

Interest in Signal Hasn't Waned

We were happy to see the interest in the much-sought-after traffic signal for the intersection of 13 Mile and Middlebelt hasn't completely died out and residents are still taking pot-shots at officials in an effort to get action.

The latest attention focused on the "stop and go" signal light controversy came from a Wood Creek resident's query to the Detroit Free Press "Action Line". The question was, and still is: What do you have to do to get a stop-and-go traffic signal erected at this dangerous intersection?

Serious injury accidents have been occurring at 13 Mile and Middlebelt Roads in increasing numbers. Traffic fatalities which reached an all-time high in Farmington just two years ago when 12 persons died in highway accidents here also figured prominently into the statistics at this problem intersection. The Oakland County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police are responsible for conducting the traffic studies to determine what traffic controls are necessary in any given location in Farmington Township, evidently are trying everything short of erecting a stop-and-go signal.

Large stop signs as well as probably the largest blinker or flasher signal ever made have been installed at the intersection. They've gone just as far as they can go without actually erecting a traffic signal that will satisfy the surrounding residents. It seems they are attempting to prove "come Hell or high water" that a stop-and-go signal is not needed.

One of the points made by the traffic authorities has been that stop-and-go

traffic signals do not reduce accidents. They are designed to "control traffic movement" and there must be sufficient traffic moving on both highways at the intersection before they can justify putting up a stop-and-go signal. They also maintain more fender-bender type accidents occur at such intersections once a stop-and-go signal is erected. They concede, however, that serious injury accidents are reduced.

This last point is just what the Wood Creek residents and others have been after for a long time: Reduce serious injury accidents. We've heard reports that some motorists familiar with this 13 Mile-Middlebelt intersection and its history of serious accidents avoid whenever possible having to use it. This helps keep down the traffic count needed to satisfy authorities, probably just as anxious as anyone else if the truth were known, to get a stop-and-go signal erected.

The Farmington Township Police Department has been on record for many months of favoring a stop-and-go signal at 13 Mile and Middlebelt. Their recommendations which we feel are well based seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

Charts, graphs, surveys and statistics can look fine on paper and can show just about what you want them to show sometimes. It is conceivable whatever set rule applies to the erection of stop-and-go traffic signals, in this one little old isolated case, could be wrong. Maybe this problem of getting through to authorities will become academic after the results of the expected special election on incorporation is known this June. A city can take such action on its own to erect traffic signals.

Concerned On Twp. Interest In Incorporation

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the apparent lack of interest among the majority of Township residents regarding the question of incorporation. We say "apparent" because we can base our opinion only on the turnout at the Pre-Incorporation Study Committee meetings. None of the meetings has drawn any remarkable attendance.

One thing we do know, and that is that the villages of Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown have been well represented at every meeting. On a percentage basis we would say that the two villages have had an extremely high representation in comparison to the Township.

Meanwhile, the "Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc." has been organized to oppose the incorporation efforts.

We have not yet decided whether we are for or against incorporation, but we most certainly are in favor of having Township residents become informed, both pro and con on the issues. After all the facts are in and the Pre-Incorporation Study Committee makes its recommendations; and after the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc. makes its objections known, we will be ready to take a stand on the question.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

MARCH 9, 1961

Council Race

A race for three Farmington City Council seats to be decided in the April 3 Biennial Election is assured as the vote of the three incumbents, Robert J. Lindhart and Wilbur Brotherton, filed petitions this week along with W. Allen Nelson, Virgil Cornwell and Henry Forrest. Incumbent V. O. Bates is not seeking re-election.

Raze Parish Home

The Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Home was razed this week to make way for the new church planned on the site at Power and Shawansee streets. The home was built by the Ely family in 1903 and cost \$1,800, had five bedrooms and one of the first furnaces.

Falcons Win

The Farmington High School basketball team turned spoliars in their season finale as they upset front-running Pontiac in Northern, 62-56, to allow the Vikings of Walled Lake to tie the Huskies for the Inter-Lakes Conference Championship. Farmington finished third.

10 Years Ago

MARCH 8, 1956

Golden Gloves

Farmington's Bob Stambaugh, Golden Gloves Champion of Michigan, lost in his bid for the National Light-Heavyweight Title as William Clemmons of St. Louis earned a second-round TKO in the Golden Gloves Finals staged in Chicago.

Water Extension

Farmington Township officials received notification this week from the City of Detroit that plans to have Detroit water extended into the so-called "dry areas" of Farmington Township have been approved.

