

In Our Opinion . . .

Masons Complete Remodeling

Remodeling work was completed this week on a building in the community which has long held considerable historical significance for Farmington. Once the seat of government for both the City and Township, where court was convened many times, and even the District Library quarters were sheltered within its walls, this building now has been overhauled to once again serve our citizens.

No longer known as the Old Town Hall, although many will still continue to think of it as such, it has reverted to its first and perhaps its best use, that of the Farmington Masonic Lodge, No. 151 F and A. M. It was the Masons who joined with local officials 90 years ago to build the two-story red brick structure. Joint ownership of the building lasted until just a few years ago when both the City and Township offices were relocated in new quarters.

The Masons, who are planning an Open House at the newly remodeled building this week, have accomplished much in restoring the landmark. The interior of the building, as persons who avail themselves of the opportunity to inspect it during the Open House will discover, has been greatly changed.

What once used to be the court room now is a stage which looks out onto the

main floor, capable of seating up to 250 persons. New kitchen facilities have also been installed in what formerly were offices for the City and Township. The upstairs, which has always been the quarters for the Masonic Lodge, also received a major renovation.

Some work that remains to be completed on the outside of the building awaits favorable weather but all of the major exterior improvements are finished, such as the new main entranceway on Farmington Road which actually was the original door to the building. Four white columns were added to dress up the front of the building in one of the few departures from strict designs to retain the architect Prall's old mixture topped with a Mansard roof.

The improvements cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000 to make and include no public funds whatsoever. What's more, for the first time, the property is on the tax rolls and will annually pay its share into the coffers of the City.

Elsewhere in the pages of this week's Enterprise you'll find details on the Open House plans for the Masonic Temple. We urge you to check this information and plan on making a visit. We commend very highly to you the work of those responsible for the renovation of this old Farmington landmark.

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To Tell or Not To Tell? — a Question of Duty

"Don't be a tattletale." It seems to us that this childhood admonition has been carried to dangerous extremes in today's society. The "informers," since Gestapo days, have gradually become more scorned and despised, while the non-informers seem to have become admired and respected.

Some kind of unwritten code has been built up that says, "Thou shalt not bear any witness against thy neighbor" — even if he hurts you. The respected neighbor who "minds his own business" may or may not deserve our respect. Children should be taught the difference between "tattling," about minor things and "telling," about major things. There is a great difference in the consequences of sneaking an extra cookie and those of playing with matches. Some kind of judgment must be instilled in the minds of young people regarding when to "tell" and when not to "tell." For example, if a student sees a classmate cheating, he should realize that the cheater is hurting only himself; but if he sees a classmate stealing, de-

stroying school property, or trying to make an explosive in the lab, he should report it; and he should be respected by his fellow students for doing so.

Similarly, if an adult sees someone littering — even though it is against the law — he might ignore it. But if he sees someone doing anything that could endanger others or their property, it is his duty to report it to the proper authorities.

We can't expect miracles from our law enforcement agencies. They need citizen cooperation. We could go a long way towards policing ourselves if we would.

In our opinion it is high time to begin doing some "tattling." It takes real courage to go to the authorities and report something we happened to have seen, but we think it is the duty of every good citizen to do just that.

Our "look the other way" attitude is cowardly. The person who smugly bawls, "I'm no stool-pigeon," is making a poor excuse for being a poorer citizen.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

APRIL 13, 1961

Ousted Official
Ousted Farmington Township Health Officer Sylvan A. Broadman, M.D., fought for reinstatement before the Farmington Township Board at the Board's regular meeting Tuesday night. Dr. Broadman attacked the method in which he was removed from office when the Board held its unprecedented meeting and voted six to one for his dismissal.

City Apartments
Construction is now getting under way on the first building of a 26-unit apartment house project on Farmington Road, south of Warner Farms Subdivision and a short distance north of Freedom Road.

Named Mayor
Robert Lindbert, Mayor of the City of Farmington for the past six years, was re-elected to another two-year term by action of the City Council taken at their regular meeting Monday night. Councilman Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton was elected Mayor Pro-Tem.

County Chairman
At an organizational meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, Farmington's Delos Hamlin was elected Chairman of the Board for another term. Hamlin has served as Chairman for the past six years.

10 Years Ago

APRIL 12, 1956

Scout-O-Rama
Farmington City Mayor Robert Lindbert signed a proclamation this week to mark the observance of "Scout-O-Rama Day" in the community. Nearly 2,000 cub scouts, boy scouts and explorers are expected to participate in the event.

Annual Meeting
The Annual Farmington Township meeting will be convened on April 18 in the Farmington High School cafeteria at 8 p.m.

Elected in County
Delos Hamlin of Farmington was unanimously elected head of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors at the annual organizational meeting of the Board. Hamlin has served as Chairman of the Board for the past 18 months.

Blanchard Dies
Farmington Township Supervisor Ernest V. Blanchard died April 10 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, after being stricken with a stroke on April 3. The 78-year-old Blanchard had served on the Township Board for the past 26 years and had been a life time resident of the community.

15 Years Ago

APRIL 12, 1951

Angry Demands
The Farmington Township Board heard the angry demands for improved streets from residents of Kemberton Park in the southeast portion of the Township. The residents stated that the oil trucks and milk trucks could not get into their subdivision.

