

In Our Opinion . . .

Our Hopes for the Community in 1966

Each year at this time as we close out the old year at The Enterprise and begin our plans and preparations for the new it has become a practice of ours to set down a few of the hopes that we have for the Farmington City and Township community for the coming year.

What the new year will hold in store for our rapidly growing and developing community is very hard to say. The Enterprise has no crystal ball with which to predict what is in store for the community for the 12 month period of 1966 but we do have some strongly imbedded hopes and desires for the community that we would like to see at least partially satisfied.

Some of our desires and hopes for the community that we are going to express will be repeats of last year at this time but others will be new. Here they are:

1. That the accomplishments made in 1965 in attracting good new commercial and industrial development into the community will not only be equalled but substantially surpassed in the coming year. This kind of development along with the rapid residential growth, that is taking place is necessary to provide an improved and healthy community tax base.

2. That greater general interest will be shown in total community affairs and that the citizenry of Farmington will be pulled closer together in working for the common good of the whole community rather than only for the small area or section of the community in which they live.

3. That the practice of our elected and appointed officials will be to not only name but strongly stand behind special citizens' committees that are appointed or set up to work on specific programs, projects and plans for the general improvement of the community. Considerable improvement in this regard was shown in 1965 in both the city and the township in 1965, in our opinion.

4. That a greater percentage of the general citizenry of our community will step forth and offer their services willing to work on committees or with groups that have as their objectives community improvements or community betterment.

5. That the discord that has developed between the township administration and personnel from the business community will be resolved.

ing department will be satisfactorily resolved very early in 1966. Friction between the administration and employees in any line of business is bad but seems to be exceptionally bad when it results in governmental operations.

6. That voters of Farmington Township will weigh very carefully all the facts regarding the proposed incorporation of the entire of township as a home rule city. A decision based on what will be best for the community over the "long pull" to ultimate total development is what is really needed. It is our hope that some serious thought will be given to the advantages there would be in the joining of the city and township into one single city at some date in the very near future.

7. That each and every re-zoning request that is made in either the city or township will be studied very carefully to be sure that the decision made will be in the best interest of the community in years to come. Many times in past years, we have felt, decisions have been made more on the basis of pressures that have been exerted either favoring or opposing the requests than on the value or detriment the proposed re-zoning will result in for the community in future years.

8. That business people in the various shopping centers and shopping districts of the community will recognize more fully the value of their working together to keep Farmington people shopping in the community. Far too much business that should rightfully be remaining in Farmington is still being allowed to go out of the community because of the lack of a united effort on the part of local business people to work together in keeping Farmington customers shopping in Farmington.

9. That home and residential developments in the community will continue to be in the above average valuation category and that we will continue to attract an above average caliber of people here to live.

10. That the township administration will be harder to understand the serious problems that always result in very rapidly growing communities such as ours and be understanding with our governing officials when they are trying to solve these complex problems with the best interest of the entire community in mind.

A Dispute That Hurts the Community

The dispute that is presently going on between the Farmington Township administration and members of the inspection division of the township building department has us very deeply concerned as we are sure it does a number of Farmington Township citizens and taxpayers.

No matter what the final outcome, the dispute is certain to give our community somewhat of a "black-eye."

We can't see how the five inspectors or the union they have chosen to represent them could justify walking away from their jobs for two days because of differences with the supervisor and then expect that some sort of disciplinary action would not be taken. Perhaps the week long suspensions that the supervisor imposed were too harsh and we are inclined to feel that this was rather severe discipline.

In regard to the one inspector who was fired, we can't help but feel the

action taken was totally justified if the data prepared concerning his failure to perform his duties can be substantiated and we assume that it can be. What is of some concern to us, however, is why the dismissal was not made sooner than this.

With or without union representation, it remains hard for us to understand why the inspectors of the building department and the township administration should not be able to sit down and work out their differences satisfactorily. Compromising on both sides would be necessary but this has always been true in employee-employer relationships as long as we can remember.

To the best of our knowledge all the inspectors are qualified tradesmen, and it would seem to us that if they can't work out a satisfactory contract within the township administration within a reasonable period of time then their best solution would be to quit and take employment elsewhere.



MR. AND MRS. HARVIN WILSON of 28533 Kirkside in Kendallwood Subdivision are pictured above receiving congratulations and the first place prize from Harley McIntosh (right) for having won the Christmas Home Decorating Contest staged by the Kendallwood Farm Association. Mr. Wilson is holding a clock radio donated by the Thompson Brown Company. He is employed by American Motors Corporation.

OBITUARIES

ROWENA M. EISENMANN Mrs. Rowena M. Eisenmann of 3321 Alia Luna Drive in Farmington passed away, Wednesday morning, December 22, in Central Grace Hospital following an extended illness.

