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Dems Outline Party Platform

Democratic candidates for Farmington Township offices promised this week that if elected they would adopt a policy that local governmental affairs belong to the public and should not be the private preserve of a few people as is the case with the present administration.

One of the first acts planned by the Democrats would be to hang up a "Welcome Public" sign at Township Hall. "Except for those cases in which a particular group attends to protest a certain action, township meetings are held with few citizens in the audience who are allowed to talk only under highly restricted conditions," declared a statement by the Democratic nominees — Aldo Vagnotri for Supervisor, Elizabeth O'Connor for Clerk, Joyce Hungerford for Treasurer, and Harris Berger and Harold Shippee for Trustees.

"The reason Township Hall is nearly empty is because citizens are not encouraged to participate in Township affairs," the statement continues. "As a result actions are taken, such as the recent ban on night time trash pickup, which are opposed by a substantial number of people."

"The ordinance was finally repealed when irate citizens protested but the mistake could have been avoided if a public hearing had been held before the trash collection ban was adopted and if public opinion had been sampled at that time."

"To avoid such mistakes holding of public hearings on the Democrats propose the scheduling of public forums on the major problems." Other parts of the Democratic candidates' "Welcome Public" program include:

- Creation of a number of citizen advisory committees in such areas as safety, roads, services, recreation, health, and others with membership to represent a broad cross-section of the Farmington community — this means appointment based on willingness to serve and not on political affiliation.
- A concerted effort to increase attendance at Town

ship meetings by personal invitation, by working with subdivision associations and other groups, by making the agenda available to the press in advance of the meeting. The public would be invited to offer suggestions and comment on agenda items for one-half hour before each Township meeting.

One of the present practice of shutting out public discussion on new items or those items not included on the original agenda.

• Consideration of moving Township meetings, if legal, to various parts of the Township.

• Open invitation to all in the Township to apply for or offer nominees for any vacancy on the Township Board or any of its appointed bodies.

Creation of a citizens advisory committee to help pick the nominees.

• Adoption of the "Action Line" concept to help citizens obtain services and to register complaints. Designation of a special phone number for such requests for service and maintenance and a record of a written record of disposition of same.

• Full encouragement of voluntary citizen efforts in various areas.

• Maintaining of certain evening and Saturday hours by Township officers so that citizens who work during the day and week can meet with their officials.

• Full reports to the Township Board from the county board of supervisors and other meetings attended by Township representatives. Periodic appearance at Township meetings of other elected officials who serve our area—state legislators, congressmen, etc.

At the same time the Democratic candidates again urged their Republican counterparts to reconsider their refusal to appear jointly before Township organizations to discuss the issues in the election.

"We would hope that the Republicans would take such a constructive step to the election campaign rather than relying on an election-eve distribution of charges and personal attacks which cannot be refuted before the Nov. 8 balloting."

'Sky-Walk' Planned For Cville Schools

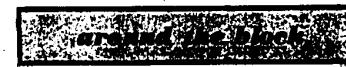
At their Board meeting on September 22, Clarenceville School District voted approval of a "sky-walk" across Middle between the Junior and Senior High Schools.

Additional playground equipment for Edgewood School was approved, and the districts bus drivers requested recognition as a bargaining

unit. A negotiating team was named to continue working with classroom teachers.

Dr. DeWayne Nutter was appointed full time assistant principal at the junior high school.

Tuition rates were revised to \$150 for elementary and \$175 for secondary. This action replaced original figures quoted at the September 8 meeting.



AROUND THE BLOCK WE RAN INTO that pretty lady, Gwen Granger, and she reported that her young son is now in a Vietnam War after he was drafted last February. He was trained at Fort Knox, Ky, then went to Colorado for a period. We would be ever so glad to see him right back in Farmington.

IT WAS ACTUALLY AT THE PLAYERS BARN that we met Mrs. G. Happily, there was a sellout crowd for "Many Moons" that afternoon, the community having caught on that it was a good thing. Unhappily, our party of seven couldn't get seats as we had neglected to make reservations.

SIX (WHO WILL BE NEWLY SEVEN WHEN THIS APPEARS) was watching the antics of a large lazy bumblebee from the safety of a spot behind the bedroom window glass. "It's not doing a thing," she commented, "just sitting there moving his antlers."

SPEAKING OF ANTLERS, A DEER was sighted last week on Drake Rd. We're so glad that some of the woody folk are still in the woods. Wonder how they think of the motorcycle. Of course, they do have something in common — horns.