Electrical Storm

Farmington Township firemen were summoned four times in a three-hour period during last Monday's electrical storm. Downed power line caused the biggest problem when traffic had to be re-routed along Grand River Avenue at Colwell Street. The line fell on an oil truck which could not be moved until Edison workers could repair the break.

15 Years Ago

MARCH 8, 1951

Honor Society

A total of 13 Farmington High School seniors already made their way into the National Honor Society: Foster Aschenbrenner, Jim Hays, Judy Henry, Barbara Howell, Nancy Isley, Jim Keek, Gail Maidment, Gabriele Muhl, Rita Pieren, Vincent Stock and Mary Weaver.

District Champs

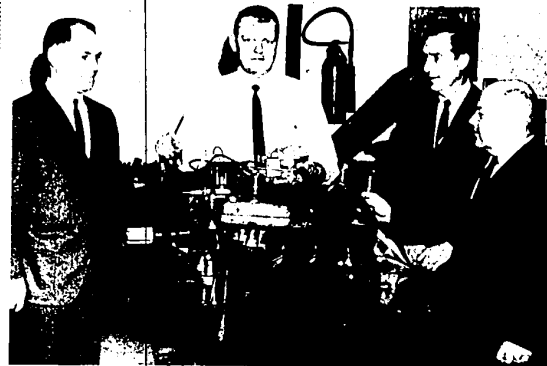
The Farmington High School basketball team won the District Tournament last week with victories over Walled Lake (56 to 38), Troy (51 to 37), and Milford (39 to 25).

CD Director

Byron Oliver, assistant principal of the Farmington Township School District, has been named Defense Director for the Farmington School District. It was announced by Superintendent of Schools O. E. Dunkel.

Early Settler

Funeral services were held this week for Henry P. Pagel, 94, the oldest resident of Farmington. He came here from Germany in 1883 to take up farming in the Township.



A NEW FORD MUSTANG engine, transmission and rear axle assembly were presented to the Farmington High School auto mechanics department through John O'Green Ford, 30711 Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Pictured above as the engine was turned over to the school last week are (l. to r.) James Geiger, Principal at Farmington High, auto mechanics instructor Jerry Allison, Farmington Ford Dealer John O'Green and R. B. Dale of Ford Motor Company's Detroit District Sales Office. The Ford 289 V-8 engine, transmission and axle are brand new assemblies which were taken right out of our production line and valued at \$2,100. There are four introductory auto mechanics classes taught at FHS at the present time with advanced courses planned.

Says Theatre Business In 1965 Was Best To Date, Despite T.V.

By CRAIG ANDERSON

FARMINGTON SENIOR HIGH JOURNALIST

Despite the bowling leagues, clubs, television, church groups, boy scouts and girl scouts, we've done the best business during the past year of any year in the history of the theatre. The "we" here refers to Mr. Edward J. Hoehler, owner of the Civic Theatre in Farmington and the P & A Theatre in Northville.

Mr. Hoehler recently received a citation from the Farmington City Council for "providing excellent service to the community." The Council thought Mr.



EDWARD J. HOEHLER
Hoehler should be recognized for a "job well done."

MR. HOEHLER has no explanation as to why business is much better, but he is not displeased—naturally.

The Civic has been showing single features instead of the ancient double features. Hoehler finds that single features draw more moviegoers. This may be one reason for the increased

business, he said.

Before changing to single features, Mr. Hoehler conducted a survey of his patrons over an extended period of time. The survey showed that people do not care to sit through two features. Of those interviewed, 75 per cent expressed interest in single features. Mr. Hoehler's prime interest here is serving his patrons as best he can. He said it costs as much to rent one film as it does two. A second reason for single features is that adolescents become bored during the second feature and cause a disturbance to the other patrons.

Having single features might appear to discourage kids but "few theatres do more kid business than the Civic," he said. At matinees which are shown on all Saturdays and Sundays as well as Wednesday afternoons during vacation Mr. Hoehler caters to children.

One of the problems of running a theatre is the renting of the films. Most companies require a seven day rental period at least. Time of year and interest in certain types of films are taken into consideration in the renting of the films. "I must play to the people," Mr. Hoehler commented, and consequently his pictures are carefully chosen and shown as soon as possible after they are released.

Mr. Hoehler has been in the theatre business most of his life. He started as an usher in Adrian, and now is 100 per cent

owner of the Civic and P & A.

AT ONE TIME Mr. Hoehler owned the P & A in Plymouth and a theatre in Whitfield Lake as well as his present two theatres. Several years ago, Mr. Hoehler was forced to go big and join other managers in ownership, or go small and save time for his family. Mr. Hoehler went small and became complete owner of the Civic and P & A.

