

In Our Opinion . . .

What's Going to Become of I-696?

When you drive east on I-696 you can notice when the expressway banks to the right and joins the John Lodge there is visible evidence of an uncomplicated easterly extension of I-696. At this point, a gaping hole formed by the already constructed underpass for the proposed extension of I-696 catches your eye just before you slow down for the curve in the freeway which carries traffic onto the John Lodge.

Whether this John Lodge underpass will ever be used by I-696 motorists by 1970 as originally planned now seems to be very much in doubt. The reason for the delay which may even result in scrapping entirely the much-needed east-west freeway route north of Detroit brings to mind similar problems which confronted Farmington Township residents five years ago and perhaps allows for a little sympathy in the direction of property owners further east of us.

Some may recall the State Highway Department's "preference" route through Farmington Township was not what we know today as the I-696 freeway. Farmington Township was somewhat more fortunate than Pleasant Ridge and other communities in the path of the proposed east-west freeway in that property owners who found themselves on the verge of losing homes were able to come up with an alternate route found mutually satisfactory.

It is interesting to note the original I-696 route proposed through the Township took what some termed a "deliberate swipe" at their homes by dipping to the south between Middlebelt and Or-

chard Lake roads but otherwise taking almost a straight line course midway between 11 and 12 Mile roads. This dip to the south in the original plan was made in an effort to avoid some marshy areas considered undesirable for highway construction and also to avoid homes in a development further east. That some homes would be sacrificed for the sake of preserving the marsh seemed quite naturally unreasonable to the affected property owners and in all fairness to the highway officials their cooperation in working out the eventual route to the satisfaction of most everyone concerned was excellent. This was only one of the many problems which had to be resolved as I-696 took shape along its six-mile route through Farmington Township.

The problems yet to be resolved before I-696 is completed appear monumental. Public hearings have been staged, controversy over proposed routes heard, final decisions made and now discarded. A final decision is probably a long way off and the already long delayed extension continues to be pushed further into the future. By 1973, maybe, the vital freeway link will be completed.

Oakland Community College officials envisioned a completed I-696 as a prime factor in locating their Orchard Ridge Campus which will open in September of 1967 in Farmington Township. There is the Township's industrial park also waiting to be served by the east-west artery. These are just a few reasons why in the coming months Farmington will look with interest to what becomes of I-696.

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Something For Everyone - A Real Bargain

"Expand Your Horizons," reads the Spring Term Farmington Adult Education brochure; and this is exactly what hundreds of area residents have been doing for the past three years.

This fine, well directed program is an excellent use of otherwise idle school facilities and has always had our wholehearted approval. Entirely self-supporting through the nominal class fees it is the one program that can be called a true community project. The entire program is what the people want it to be because classes are conducted only in those subject areas that are requested and attended.

The wide range of courses being offered should be gratifying to all residents because it reflects the good tastes and interests of the community.

The classes, running from one to three hours per week for ten weeks, have nominal registration fees ranging from \$5.00 to \$15.00 for the term. This figures out to a one-class rate from 34 cents to \$1.33 depending upon class choice. Where else can you find such a bargain for an evening's enrichment?

There is only one thing wrong with the Adult Education program as we see it—and that is that there aren't nearly as many people participating as there should be for a community the size of Farmington. The program has grown from 10 classes and 190 students in 1963 to 30 classes and 700 students during the winter term just completed, but

we would like to see more growth. Almost everyone should be able to devote an hour or two a week for self-improvement or recreation.

Having attended a class, we can personally vouch for the pleasant experiences awaiting those who have not yet enrolled in one. Many of us think of "classes" in terms of compulsory education, but the adult education program is entirely different.

All of the students are in class because they want to be and the enthusiasm displayed by people from all walks of life is stimulating in itself. Then, as we enter the class, we are further stimulated by finding out that we can still learn despite the old wives tale about teaching an old dog new tricks. Add an instructor who is also enthused and we have all of the ingredients for a pleasant experience.

Everyone in the community should be interested in self-improvement—whether it be further his career, to increase his abilities, or just to have fun.

In this week's Enterprise you will find a complete list of the class offerings, plus a registration blank for your convenience. If anyone is interested in attending a class that is not listed, the director will be happy to set up such a course provided there are enough interested people to make up a class.

Now is the time to register for the Spring term—and we think you'll be glad you did.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

MARCH 16, 1961

Install Minister

Rev. George W. Ramsey will be installed this Sunday as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Rev. Ramsey flew 81 missions over Europe as pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt and was shot down March 11, 1945, captured and spent the rest of the war as a German prisoner. He is a graduate of Grove City College and Western Theological Seminary. Youth in State

The Farmington High School wrestling team placed tenth in the State Class A Tournament. Bob and Dick Cook, Dick Lam, Lono Sexton and John Wagner all won points in the Falcon effort against a field of grapplers from 44 schools.

Wood Creek Vote

The voters of Wood Creek Farms Village in Farmington Township elected Norman E. Kreider Council President. Councilmen elected were Arthur Busch and Mrs. Marion Lam.

10 Years Ago

MARCH 15, 1950

Cagers Hoored

The Farmington High School basketball team had four of its members receive All-Conference recognition in coaches' balloting in the Inter-Lakes League. Falcons Don McDonald, Bud Jones, Don Robinson and Don Nichols earned All-Conference stripes.

New "White-Way"

Work on the new "White-Way" street lighting program in Farmington is now complete and 29 over-head boulevard-type light standards producing 10,000 lumens each are now in operation along both sides of Grand River Avenue from Grove Street to Cass Avenue and along Farmington Road from Grand River to the Post Office.

