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New Political Group Emerges as Council Race Nears

A Kennedy (or Goldwater if you prefer) styled political machine was unveiled at a press conference in Farmington, on Wednesday, Feb. 18. It is well organized, has a catchy slogan, and apparently capable candidates—and most important, it seems to have public support.

The name of the group is FRS, which means variously "Farmington Residents Speak," and "Forrest-Rogers-Sauter."

Henry Forrest is a two-time Councilman, who hopes to be re-elected on April 5. Robert Rogers and Ernest Sauter hope to become freshmen councilmen on that date.

They feel that all is far from well in City government, and are in general—but not complete—agreement on what should be done. Therefore they are running as a team.

The press conference, which was held at Rogers home, gave evidence that the team has existed for some time. The signs and throw-away material were professionally done. Considerable thought has gone into the organizational table which was on display.

A small group consisting of the various campaign chairmen, was on hand. Reporters were told that several hundred more would have come if asked. There seems little reason to doubt this.

The team says it has no vested interest in the City except its homes. This is an implied criticism of the present Council, which is made up predominantly of men who make their livings in the City. Ironically, however, the one Councilman, besides Forrest, who will be up for re-election in April is Wilbur Brotherton, who like the FRS team also makes his living outside of Farmington. However, two other candidates are Virgil Cornwell, a Farmington builder, and John A. Allen, a local architect. FRS thinks the Council is already overloaded with Farmington businessmen.

They feel the "with a more equitable representation on the Council, the interests of the home owners in Farmington will be given greater consideration when ordinance and zoning changes are proposed."

It is their intent "to establish a commission to review the adequacy of the present City charter in view of the current needs of the city." "The present charter" they point out "was adopted when the population of Farmington was less than 25 per cent of its present size."

The FRS team feels that Farmington already has enough apartments, and that "serious consideration should be given to limiting the construction of dwellings of this nature."

FRS stresses the need for better enforcement of the city code.

The team intends "to take steps toward establishing a more equitable and efficient budget for the city of Farmington, while maintaining the present tax base through realistic planning of expenditures."

The group's platform points to the need for "more and better recreational facilities" in Farmington. It says these can be provided "through the systematic development of a city-wide recreational plan and program."

Forrest commented that the City never seems to have any money for recreation—but that he had made of the percentage of apartment dwellers in Farmington, Allen Park, Har-der Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Birmingham and several other communities.

Farmington has the second highest percentage, surpassed only by Birmingham, according to the Councilman.

Forrest, his wife, and two children, have lived in Farmington for over 10 years. He was first elected to the Council in 1961, and was re-elected in 1963. For the last 22 years he has been assistant controller at the Nicholson Terminal and Dock Co. A graduate of Cumberland Academy, he has taken additional courses at Wayne State University.

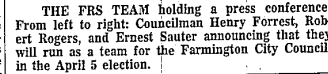
He is past president of the Rotarians and United Community Service; a member of the Propeller Club of the United States, and a former board director of the Downriver Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Rogers, his wife and three children, have lived in Farmington for nine years. An employee of the General Motors Proving Grounds, he graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in Engineering in 1953. He is currently a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Rogers is associated with the Cloverleaf School PTA and Community Service; a member of the Propeller Club of the United States, and a former board director of the Downriver Chamber of Commerce.

Ernest Sauter, his wife, and three children, have lived in Farmington for nine years. He was a first lieutenant in the Air Force, and is still in the active reserve.

Sauter was elected president of the Farmington Meadows Association in 1962. Presently, he serves as a trustee on the Farmington District Library Board. He has been with the Bell Telephone Co. for 23 years, and is now a staff supervisor.



THE FRS TEAM holding a press conference. From left to right: Councilman Henry Forrest, Robert Rogers, and Ernest Sauter announcing that they will run as a team for the Farmington City Council, in the April 5 election.

Modern Math Appears All Set for Farmington

If all goes according to schedule the Farmington Board of Education will be asked to approve at its March 8 regular meeting, the adoption of a new modern math curriculum for the elementary schools in September.

At its meeting Monday night the Board heard a progress report from the staff's "Arithmetic Committee."

