

The "Centaur Post"

A column that appears every new and then in this space to let you know what's going on at Centaur Farm Stables.

WELCOME!

Centaur Farm Stables, located at the crossroads of Drake and Walnut, late Roads in West Bloomfield Township, proudly announces the arrival of an adorable filly foal on Sunday, July 2. She's a light chestnut, sparkling even, for "Meg," our Hallford Mare who foaled her. It's a boy, as is the Registered Quarter Horse "Jim Dandy" who sired her. Our foal has a white star on her forehead, a white stripe on her nose, and white socks on her hind legs. She doesn't have a name as yet, but suggestions are coming thick and fast with "Meg" and "Dandy" in mind. "Mother and Daughter" are doing fine and can be seen at Centaur soon. Right now they're in Hartland, Michigan, as the farm of Dr. Walter Littlefield, Centaur veterinarian, where the filly was born.

WHAT?

Every now and then Centaur General Manager Tony Pratt, who is British as a Bobby and who's only been in the United States three years, comes out with an expression that's purely English that Americans just look at one another with "what did he say?" expressions on their faces. Witness the other day when Tony instructed his riding pupils to "make much." One after another, the riders looked at one another, then asked Tony to repeat. "Make much." Tony repeated, and getting no results, he explained that for the horse riding boils down to a sport of reward and punishment, and when a horse has performed well (such as going over a jump) it's up to the rider to reward him—to pat him warmly a few times—in other words, to "make much." The British expression has been adopted with fervor at Centaur and has become a favorite to be used on any appropriate occasion.

HORSE-TORICALLY:

As early as 1000 A.D., the term "centaur" was being used in Ireland. Alas, however, no TV.

To go back into history even further, it was between 30-100 A.D. that the first centaurs, a half-bear with bronze, were invented to protect the hosts of multi-colored mounts on the stenciled sides of Rome.

LIGHT

For light summer reading, may we suggest "Hares & Their Buses" by Bill Ballantine—mostly for laughs.

Annexation

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expenditure of funds would not be great. The Township Board authorized the attorney to prepare the case.

Farmington Township Trustees Tom Nolan stated that "as long as there is any doubt I think we should push in any area to try to save this land and the community. I hung my hat on the issue of incorporation as did the rest of the Board and I still think, even though I am up for election, that incorporation is the best thing for the community."

Nolan added that he thinks the "I told you so statements by some individuals are sour grapes as these same individuals sat on the fence on the incorporation question. It is obvious that the City does not want to consolidate with the Township," he added in an obvious reference to comments made recently by Aldo Vagnobbi, chairman of the Farmington Democrats and candidate for Township Supervisor. Nolan pointed out that if the City had wished to consolidate it would have approached the Township on the question.

Nolan then moved to take all the necessary steps to file the court case and Mrs. Elise Avery, Township Treasurer, seconded the motion. It passed of the Board without a dissenting vote.

Schools

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include: two additional positions authorized, the new secretarial salary schedule, negotiation expenses, the proposed expansion of use of the County IBM equipment for business operations, an increase in the capital outlay requests for equipment for the reading specialist, and additional costs for operation and maintenance for additional supervisory and secretarial help.

Total income for the school district for the coming year is placed at \$7,416,162. Of this amount \$2,398,373 of the bill, Federal and county sources will contribute \$235,013 or 3.2 per cent.

Broken down the following amounts are allocated to the various categories: Instruction, \$5,002,313; administration, \$291,250; plant operation, \$788,315; maintenance of plant and equipment, \$248,412; transportation, \$201,786; fixed charges, \$124,240; capital outlay, \$118,379; health services, \$9,000; attendance services, \$7,550; and community services, \$3,450.



AN ARCHITECT'S SKETCH of the new office of Bank & Trust at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. in Farmington Township shows the widespread use of

Festival Sets Full Schedule

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Saturday is the concluding day of the festival and many activities will keep the family busy.

A parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will travel west to Farmington Rd. north to Shiawassee, and then

east to the City Park. Following the conclusion of the parade Farmington will honor its Own at a special ceremony at the reviewing stand.

Michigan's Lt. Governor William G. Milliken will speak following the ceremony.

An old-fashioned country store will be open for business all day in the Masonic Temple and the Elks Or. Room will again provide food for the hungry. Bargains will also be available all day at the concession stands.

The Farmington Artists Club will host an art show in the Village Green near the Masonic Temple from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Farmington's baseball field in the City Park will be busy Saturday with three different games scheduled. At 1 p.m. the women will play ball with the Downtown Center team taking on a challenger.

The Minor League All Stars of the local Little League organization will play at 3 p.m. while all stars from the Major League will take to the field at 8 p.m.