Sub Regulations

The first of a series of proposed regulations to control the development of future subdivisions in Farmington Township were presented to the Township Board for consideration.

15 Years Ago

MARCH 15, 1935

Falcon Cagers

The Farmington High School basketball team sold two top ranked opponents in the Region A Tournament only to lose in an overtime dual in the finals to unbeaten Ulica, 38-36. Farmington best Romeo and Birmingham in a tourney a 10-4 Thursday and Friday nights before bowing to the Regional Champions.

Academic Honors

The two most coveted academic honors of the school year were awarded to Farmington best Romeo and Birmingham in a tourney a 10-4 Thursday and Friday nights before bowing to the Regional Champions.

"Fine and Dandy"

The Farmington Jaycees will present their annual "Fine and Dandy" minstrel show March 30. This year's General Chairman of the musical variety show is Art Mann.



NEAL F. MASON (left) of Mason Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc., Royal Oak, receives his "membership card," a wall plaque, from Robert Anderson, Chrysler-Plymouth general manager, as he is welcomed into the 100 Car Club at the group's meeting in Palm Springs, Calif. Club membership is limited to the top volume dealerships in the country. Mr. Mason lives at 21911 Leyte, Farmington.

GOP Women, F'ton Hills, To Host Senator Huber

The Republican Women's Organization of Farmington Hills will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 21,



ROBERT J. HUBER

at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Frank DePodesta, 2288 Walsingham Drive, Farmington. Dessert and coffee will be

served preceding the program. MR. ROBERT J. HUBER, State Senator of the 16th District, will discuss legislation covering reorganization of school districts. This is a subject vital to all. Prospective members are most welcome, all interested persons are urged to attend. Hostesses for Monday's meeting are Mrs. Walter Pekin, 21107 Oxford; Mrs. Milton Kosley, 27300 Spring Valley Drive; and Mrs. Lester Scheffler, 25000 Middlebelt Road. Please contact Mrs. Scheffler (GR. 4-6699) for information on memberships.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR J. JOYAL

Mr. Arthur J. Joyal of 20975 Metroview, Farmington Township, passed away on Monday, March 7, 1966, in Mt. Carmel Hospital at the age of 72.

Mr. Joyal was born on March 31, 1886 in St. David, Quebec, Canada, the son of Pierre and Exilda Gilbeau Joyal. He moved to the United States in 1910 and on September 24, 1922 was united in marriage to Celina Plourde. He was employed as a pattern maker for General Motors Company for 45 years, retiring in 1955.

Services were held on Thursday, March 10, with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the Henney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Fr. George F. Duffy, Our Lady of Sorrows, officiated at the 10 a.m. service. A Rosary was said on Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Joyal is his wife, Celina; one son, Joseph G. of Detroit, and two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Wroblewski of Dearborn Heights and Mrs. Mary Lute of Livonia. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Roseanna Plourde of Cloutier, Quebec, Canada as well as twelve grandchildren.

Mrs. and Mrs. Donald McAkin of 3164 Folkstone, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Kathleen, to James Francis Wolschen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wolschen of Oak Park. He is a student at Highland Park Junior College. Miss McAkin was graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows in 1964 and is employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Their wedding is planned for January, 1967.

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Girl Scout News

AMY CHARRON 474-7113

A Girl Scout birthday celebration, an international dance festival, will be held at East Junior High on March 18, 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. All parents are invited.

Junior Troop 334 leader, Mrs. Lola Vagnoni, and Co-leader, Mrs. Evelyn Burnstedt, with nineteen girls and four mothers spent overnight at Greenfield Village on March 4 and 5.

On February 6, Junior troops 688 and 86 had the fun of attending a final dress rehearsal of George Washington Slept Here put on by the Farmington Players. They found there is a lot of work and if the actors didn't think of the others the play would not be good. All came away quite impressed.

Junior Troop 345 working on their "Promise in Action" have been busy clipping names of our Michigan soldiers in Vietnam, so they can each choose one to write letters to.

These same Junior troops meeting at Beechview School had a film on baking put on by a local baking company. All enjoyed the doughnuts and coffee cakes supplied by the bakery.

Junior Troop 688 leader, Mrs. Claire Such, and co-leader, Mrs. Bowlick, after the hard work the girls did to make their calendar and Girl Scout cookie selling a success treated

the girls to a trip downtown to The Ice Palaces. As they "Promise in Action" pledge, the troop has adopted a needy family planning on supplying them with clothes, food and a complete Easter dinner, and won't forget the children.

As a neighborhood service project, a Brownie troop in Bel Air, Michigan, Kalaka County, has been completely outfitted in Brownie uniforms including the beanie and the socks. The girls in return have sent a Valentine card signed by each one, telling how pleased they are, enclosing a picture that appeared in their town paper of them in their new uniforms.

Day camp application time is fast coming up. Applications should be mailed on April 1.

Letters to The Editor

We would like to congratulate the Farmington School Board and Mr. James A. Lanigan, principal of Larkshire Elementary school, on a lovely dedication. About 325 parents, teachers and friends attended last Wednesday evening. We were treated to 5th and 6th Grade vocal music and an impressive dedication service. The school held "Open House" and we were invited to visit all the rooms including the new large central kitchen Larkshire room mothers served refreshments. May we say again how happy we are to launch and be a part of such a lovely new school. Larkshire PTA

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