Jack Cleveland, principal of the Kenbrook School, and sub-chairman of the committee, told the Board that the committee believes that the "modern math" is the way to make the child literate in every area. To give a child a general education, literacy is the key," he said.

"Modern math is misunderstood when people think that the child won't learn to divide or multiply," he continued. "The child will learn to do all these things, but will learn to use the new tools with skill. We are not talking about throwing away the old tried, necessary skills," he asserted, "merely bringing new skills into focus."

Cleveland told the Board that Modern Math is "somewhat new in content" insofar as there is a rearrangement in the subject matter and that it is "new in spirit." He maintained that the child will learn more efficiently and retain more if the knowledge comes in the process of a discovery.

Donald Hooser, principal of the Highroad School, and chairman of the committee, told the Board that the study program undertaken by the group and involved all the teachers whether of math or not.

He recounted that six different modern math series of textbooks had been examined and evaluated by the teaching staff. From their comments the committee has narrowed the choice down to three publishers.

Those series under consideration are: Science Resources Associates, Inc., "Modern Mathematics Program"; Addison-Wesley Publishing Co.'s "Elementary School Mathematics"; and the "Laidlaw Mathematics Series" published by Laidlaw Brothers.

In addition to this the teachers proposed an in-service training program for teachers if this change is approved by the Board. The district library offered a voluntary course for teachers and plans another one for the spring semester.

Minnie Zelke, director of elementary education for the District, told the Board that if all goes according to schedule and the committee comes with a definite recommendation on textbooks and the curriculum, she hopes to be able to present at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Other members of the Arithmetic Committee are: Arny Rehn from Cloverdale School; Marlene Berger, Wooddale; Jeanne Smith, Cloverdale; Mary G. Tinsman, Longacre; Jean Sudlow, Wm. Grace; Otis Butler, Beechview; Rhonda Rademacher, Eagle; Gladys Buhl.

Robert Schaefer, president of the Farmington Friends of the Library, making a presentation on behalf of a library proposal, to the Farmington Democratic Club, at its recent meeting. Pictured above, among those listening to Schaefer, are Bill Hungerford (left), and Marty Gluckstein.

At the Farmington Democratic Club meeting, the Farmington Democratic Club has long recognized the vital community service rendered by the Farmington District Library and has exerted its influence to improve the already excellent service rendered by the Library by establishing the "John F. Kennedy Bookshelf," declared a resolution introduced by Martin Gluckstein.

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Cornwell Discusses Candidacy

Virgil Cornwell is 58; and has spent about 12 of those years as a resident of the City of Farmington. He lived here in 1934, then moved to Detroit. He moved back to Farmington in 1954. He and his wife, Ellen, have six children—four of them married.

In 1955, he planned and platted the scenic View Subdivision. He built most of the houses in the Subdivision, and he himself has lived there for eight years. (The Observer feels compelled to comment that a builder who lives in his own subdivision must be good—or better.)

In 1959, he developed the Downtown Farmington Center. He says the idea for the Center was his alone.

Pointing to the difficulty of creating this shopping complex, he says the area was very blighted at the time he went in. He emphasizes that he does not own any portion of this section, at this time. This statement is offered to allay any idea that he is in politics in order to further his business interests.

He made an unsuccessful bid for the Council in 1963. But he feels he can offer the City know-how and experience. He says he has a full understanding of building codes, zoning ordinances, and does not believe "any sacrificing quality for quantity."

Thief Zooms In Rifles the Safe

The Cummings Drug Store, at 31614 Grand River, in Farmington, was the victim of an unarmed robbery, on Feb. 17. Cash amounting to \$129, and two canceled checks—one for \$45 and the other for \$100—were removed from the store's safe.

Manager Jerome Cappel called the Farmington Police. They set up a temporary road block. They lifted it about an hour later.

Swear In Twp. Mounted Police

Twenty-one skilled riders were sworn in to the newly formed Farmington Township Mounted Auxiliary Police, at the Township Hall, on Monday, Feb. 22.

Argument Hits Board Meeting

At its meeting, on Feb. 22, the Farmington Township Board of Trustees agreed to the split of lots 32 and 33. Supervisors Notebook Farms Plat #1.