Beginning at 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. the Farmington Jaycees will host their annual Chicken Barbecue in the City Park.

The finale to the festival will begin at 9 p.m. in the Downtown Center Park lot when Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wood will begin their calls at the open air square dance.

Architects Named For Pool

At its regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education selected Linn Smith and Associates, Inc. as architects for the auditorium and swimming pool addition to North Farmington High School. They moved that this addition and the addition to Farmington Senior High be incorporated into one project to facilitate bidding and construction.

In other action the board also authorized a survey of the immediate area around North Farmington and Farmington High Schools as requested by the architects.

Prolonged discussion of the proposed expansion of special assignments was finally terminated when the board approved only that section which dealt with the school orchestra (subject to ratification by the PEA) and returned the recommendations for improvements to the athletic program to committee for further study.

Bids were opened for additions and alterations to the Administration and Service Building and turned over to the architects for their review and recommendation.

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Council Has Heated Session

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tion passed, without a dissenting vote, and the Council moved on in its agenda.

Things went fairly smoothly until the "miscellaneous" category.

After receiving and filing a report from Mrs. Glenn Leiland on the Southeastern Beautification Committee meeting, Councilman John Allen proposed the idea of having a landscaping firm do the maintenance work on the various City parks.

Allen said the City personnel in the Department of Public Works were not landscape minded and cited that he recently noticed that after doing an excellent job about the City Hall the crew packed up and left without cutting the grass between the sidewalk and the curb.

Allen cited the parks at Grand River and Warner, Grand River and Shiawassee, and on Glenview as three areas which need attention. He also called attention to the fact that very often the weeds are as high as the trees which the City planted along on Grand River.

John Platt, a member of the City's Planning Commission who was in the audience, spoke up on this point and stated that there are many areas in the City which need maintenance.

City Manager John Dinan told Allen that this would be an expensive proposition and termed the idea as "impractical." Dinan noted that the rose bed kept by Allen was supposed to be maintained by the girl scouts which had made this activity its service pledge for the year and asked Allen if he had any idea of how much the City had spent on the flowers and cleaning up of the City Park at Grand River and Oakland.

When Allen said that he didn't know, but that the City had done a "beautiful job" in that area Dinan stated that the City had spent \$2,000 and it was fine, but how many of these could the city do each year.

Brotherton asserted that he thought the idea would be pretty expensive and the Council passed on to the next item.

Allen said that he didn't want to belabor the point, but was Dinan's office going to get some figures on how much it would cost to hire a landscaping service for some key areas so that the Council could analyze the situation.

Dinan suggested at this point that the three areas Allen had cited plus the Village Green just west of the Masonic Lodge might be used for estimate purposes.

At this point Platt stood up again and restated his previous position which prompted Mayor Brotherton to inform him that "four key areas had just been outlined" to use as a sort of pilot project.

This discussion ended with the Council directing Dinan to gather the information and report back to it.

The next order of business was a traffic control order proposed by the Department of Public Safety. One of the proposed changes on this was to raise the speed limit on Freedom Road from the eastern city limits west to Farmington Road from 25 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

Thayer spoke up on this and said that he was opposed to the proposal, because of the school on Freedom Road. He pointed out that this is an elementary school and "little kids" go there.

The Councilman then asked Director of Public

Safety Robert Deadman what the speed limit was on 10 Mile in front of the 10 Mile School. Deadman said the posted speed limit was 40 miles per hour in this area and that since 10 Mile was a county road the county had established the limit.

Deadman pointed out that any school crossings on Freedom Road were all done at the bridge over the expressway and supervised by a safety patrol. He added that there had been no accidents involving speed in the area and said that traffic surveys had shown that most motorists were traveling at a rate far above the 25 miles per hour.

Thayer asked if there wasn't a safety group of Township, City and School people and if they had any thoughts on the matter. Deadman said that such a group did exist and that it consisted mainly of school people.

Thayer wondered if they had broken to the proposal and suggested that the county be contacted about the 10 Mile speed limit. Deadman said that the County Road Commission had turned down a request to lower the speed limit on 10 Mile and the fireworks began.

Thayer asserted that if this was so "the county was a bunch of fools and this sounded like the way they ran things—ain't that so Bob?"

Councilman Ralph Yoder broke in at this point and told Thayer to stop "putting words in people's mouths." Thayer retorted that all anybody had to do was to use "a little common sense" to see his point.

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ed them or not that it was his "prerogative to make any remarks I wish."

The Council following this outburst approved the traffic control order with the exception of the controversial proposal which was tabled pending study by the safety group.

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