Baseball Season
The Farmington High School baseball team will open its 1951 season next Tuesday when they face the Plymouth nine.

CD Council Meets
The Farmington Civil Defense Council, under the direction of Victor Blakeslee, held a meeting with representatives from local public utilities, police and fire departments and other emergency control groups.

Girl Scout Cookies
The first box of Girl Scout cookies was sold this week to Farmington Mayor Delos Hamlin as the annual fund-raising sale got under way for local Girl Scout troops.

Red Cross Drive
The Farmington Red Cross Drive officially closed last week with a total of \$1,800 collected from area residents and businesses. This represents about 51 per cent of the quota for the community.



FARMINGTON'S MAYOR, Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton has joined Governor Romney and the mayors of many of Michigan's cities, in proclaiming April 17th to April 24th as American Field Service Week. Mayor Brotherton proudly presented the proclamation to the local AFS students, Miss Monica Raffaelli, Argentina, and Mr. Erwin Furlan of Guatemala. Monica attends North Farmington High School and Erwin is at Farmington High.

Farmington's Mayor Proclaims AFS Week

Mayor Sandy Brotherton of the City of Farmington joined Governor Romney and mayors throughout Michigan this week in proclaiming April 17 through April 24 as American Field Service (AFS) Week. Mayor Brotherton urged all of the citizens of Farmington to observe this week as a tribute to the many fine accomplishments of the local AFS chapters and the organization nationally.

The Motto of the American Field Service, "Walk together, talk together," O ye peoples of the earth, then and only then shall we have peace," exemplifies their purpose in bringing young people from more than 50 countries to America to attend secondary schools and send American students to study and live in foreign countries. Expenses for these students are high, but the profit reaped in the understanding and co-operating these students foster between their countries is well worth the cost. Although participating communities and the students' families pay part of their expenses, the remainder must be paid through direct charitable contributions.

In the Detroit Area, a Festival is being held as an annual fund raising project to help maintain the operating fund of the International Organization. THIS YEAR THE two Farmington Chapters will start AFS Week off with their dinner dance and the proceeds will go toward bringing next year's AFS students into our community. The Festival Concert of the Metropolitan Detroit AFS will have all the 52 AFSers in Michigan on stage to be introduced to the public.

The famed GUY LOMBARDO and the ROYAL CANADIANS will present a special concert at the Detroit Masonic Auditorium on Saturday night, April 23, to end AFS Week. Other entertainers on the program are Steve De Pass, Balladeer, brought back by many requests after his appearance in last year's concert. Bud and Cecil Robinson, a specialty dance team, are the outstanding performers of that week in Mobile and I will never forget it. My one regret is that I was unable to bring back to Farmington a little more to have merited such confident support. Thank you again — everyone — Bonnie Britton

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Hill and Dalers Bring Spring

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Even though Spring wasn't in town for the average person on April 6, it was very obvious in the special education department classes in the Farmington area when the 125 children made Mari-Poppins spring bonnets, under the help and guidance of the Hill and Dale group.

OBITUARIES

LE MOY MUNN
Mr. LeRoy Munn of the Tops Motel in Farmington Township passed away suddenly on April 6 at Botsford General Hospital. He was 32 years of age.

Mr. Munn was born on January 21, 1927, in DeQueen, Arkansas, the son of James L. and Ruby Carter Munn. He was married to Oia A. Munn and was employed by the Clock Restaurant as a Cook. Mr. Munn served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He had lived in the Farmington Township area just two weeks. Service arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home with services conducted by the Keel Funeral Home in Gainesville, Texas. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Cooke County, Texas.

Surviving Mr. Munn are his wife, Oia A., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Munn of Gainesville, Texas.

ADELINE CAMPBELL
Mrs. Adeline (Hannah) Campbell of 31345 Six Mile Road in Livonia passed away on April 11 in St. Mary Hospital at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Campbell was born on April 1, 1883, in Cassville Twp., Michigan, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Westgate Dowker. She had made her home in the Livonia area the past 40 years.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 11, at 11 a.m. from the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home with Rev. Robert N. Sawyer of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington officiating. Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Campbell are her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Foster of Farmington; four sisters, Mrs. Emma Foster and Mrs. Mabel Reid of California, Mrs. Vina Milton of Connecticut and Mrs. Nancy Alphon of Florida. She also leaves three grandsons.

ALBERT V. GALE
Mr. Albert Victor Gale of 24273 Grand River in Farmington passed away on April 5 in Oakland County Sanatorium. He was 78 years of age.

Mr. Gale was born on July 3, 1887, in Sherman Township, Keweenaw County, Michigan, the son of Alfred and Fanny Richards Gale. He was retired.

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THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of BERTHA SPALLER, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on June 13, 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 Harley Spiller, Administrator With Will Annexed, 22736 Power, Farmington, Michigan.

No. 86,996 4793
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of JOHN R. MAGILL, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on May 3, 1966, at nine a.m., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Walburga M. Magill, executrix for the examination and allowance of her first and final account, for the determination of the legal heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate and for the discharge of said executrix. Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

NORMAN R. BARNARD, Judge of Probate
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