There's a new publication in Farmington

The Farmington Schools Community Relations Office has published the first in a series of "Periodic reports" on "what's happening in your schools."

Farmington Schools Publish Report Series

Marjorie Elcher, community relations director for the schools, said that the District hopes to publish another edition of the newsletter this school year. She stated, however, that since this was a new project there was a money set aside for the publication in the current budget.

Plans are made in next year's budget for the newsletter, how- ever, during the 1965-66 school year.

The first issue of the "Report," which will be sent home via the students within the next week include information on teacher training if the modern math curriculum is introduced into the system next September, plans for a fourth Junior High School in the District, and enrollment figures at the end of December, 1964.

Bar Is Ticketed

The Chateau Bar, 31031 Grand River, in Farmington Township, was cited on Feb. 15 for a liquor violation. According to the police the bar served a 10 year old Farmington boy two bottles of beer on Feb. 15. The boy came to the atten- tion of the police when he was stopped for a traffic violation.

Senior Citizens Meet

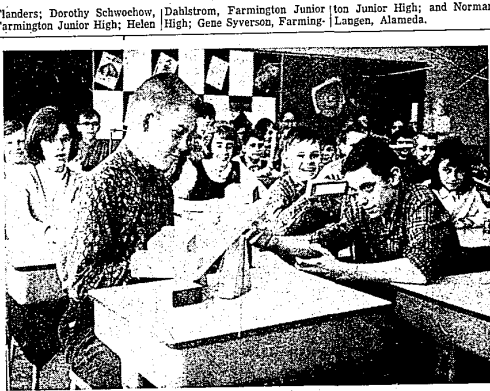
The Farmington Senior Citizens will meet at 12 noon, on Feb. 25. It will be a social afternoon. Bring your own snack. Tea and coffee will be served. If you have any social news call Marion Smith at GR 4-5190.

Pick Committee To Study Twp. Requirements

A Citizens Committee has been set up by Farmington Township Trustee Earl Oppen- hauser, at the request of the Board Trustees, to investigate the requirements of the Township for grounds and buildings, and to make recommendations, buildings, additions and improvements. Trustee Tom Duke is to be chairman of the committee.

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MRS. GLADYS BUELL recently led her fifth and sixth grade students in the making of various science projects which they made on simple machines. The students pictured above, are from left to right: Diane Douglas, Janice Marting, David Sherpits, David Duncan, Doris Melton, Christine Washburn, Kim Jakse, Philip Deighton, Glenn Richter, Clifford Salo, and Linda Zimmerman. The students learn to tell the differences between simple machines, and to recognize the application of these machines to various mechanical devices of daily use.

Farmingtonites Honor Lincoln At Oakland County GOP Dinner

Farmington Township's Republican Club at the Elks Temple at the 76th annual banquet of the Oakland County Lincoln League in Pontiac, on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Among the group were: Isobel Haynes, Margaret Downs, Mrs. Orville Foster, Mr. Elmer Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Avery, and Mrs. James Davenport.

Nearly 1,000 people were seated at tables where attractive favors had been placed.

The evening speakers, William T. Cahill, Congressman from New Jersey, and William S. Broomfield, Congressman from Michigan's 18th District, sat at a speakers table decorated with a bronze bust of Lincoln and floral bouquets of red, white and blue. Vernon Fitch, who performed his duties as toastmaster, and Boris G. Sellers, president of the Lincoln Club for this term, showed by the deep seriousness of his speech and the devotion to the Club, why he had been such an outstanding president, despite his youth in a club usually associated with older members.

A sentimental mood was invoked when George A. Dondero, former member of Congress from the 18th District, made the invocation.

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Farmington Dems Discuss Library Needs at Meeting

By JERRY WENT

The Farmington Democratic Club has voted unanimously to support the proposed program for expansion of the Farmington District Library.

The action came at the club's regular meeting after Robert Schaefer, president of the Farmington Friends of the Library, made a presentation on behalf of the library proposal.

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CELEBRATING Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, from left to right: Mrs. Orville Foster, Mrs. Frank Downs, and Mrs. Isabelle Haynes. The scene is the Lincoln's Day Banquet at the Elks Hall, in Pontiac. Mrs. Haynes has just been elected to the Republican Party's State Central Committee.