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OBSERVER STAFFERS DAVID Meyer Lindbergt is President of the L. Elsta (left) and T. L. Adeock interview and H. Manufacturing Corp., in Farmington. Farmington's Mayor's business office.

Retiring Mayor Talks Past, Present, Future

By T. L. Adeock
'I remember it like it was yesterday,' began Farmington's retiring Mayor Robert B. Lindbergt. 'Dr. Frank Weaver and Bayard Tupper come to my home and told me that Roy Miller was leaving town and they wanted to know if I was interested in running for the vacancy on the city council. I told them that I didn't know anything about city government, and they said 'That's good.'
The Mayor reminisced about that moment during an interview last week by the Observer in the Spring of 1962. He offers, as his sole reason for retiring the pressure of increasing business by his company, L.H. Wood Manufacturing Corp. 'Not everybody believes this, but the only reason (for retirement) is my business. I didn't get tired of the hassles, it was actually very relaxing for me to come home after a good day of arguing.
Asked what his hopes were for the new council, Lindbergt said that he would like to see some annexation studies made in areas adjacent to the city. These areas, he said, could benefit from annexation to the city of Farmington and, as well, the city would 'too ambitious' annexation plans, though.

Hannan Fails In 'Last Ditch' Attempt To Cut Twp. Density

Charles Hannan, a member of the Farmington Township Zoning Board, who has long fought for a reduction in the density of proposed Township building developments, made what he described as one last attempt to cut the maximum number of units-per-acre to multiple zoning from 14 to 10 or less, at the Board's meeting, Thursday, April 23.
Hannan's attempt came during consideration of zoning ordinance changes. The attempt failed and the zoning ordinance was approved as advertised.
In another important decision, the proposed Hunter Ridge Subdivision, at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads, received qualified approval. The entire piece was zoned multiple, including the portion that developer Mel Rosenhaus had set aside for residential use. There was an expressed agreement, however, that if Rosenhaus does a good job on the apartment complex, a larger portion will be permitted at a later time.
The youngest, dapper Rosenhaus, who says he plans to build a ultra-luxurious development on the site, expressed great satisfaction with the decision. In a statement to the Observer, he described the Board as 'the most professional and knowledgeable' he had ever dealt with.
The Board approved the final plat for the proposed multiple development on the Botsford property, subject to review by

Little Car Strippers Do A Great Big Job

Three Farmington youths—ages 12 and 14—were apprehended in the act of stripping cars in the Bob Dusek Lincoln-Mercury Used Car Lot, 2341 Grand River, Farmington, on Sunday, May 2. Sgt. Jay Harrison, Plim. Dan Byrnes, and Aux. Donald Wolf went to the lot and seized one car radio on shortly after 1 p.m., and caught them.
The boys were stripping the cars of their radios and speakers. They had been working since about 10 a.m., after making a reconnaissance of the lot and stealing one radio on the previous afternoon.
The boys were taken to the station, and their parents were

Building Inspectors Join AFL-CIO Union

Meeting on May 1 (May Day by coincidence), the building inspectors of Farmington Township voted unanimously to join the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees—an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. They feel they are underpaid, and lack job security.
Township Supervisor Curt Hall says that to the best of his knowledge the inspectors are adequately compensated, but that he is sure the Township Board will be glad to hear their side of things.
The six inspectors are Al Gain, head inspector; Art Makie, building inspector; George Crook, electrical inspector; Ray Melvin, heating inspector; John Drury, plumbing inspector; and Albert Zanke, sewer inspector.
The inspectors contacted the Farmington Public School Local 1456, several weeks ago. In a written reply, the school gave the police of three inspectors to get their own local they would have to have a potential membership of 250. This was obviously impossible. So a meeting was called for Saturday, at Farmington High School—to discuss the possibility of affiliation.
All six inspectors showed up

at the meeting. So did rank and file members of 1456. It lasted about three hours. And when it was over, all six still wanted to join. And the rank and file of 1456 voted unanimously to accept them.
Local 1456 will now be known as the Farmington Public Schools and Farmington Township Employees Local 1456.
The inspectors will take care of their own business. John Drury will serve as steward.
George Crook will serve on the Executive Board of Local 1456, as a Second Vice President.
In a statement to the Observer, Crook said:
'We have no protection of any kind, and we thought this would give us some. We tried the Civil Service, but the administration kept passing the buck. The Township officials thought they would lose all control.
'The union is going to write them a letter, saying that they should bargain with our grievance committee, or the Union will come in to bargain.
'We've had one raise in the last eight years, and that was about \$200 a year for each man. From this comes Social Security, Blue Cross, and withholding tax.
'The girls got \$100. But the police got \$400 annually, and some of them have just been there a short time.
'They give us a \$1,000 a year car allowance, plus about \$6,000 a year salary. But it's all listed as salary on our pay checks. And we have to pay income tax on the whole thing.'
Crook realizes there is no likelihood of immediate raises. 'Their budget is all made up. And so we can't get any more until the next budget. And that will be next year.'
An Observer reporter broke the news of the union to Curt Hall on Monday. He responded by saying that 'based on (Continued on Page 20B)