UP ON THE HILL AT THE SCHOOL Administration Building, the secretaries have substituted brief, brisk walks for their former coffee breaks. This leads to clearer heads, lower calorie counts, and hopefully to lower tallies on the bathroom scales.

ONE OF OUR YOUNG OFFICE HELPERS had a unique jet-age experience. She wondered how her dad found out that she had smashed up her new car before he even came home after the event. It turned out that he had been buzzing the house in a friend's airplane and caught a sight of the now wounded thing sitting in the driveway.

by Shirley Berger



CITY OF FARMINGTON engine number two poses with Sgt. Jay D. Harrison, parade co-ordinator and Robert Deadman, head of the department of public safety to

publicize this Saturday's Fire Prevention Week. The parade will begin at noon from Mooney St. at Grand River and travel westward.

City Parade To Tout Fire Prevention Week

Saturday, October 8, will be a great day in Farmington for kids from six to sixty. Who doesn't get at least a junior grade thrill from the sound of a fire siren?

And there'll be fire equipment of every conceivable description in the giant parade planned by the local department of Public Safety in honor of Fire Prevention Week.

It will commence at noon from Mooney St. at Grand River and travel westward. So far, 25 pieces of equipment have joined up to make an appearance. An antique number dating back to 1904 is

thought to be the earliest entry.

All of the metropolitan area fire departments will be represented in some way. There will be floats from most of the service clubs featuring themes of fire prevention plus Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Clown with many of his clown cohorts.

American Legion and the Boy Scouts will provide honor guards, and bands will be on hand from the high school and junior high.

Beauty queens will grace the scene, one from the Michi-

gan Mutual Aid Firebuffs Association, Miss Cathy Scanlan, and the Farmington area's "Miss Recruiter."

Co-ordinator for the parade is Sgt. Jay D. Harrison, but Chief Robert Deadman and the entire department have been working hard to make the event a big success.

Following the procession, there will be open house at the Liberty Street headquarters with displays of the very latest in extinguishers and detection equipment.

There will be refreshments and giveaway gimmicks, but this year it is requested that children who attend this post-parade part of the proceedings be accompanied by a parent. "Free fun for the Family" is the slogan of the day.

Dems ? Bd. Vacancy

Farmington Democrats are wondering if the Township Board is stalling on filling the vacant Trustee position until after the election in order to return the post to Tom Duke or to some Republican candidate defeated by the voters.

"Since the appointee won't have to run for re-election for more than two years, I think that the choice should be made before the election so that voters can better determine who should be elected to go with the holdover trustees."

"If they are saving the post for Mr. Duke, who resigned rather than remain on the board to help the Township fight off a City of Farmington annexation attempt, why involve his own apartment project, then they should make that clear to the voters before Nov. 8."

Vagnotri said the Democrats are mildly pleased that the Township Board has apparently adopted one of their suggestions calling for a committee to screen the candidates for the post.

He had reference to a newspaper report quoting the Township Supervisor as stating that he would ask to have a committee appointed to classify the candidates and reduce the file to five or six for the final choice.

"That's what we proposed last July when we said to the board that such a committee should be broadly representative of the community. The Township Board has an obligation to make public the names of the members of this committee and to also make public the list of candidates being considered for the post."

"The Township Board has been truthful with the citizens on this question. Last July the Supervisor promised that the vacancy would be filled within a month. That month passed in August without the promise being kept. Now, two more months have gone by and the Supervisor claims that the Board can't act because of vacations."

"This is nothing but a cover-up. While the claim is made that vacations prevent taking action we note that the Board filled three important positions on the Township Planning Commission without previous notice and with two board members on vacation."

Public Hearing Set On Offstreet Parking

Offstreet parking, perennial problem of developing cities, came before the last Board of Zoning Appeals in two guises and was reported on at Monday evening's City Council meeting.

NEIL MCGORSK who has a tenant planning to utilize the second story at 2310 Grand River Ave. requested that employees at that location be granted permission to use the Masonic Lodge parking area as a temporary parking facility.

This was denied on the basis that the area is located more than 300 feet from the building and is across a main artery (Farmington Rd.). At a planning Commission meeting which was concerned with the same problem, a public hearing was established for Monday, October 10, at 8 p.m. At that time a request for rezoning the south 20 feet of 3339 Oakland Ave. from residential to R 1 P (parking district). To avoid spot zoning, it was felt that the three lots adjacent to the proposed parking area should also be rezoned to

allow for further expansion of parking facilities to service the stores on Grand River in the future. Consequently, the public hearing will be in regard to these lots also.