Mrs. Eisenmann was born April 27, 1915, in Detroit, the daughter of Michael J. and Sarah Hankinson Eiben. She attended school in Detroit and on July 12, 1941, was united in marriage to John H. Eisenmann. She had been a resident of the City of Farmington for the past 11 years and was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

Mrs. Eisenmann resided in the Thayer Funeral Home until Friday when funeral services took place from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. with Rev. Douglas T. Smith and John M. Shuffelt officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, John H. Eisenmann; and one daughter, Laura Ann. She also leaves one sister, Miss Leatrice Eiben, and one brother, Wilson Eiben, both of Detroit.

KAREN J. ARVIDSON Miss Karen Louise Arvidson of 3028 Stockton in Farmington Township passed away on December 21 in Providence Hospital after an automobile accident on Ten Mile Road in Oakland County.

Miss Arvidson was born May 29, 1946, in Detroit, the daughter of Raymond and Rose Leskovitz Arvidson. She attended the Farmington Township 10, Miss Grace School, and the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School.

Services were held Friday, December 24, at 1 p.m. from the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home with Pastor Roland C. Troike of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Royal Oak officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Arvidson are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arvidson; one brother, Raymond A. of Dearborn; and two sisters, Christine M. and Lorraine E., at home. Her grandmother, Mrs. Selma Nelson of Royal Oak, also survives.

MELVIN E. AULT Melvin Emerson Ault of 20117 Mayfield in Livonia passed away suddenly in New London, Ohio on December 23 at the age of 72.

Mr. Ault was born in Bethesda, Ohio on January 10, 1893, the son of John W. and Rosa A. Trembley Ault. He and his wife, Hannah E., who survives him, have lived in Livonia for 43 years. He was employed as an Ordnance Packaging Specialist for the U.S. Government, retiring in 1955.

Surviving Mrs. Ault are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arvidson; one brother, Raymond A. of Dearborn; and two sisters, Christine M. and Lorraine E., at home. Her grandmother, Mrs. Selma Nelson of Royal Oak, also survives.

FALCON CAGERS BOW The Farmington High School basketball team bowed to River Rouge, 61 to 41, in cage action. Jim Bates led the Falcons with 12 points.

The Farmington Goodfellows raised \$1,600 with their sale of the annual Goodfellows Edition of the Farmington Enterprise. The funds, canned goods, toys and other items of necessity were distributed to needy families in the community at Christmas time.

STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND Estate of JAMES F. SEASONS, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on January 11, 1966, at nine a.m. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at the petition of said estate to be required to prove the claims and on or before such hearing file their claims, in upon Charles A. Seasons, Administrator; 3009 Maple Grove, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate Dated: December 9, 1965 Joseph T. Brennan, Atty. 2245 Grand River Farmington, Michigan Dec. 15, 22, 29

Local News Items

MARIE LONG GR. 43114

Mr. and Mrs. John Draskovich and family, formerly of Dearborn Heights, are now Farmington residents living on Colchester in the Belaire Subdivision. The Draskovichs have four children. Their oldest daughter, Sharon, is married to an evangelist, the Reverend Donald Parker. Their next daughter Kathleen, 20 years old, who is attending Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri, and will be graduated in May, plans to teach in the Farmington School System.

John Draskovich, Jr., 17 years old, attends Farmington High School; and Ruth, 12, attends Farmington Junior High School. Their father has his own business—a snow removal service.

Mr. Frederick Burrage Willis of Eleven Mile Road was hospitalized for two weeks at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, from December 8 until December 22. Mr. Willis is a member of the Pioneer Golden Age Club of Farmington.

Mrs. Emma Russell of California has been visiting her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell and daughter, Dawn Marie, for the past month on Wildwood. Mrs. Russell will fly home by jet next week.

Mrs. Iva Bridger Morrisette of 7037 W. Loma Land Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona, formerly an officer of the Gold Star Mothers of Michigan, is in the Scottsdale Baptist Hospital, Scottsdale, Arizona, after undergoing a very serious operation. Mrs. Morrisette is the sister of Herbert C. Long, Sr. of Grand River Avenue and is the present chairman of the Gold Star Mothers of Arizona.

WOMAN'S CLUB SETS First 1966 Meeting The first meeting of the Farmington Women's Club in 1966 will be held on Wednesday, January 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ralph L. Seger, 34120 Oakland.

The hostess has secured Mrs. Arthur Schroeder of the Detroit Story Tellers' League to give readings.

Mrs. George K. Checketts, who was formerly as Program Chairman of the day, will assist the hostess.

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Movie Set For Watchnight Service

The "Tony Fontane Story", beautiful feature-length color motion picture, will be featured as part of the Watchnight activities of the Southfield Community Church, 21222 Indian Street between Beech and Inkster, north of Eight Mile) according to Pastor Raymond Bayne. An unbelievable, yet true epic of one of the world's greatest singers, this first dramatic Christian musical ever produced will be shown at 8:45 p.m. It is a dramatic story of how God transforms human lives.

Following the film, there will be a buffet smorgasbord at 10:15, and the Watchnight Service at 11 directed by Rev. Orland Thompson, Missionary Pastor of the church. The service will close with prayer over the midnight hour.

John Says Joyous New Year 4005 DICAS A.P. 26 A loud cheer for the New Year and all the good things that are sure to come for all our wonderful friends!

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