Ends in Bloody Fight Police in Wild Chase

A 22-year-old Detroit, Dennis Parker Smith, of 18408 Ash-ton, gave the police of three suburban communities a wild chase and a stubborn but losing fight, in the early hours of Saturday, May 1.
The wild night began, according to the police, at 1:20 a.m., when Farmington Township Officer George Maier—just off duty and still in uniform—saw Smith pull his '65 Olds out of the Clark Gas Station at Orchard Lake Road, at a high rate of speed. Maier gave chase, and stopped Smith at Shilawasse and Ten Mile.
Smith, a big husky fellow, gave no trouble at first and handed Maier his driver's license and registration. But then, says Maier, his mood changed, he began to talk strangely, and started crying, while admitting to having had three beers.
By this time Township Officer Arlo Newell came along. He too was just off duty and still in uniform. Farmington City Police Officer Mike Guilmette drove up in a squad car. Officer Ron Watson was riding with him.
Suddently, Smith shoved Maier, who was still holding his ID, pushed his way past Newell, leaped into his car, and drove off. 'You'll never see me alive again,' and took off with the gas pedal down to the floor. His Olds burned rubber on all four tires.
He was headed south on Farmington Road, at a speed of more than 100 m.p.h. Guilmette took off after him, and a call for help was made to all police in the area.
Guilmette says he pulled alongside Smith and ordered him to stop. Smith replied: 'You'll have to shoot me.'

Finally, at Sheldon and Eight Mile Roads, Guilmette and a squad car from the Northville Police succeeded in boxing him in. According to the police report, he was still full of gas. He rammed the Farmington squad car. And he attempted to run down Officer Watson who had gotten out of the squad car in order to drag Smith out of his car.
Watson and Guilmette approached the Olds from both sides. The Smith ended at the car. He swung at Watson—striking him on the helmet. He then lunged at Guilmette.
Immediately thereafter, he was taken to Dotoled Hospital, where he received 22 stitches in his mouth.
On Monday, he was tried before Farmington Municipal Judge Sylvester Phener. He pleaded guilty to reckless driving, and received four days in jail and a fine of \$100.



Jim Piatt, Art Millard Are Elected

At its meeting on Monday, May 3, the Farmington City Council named James Piatt and Art Millard to serve on the Planning Commission. They were among eight people who had been nominated for this honor at the Planning Commission meeting of April 20. In being elected by the Council, Piatt and Millard won over James Conaway of a close race.
Piatt led the recent fight for a change in the proposed planning map from ERO to one-family residential. Though he heads the Forest Meadows Subdivision, a stronghold of the FRB team, Piatt did not support it in the last council race.
Dick Duncan, Republican Chairman for Farmington, was also considered for one of the seats. Though losing, he may prove pretty close. This may or may not be a boding for the strength of Republicanism in the City. Piatt, too, has been an active Republican.
A delegation representing Farmington Baseball for Boys, headed up by Charles Kupferfermich, was at the meeting, to urge the Council to improve conditions in the City Park. The would involve improved toilet, storage, and water facilities.
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HOW TO LOWER a man from a burning building, if he is injured or overcome. That's the problem the Farmington Township Civil Defense Class was addressing itself to in the above picture. The man in the sling is Andy Richman. Saving him (from left to right) are Al Nolan, Paul Buttons, Detective Russ Conway, and Al Tynner.



SGT. JAY HARRISON is seen here giving one of his excellent fire safety lectures to Girl Scout Troops 430 and 688, at Beechview Elementary School in Farmington Township. Any groups of individuals wanting to hear SGT. Harrison's lecture are urged to call the Farmington Dept. of Public Safety, at GR 4-1212. Facing the camera in the above picture is Ann Flakke. The side profile is Patricia Langdon. With her back to the camera, in the sweater, is Mrs. Frank Such, Leader of Girl Scout Troop 688.