Mr. Hoehler commented, "I would rather be a big fish in a little pond." Mr. Hoehler feels that by this type of ownership he can run the theatre the way he wants. One of his policies toward restless patrons is, "One warning and then out." This helps keep the Civic and P & A good theatres for the family as well as other theatre-goers.

In contrast to a theatre like the Civic, the Terrace, with five owners, must be run by the opinions of five men. The type of ownership Mr. Hoehler has enables him to run the theatre the way he thinks best. This works out better because he, and he alone, can make the best decisions for his two theatres. For the future, Mr. Hoehler plans on running the Civic and P & A the same way he has done in the past. As soon as his son, Greg Hoehler, graduates from Michigan State University, plans are for a father and son partnership and expansion. Even though there are big future plans, Mr. Hoehler will keep the Civic and P & A as family theatres.

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Women of Kendallwood

The Women of Kendallwood Farms will be enjoying luncheon at The Kings Arms, Southfield and Ten Mile Road on Thursday, March 24, at 12 noon. If you have not already made your reservation, you may still call William Dempster, 478-3327, but reservations must be in by March 18.

Tables will be set up following the luncheon, card games. There will also be a short business meeting on this date, and the annual election of officers will be held.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 89,628

STATE OF MICHIGAN

THE PROBATE COURT FOR

THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Estate of FREDERICK B. WILLIS, also known as FREDERICK BURRAGE WILLIS, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on April 11, 1966, at nine A.M., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Clyde Collins for the admission to probate of an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and for the granting of administration of said estate to Clyde Collins the executor named therein and to some other suitable person, and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

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

DONALD E. ADAMS,

Judge of Probate

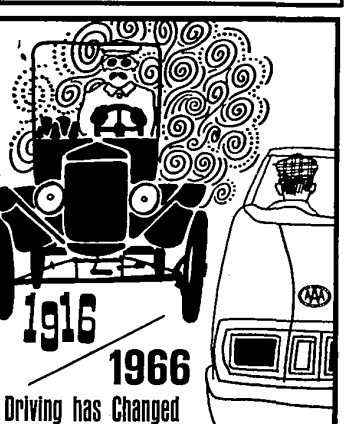
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Robert H. Nelson, Atty.,

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Floral Park News

E. R. PHILLIPS

GR. 4-4375

First, we would like to correct an omission in last week's column. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Verbanic and their son, Dennis Junior, have made the home at 23013 Floral, their new Floral Park residence. We are sorry that we omitted the address in our item.

Recent new residents to Floral Park are Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. O'Connor who have made their new home at 23149 Floral. They formerly resided in a home on Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Also, a new resident has made their home here. Miss Mary Lourda Cotter from County Clare in Ireland is living with Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor. Miss Cotter is employed by the Crowley Milner Company.

Serving in Vietnam

Marine Corporal Delbert Tebelman, son of Mrs. Violet Bruce, of 22104 Court, Farmington, is serving in Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, an infantry regiment of the 3rd Marine Division.

His battalion, which served at Da Nang earlier, departed Vietnam in November and returned to Okinawa for two months of training and reorganization before returning to Vietnam.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 89,690

STATE OF MICHIGAN

THE PROBATE COURT FOR

THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Estate of JESSIE C. ECK-FELD, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on May 9, 1966, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or before such hearing file their claims, in writing and under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy upon Christina O. Beckwith, Administratrix with Will Annexed, 401 North Eton Road, Birmingham, Michigan.

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

DONALD E. ADAMS,

Judge of Probate

Dated: February 21, 1966

Albert P. Hierog, Atty.,

23290 Farmington Road

Farmington, Michigan

March 2, 9, 16

No. 89,190

STATE OF MICHIGAN

THE PROBATE COURT FOR

THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Estate of FRANK L. UHAS, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on May 23, 1966, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or before such hearing file their claims, in writing and under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy upon Donald R. Uhas, Executor, 328 Wadsworth Lane, Birmingham, Michigan.

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

DONALD E. ADAMS,

Judge of Probate

Dated: March 4, 1966

Robert J. Colombo, Atty.,

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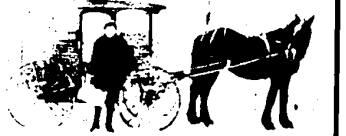
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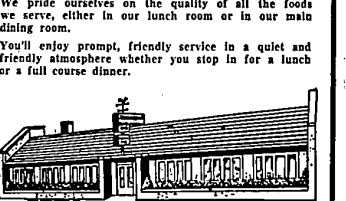
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