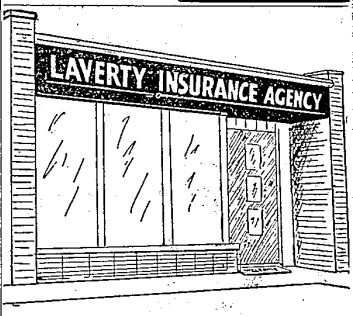

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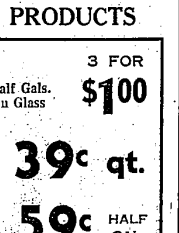

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