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Founders Festival Opens Next Week



IT MIGHT have been nitroglycerin that was in a small bottle found at the Van Camp residence at 21136 Mayfield, Farmington Township, last Friday and the police weren't taking any chances.



At left, Sgt. Norman Brown of the U.S. Air Force Demolition Team neutralizes the liquid. At right Farmington Chief of Police Irving Yakes and Sgt. Brown examine the liquid before destroying it.

Tiny Bottle Causes Some Anxious Moments

A search for a Bible turned up unexpected tensions last Friday at the Van Camp residence at 21136 Mayfield in Farmington Township.

Fourteen-year-old Dallas Van Camp was looking for his brother's Bible when he found a small bottle wrapped in a cloth in a dresser drawer.

Dallas remembered his 19-year-old brother, Harlan, telling him another some time ago that the bottle contained nitroglycerin and to be careful of it.

At that time Mrs. Dorothy Van Camp told her son to

get rid of the bottle and the explosive contents and she thought that he had. Harlan is currently in the Army and the family had no way to contact him to find out what was really contained in the bottle.

Mrs. Van Camp called the Farmington Township Police Department who moved the bottle from the house to a shady area in the yard. The Air Force Demolition Team was called and the wait began.

It took about an hour for Sgt. Norman Brown of the team to arrive and Mrs. Van Camp, Dallas, and two other children, Dorothy, 6, and Jeffrey, 3, settled down to wait with Detectives Russell Conway and Earl Treples of the Farmington Township Police Department.

Chief of Police Irving Yakes arrived at the scene shortly before the Air Force and Lt. Thomas Schriber was also present.

Sgt. Brown examined the bottle and headed for an open field next to the house.

City Employees Approve Union

Employees of the City of Farmington's Department of Public Works and the Water and Sewer Department voted 10-0 last week for the American Federation of State, City & County Municipal Employees AFL-CIO as their exclusive bargaining agent.

At Monday night's regular City Council session City Manager John Dinan was named bargaining agent for the City. It is expected that the union will formulate a negotiating team to meet with the City Manager on economic and working conditions.

Youth Tries To Enter House

Mrs. Lee Rember of 28000 Farmington Rd., Farmington, was talking to a friend on the phone at about 8 p.m. July 17 when the doorbell rang. As Mrs. Rember did not feel well she told her friend, Jean Marsh of 28000 Halstead Rd., Farmington, that she was not going to answer the door.

At that point a youth forced open the screen door and broke out the glass in the rear door. Mrs. Rember then grabbed the door and opened it. When the youth saw her he fled on foot.

Poor Sidewalks Eyed by City

If the sidewalk in front of your home is in poor condition you might be receiving a notice from the City of Farmington within the near future requiring you to construct a new sidewalk.

However, if you receive the notice you will have an opportunity to meet with the City Council on Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. to discuss the necessity of a new sidewalk.

City Manager John Dinan told the Council Monday night that the over all survey of the City was complete and that under the budget \$7,500 of work could be done this year.

Total cost for replacing and installing needed sidewalks in the City was placed at \$235,000 so this year's work

involves the highest priority areas.

Under the City ordinance the City Council, may by resolution, require the owners of lots and premises to build sidewalks in the public street adjacent to and abutting upon such lots and premises.

After the City Clerk serves notice of such need the owner has 30 days to construct the sidewalk. If the sidewalk is not built within 30 days the City may construct the sidewalk and assess the charges to the owner.

In other action the Council:

• Received and filed a report from Dinan which estimated that the cost of a professional land-survey firm to maintain the City Parks would run 40 per cent more than the cost of city employees doing the maintenance. The Council agreed, however, to refer program areas to the City's Beautification Committee in the hopes that a solution might be worked out with the residents.

• Approved a resolution allowing the City Clerk to sign the cemetery deeds for the City owned Oakwood and Quaker Cemeteries. Previous to this time both the Mayor and the City Clerk were required to sign the deeds.

City Clerk Trena Quinn told The Observer that not many plots were still vacant in the 600 plot Oakwood Cemetery and that the City was in the process of surveying the area and placing iron grave markers in the area.