Field Service Has Election

The North Farmington chapter of American Field Service held its final meeting of the year recently in the school room.
The following officers were elected for the 1965-1966 school year:
Chapter Chairman—Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Young; Members for Homes—Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Young; American Home—Mrs. William Conrad; Treasurer—Mrs. Irving Smith; School Advisor—Mrs. Margaret Taylor; and Delegate to Metropolitan Board—Mrs. William Bunnell.
Special guests of the evening were Lars Eggnell and officers of the student Exchange Club. Others were the families whose homes have been offered for next year's students and the parents of the American Abroad candidates.
To those present and to all friends of AFS in the community Mrs. Lam expressed her gratitude for their support and encouragement during her term as chapter chairman. A social hour followed the business meeting.

Township Police Track Down Tractor Thieves

Det. Russ Conway and Officers Norman Stainbrook and Gordon Ross, of the Farmington Township Police Dept., went tracking and caught some very enterprising youth thieves.
Their hunt began when a Jacobson 800 tractor turned up missing from the Ridings Lawn Mower Service, 20781 Farmington Road, in the Township some time late Wednesday, April 29, or early the following morning. Its value was listed at \$615.
The officers found tractor tire marks leading away from the scene of the crime. They struck with the marks, and were led across a long series of back yards.
The search was not a simple one. The tracks broke off when they came to the sidewalks and streets, and the officers had to pick them up again where the grass began again. Naturally, the officers picked up a crowd as they traveled.
The marks ended at a garage in back of a vacant house. The site was stalked out.
Shortly thereafter, two subjects came out of the back house. Officer Conway, and Police Chief Irving Hayes arrested them.
One was a juvenile. The other was one, Freddie Nipper, 17. Both of them are from Warren.
The boys admitted the theft. Nipper was charged with grand larceny, and his bond was set at \$1,000. He was taken to the Oakland County Jail. The younger boy was taken to the Oakland County Juvenile Home.

Allen Nelson Gets Better

Good news for his many friends and admirers is the fact that W. Allen Nelson is now well on the way to recovery. He recently had a mild heart attack, but he reports that there was little if any damage done to it.
As a result, however, Doctors have been out on his side. He is spending these nice spring days in his yard. And he expects to occupy his chair at the next meeting of the Farmington City Planning Commission.

Youth Group Needs Help

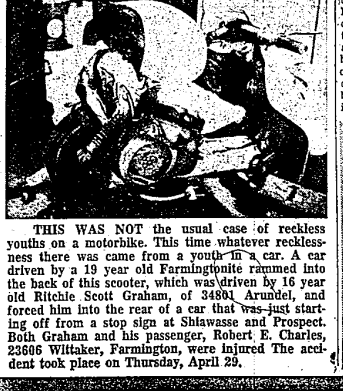
The Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary has been heading up the drive to properly outfit the City's Youth Guidance Committee Headquarters, announces that the Headquarters still needs a number of items. They are: three 3"x12" rugs; one 6'x9" rug; two living room chairs; one large and one small table; two end tables; three table lamps; two desk lamps; assorted pictures; one filing cabinet with locks; two side chairs; two desk blotters; three waste baskets and one dinette set.
Those interested in contributing to the fund are urged to call Mrs. Charles Boston, at 478-4684; or Mrs. Cliff Loreth, at 474-9175.

Pick Hamlin

Delos Hamlin of Farmington has been named Vice Chairman of the newly formed Traffic Control Committee of the Metropolitan Center for Community Affairs at Oakland University. It will be a study-public forum-action program. Its aim is to make Oakland County a demonstration area, to show what can be done in a high accident rate county to improve traffic safety.

Southfield Boys Are Arrested For Car Theft

On April 18, a 1965 Ford belonging to Warren E. Edmonds, of 2218 Bechtel was stolen. The following day, it was turned up in Oak Park minus engine, transmission and other accessories. The crime was apparently solved this week, through the persistent work of Farmington Detective William Gardin, with a strong assist from the Southfield Police Dept. Three Southfield youths have been charged with the crime.
They are Paul Geving, 17; Kenneth Radar, 17; and Walter Hammer. Arrested by Southfield Police on a driver's license charge, they were later questioned by Gardin. In the course of questioning, they implicated each other.



THIS WAS NOT the usual case of reckless youths on a motorbike. This time whatever recklessness there was came from a youth in a car. A car driven by a 19 year old Farmingtonite rammed into the back of this scooter, which was driven by 16 year old Ritchie Scott Graham (3484) Arden, and forced him into the rear of a car that was just starting off from a stop sign at Shilawasse and Prospect. Both Graham and his passenger, Robert E. Charles, 23606 Wittaker, Farmington, were injured The accident took place on Thursday, April 29.

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