GEORGE W. CHECKETTS requested permission to place a 40 by 84 foot building on his property where the Dairy Queen building is now located in the Shopping Center. He was denied his request because his property would not provide the necessary offstreet parking spaces required for a facility of such a size.

In a review of the annexation program, the consensus of opinion was reached that the City Zoning Ordinance should include the Planned Unit Development Concept which is to be utilized by Thompson-Brown in their development within the annexation limits and is being used by the Chatham Hills development now under construction.

Resolutions were adopted by the Council to issue bonds for the paving of the alleys Vilac to Lilac, Lilac to Floral and

Nine Mile to Hawthorne, also for the Nine Mile Rd. improvement.

An amendment to the zoning map was adopted rezoning lots five and six of Farmington Little Farms Subdivision from residential to multiple.

PAVING BIDS were awarded to the A and A Asphalt Paving Co. in the amount of \$8,585.80 for the alleys and to the Universal Asphalt Paving Co. in the amount of \$2,522.02 for the D.P.W. Yard and the Ten Mile Magic Square.

A resolution of commendation was extended to the Public Safety Dept. whose pistol team gave an outstanding performance in the South Oakland Byrnes and Sgt. Richard Miller made a clear sweep in all events for Class B.

Chief Deadman won the trophy for the best pistol shot of all the Chiefs of South Oakland. Byrnes and Miller won the team event of all departments in the class and Daniel Byrnes had the individual high score for all participants in the class.

17 From Area In Semifinals

Semifinalists have been named in the 1966-67 National Merit Scholarship competition. They are among 14,000 of the nation's highest scoring students on the qualifying test administered last spring.

Semifinalists from Farmington area are: F. Anne Livingston and James P. Hooser of Farmington Senior High; Harriet A. Davidson, Steven D. Gordon, John W. Harris, Leigh W. Koops, Jan E. Malsel, Paul C. Mingo and Leslie J. Stein from North Farmington High.

Our Lady of Mercy High contenders include Marie P. Duffy, Rosanne M. Hartmann, Kathleen A. Kelly, Laurie M. Konevica, Kathleen McMahon, Cheryl A. Manz and Catherine A. Yee. Anthony T. Tucker is on the list from Our Lady of Sorrows.

Paul C. Mingo, Donald D. Peterson, Janice M. Purdy, and Leslie J. Stein from North Farmington High.

B of C To Host Bud Guest

Members of the Farmington Board of Commerce and their guests will be entertained by radio personality Bud Guest at their quarterly membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Guest is well-known for his humorous and informal radio broadcasts each Monday through Saturday from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. His program, known as "The Sunny Side of the Street," began in 1945.

Before that he served in the Navy and worked as a reporter, assistant city editor, feature writer and news anchor at the University of Michigan and son of famed Detroit poet Edgar Guest.

Also on tag for the dinner meeting will be the Masonic Temple, which will be the Founders Festival, sponsored by the Board of Commerce.

Board of Commerce members are urged by program chairman Don Stewart to bring their guests to the evening through the Board office, 474-3440.

Fire Destroys Landmark

An old Farmington landmark went up in flames Sunday night when fire destroyed the brick farmhouse on Fourteen Mile Road at Farmington Road.

Known as the John Dickie farm, the old house had been familiar to several generations of local residents.

West Bloomfield fire fighters were unsuccessful in halting the flames and reported the building a total loss. They could not immediately determine the cause of the blaze.

No one was inside the building when it burned, they said.



A STUDY OF FLOWERS by Shirley Genson is one of 20 paintings by members of the Farmington Artists' Club to go on display at Demery's Department store Oct. 10.

Viewing it are Mrs. Emily Fox (left) one of the judges who selected the paintings to be shown, and Mrs. Marilyn Jenks, club president.

Traffic Light Due Date Past

Concern flared up again last week over the failure of the Oakland County Road Commission to install the light as promised at Middle and 13 Mile Rd. A date of Sept. 16 had originally been set for the light to be put in operation.

Meanwhile, the usual week-by-week quota of accidents continuing and neighboring residents wondered when the promised light would appear.

Farmington Artists' Work To Be Shown In Store

Twenty paintings by members of the Farmington Artists' Club will be on display at the Demery's Department Store Oct. 10 to 19.

The paintings, mostly oil works on a variety of subjects, will be spotted throughout the first and second floors of the store.

They were selected and juried from works submitted by some 50 members of the club by two well-known Michigan artists, Mrs. Emily Fox and Mrs. Irene Wood. Fox is a past president of the Painters and Brush Club of Detroit, and Mrs. Wood has won numerous awards for her work.