Councilman Howard Thayer suggested that the Council should perhaps give some thought to purchasing the land east of the Cemetery for possible expansion as the available plots were just about all gone.

Seibert Is Chairman

Fred M. Seibert has been re-elected chairman of the City of Farmington's Planning Commission at its organizational meeting last week. Other elected were: William Burke, vice chairman, and James Cavanaugh, secretary.

"We make this suggestion, because, unfortunately, in the past many vacancies have been filled on a strictly political basis with the last choice going to a person reportedly as a reward for his not challenging Township administration candidates in the primaries.

"We would not like to see this important post being handed out as a consolation prize to some candidate who might go down to defeat in the August 2 Republican primary.



WITH THE Farmington Founders Festival just a week away Board of Commerce Administrator Barbara Benya has her hands full. The problems were complicated last week when the Board of Commerce moved to its new offices in the Masonic Temple. On Monday morning when Mrs. Benya was in the midst of unpacking, she ran into the problem of where the best spot was to post the Board Festival sign.

Special Teen Activity Slated

This year the Farmington Founders Festival will include an activity strictly for the teenagers.

It's being organized and handled by the Farmington Area Teen Age Club of the Farmington Area YMCA.

The group has scheduled a teen age dance for Thursday, July 28 at the Farmington High School gym. Because of the other Festival programs scheduled for that night the dance will be from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Featured at the dance will be two local bands: "The Living End" whose members are Doug Knight, Gary Zeld, Jerry Brown, Chico Lorenz and Jim Simpson; and "The Crazes" whose members are Steve Banks, Danny Styr, Larry McDonald, Mark Read and Rick VanCamp.

Also featured will be an appearance of "Ronnie and Robyn" the teen age recording stars. Their hit record, "Burglary,"

"Cradle of Love" is currently riding the best seller list in town.

Pat "Mad-cap" Murphy of WXYZ radio will serve as the MC for the dance.

FATAC members will be admitted to the dance for 50 cents upon showing their membership cards. Non-members admission has been placed at \$1. The dress will be casual, that is, Bermuda or slacks.

\$150 Taken in Township

The home of William J. Fagan at 32311 Farmersville, Farmington Township, was broken into July 17 and more than \$150 in cash was taken from two separate bedrooms. Entry to the home was made through a bedroom window.

In addition to the money a snapshot was also taken from the mirror in one of the bedrooms. The Fagans were out of town at the time of the burglary.

To Honor Both Pupil Teacher

"Farmington Honors Its Own," theme of this year's gala Founders Festival in Farmington has turned up what Festival officials believe to be a rare coincidence. The first-grade school teacher of one of the community's oldest residents is also still living in Farmington.

Farmingtonites who have received recognition for outstanding achievements in various fields will be honored during the Festival. Meanwhile all people 50 years of age or more, who have lived in Farmington for 50 years or more, are to be specially honored at a luncheon.

During the search for these senior members of the community, it was discovered

Special Section On Festival Is Coming

Next week in observance of the Farmington Founders Festival the Farmington Enterprise and The Observer will publish a combined special section. This section will include a complete schedule of Festival events as well as features about this community project.

The section will be distributed with next week's Enterprise and will be available at both the Enterprise and Observer offices in the City of Farmington.

that Stanley Drake, 28501 Drake Road, who has lived all his life on the farm where he was born, not only is eligible for honors in his own right, but also will see his first-grade teacher, Jenny Zimelman of 21802 Colgate, similarly honored.

The Festival, several months in preparation by the Board of Commerce, is expected to attract thousands from Farmington and surrounding areas.

The three-day event, set for July 23, 24, and 25 will provide "something for everyone" with refreshment stands, variety booths and merchant sidewalk sales all going on continuously for the three days.

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Seek Entries

The Farmington Artists Club will exhibit paintings on the lawn of the Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Roads in downtown Farmington, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday July 30. An invitation to join this exhibit is extended to all adult Farmington area artists. For further information call Annetta Lind 626-1398 or Marilyn Jenks 474-7553.

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