

In Our Opinion . . .

1966 Headlines In Review

JANUARY . . . Incorporation meeting draws capacity crowd. Township Board explains move to incorporate into home rule city. Board sued over incorporation move, restrained from spending public funds for this purpose.

FEBRUARY . . . Bonnie Britton crowned Michigan's Junior Miss. Schools consider pools and auditoriums to be added to high schools. Farmington soldier, Sgt. John W. Groover, killed in Vietnam.

MARCH . . . Chief Maurice D. Foltz, Director of Public Safety, resigns from city force. Robert S. Mistebe becomes Falcon coach. Robert F. Deardman appointed to replace Chief Foltz.

APRIL . . . City clarifies views on Township Incorporation. Pools, auditoriums vote set for June. Parents surveyed on school lunch program. Opposition to incorporation spearheaded by Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township.

MAY . . . Clean up drive launched. Jaycees win top honors in state. Festival chairmen named for end-of-July celebration. Philip Power buys Enterprise. Teachers threaten no work in September if no satisfactory contract reached.

JUNE . . . Incorporation defeated. Voters go for pools, auditoriums. Teachers contract ratified. City seeks to annex 1828 acres in industrial section of Township. Thomas Duke resigns from Township Board.

JULY . . . City asks for 457 more acres of Township land. Donald Garren shot at his home by motorcycle buddy. Township decides to sue over annexation. Everyone takes time out to enjoy Festival.

AUGUST . . . Deborah Mann feted as Festival queen. Incumbents win in primary election race. Township pledges to study consolidation. Residents of Township protest trash ordinance prohibiting nighttime pickups. Area gets light at 13 Mile and Middlebelt Roads. Township conducts survey on when to pick up trash.

SEPTEMBER . . . Survey shows night pickups preferred. Sisters of Mercy Provincialate dedicated. Police chiefs crack down on motorists. FEA presents grievance on working hours.

OCTOBER . . . City holds fire prevention parade. Gerald V. Harrison to resign as Superintendent of Schools at end of school year. Democrats campaign hard for coming election.

NOVEMBER . . . Seven children die in Township fire. Fairview School is dedicated. Incumbents returned to office. City sued by Township to prevent being annexed area into Tara-busi Sewer Area. Sue Lloyd is chosen Junior Miss by Jaycees.

DECEMBER . . . School Board solves some safety problems. James Skillman appointed to Board vacancy. Local No. 1458 and Board of Education fail to agree on grievance over hours. Year ends in welter of trash problems for Township.

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We're Ready For You, 1967!

To toast the birth of '67, let's face the fact it won't be heaven, But lift the glass for Auld Lang Syne and hope it just might turn out fine.

We toast that lately formed committee which strives to study town and city; We hope that they will persevere with something like a show of cheer Until the right solution's found for a future built on solid ground.

Another group we wish success concerns itself with helpfulness; A "monumental" job is theirs to show the vets that someone cares.

Our School Board with their scads of meetings deserves our very special greetings; They tarry far into the night so bent are they on doing right. Little does your taxpayer ken what very easily might have been.

Library Friends reiterate they'd like us to be literate. So help them with their building chores and we'll have liber by the scores.

So there will be no grave omissions, we toast all bodies, groups, commissions Who meet, convene, promote, discuss whatever will be best for us.

We'll stay away from politics since we're still smarting from its kicks, But linger long enough to bless those who assume those roles of stress.

Now one last round of rousing cheers for all of those assorted deers Who dwell nearby in humble guise and often read the Enterprise; They'll make no fuss but calmly do their jobs and help to see us through Still one more year of who knows what, whatever one has to have, they've got!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago	10 Years Ago	15 Years Ago
JANUARY 4, 1962 School Process Work on the new Flanders Elementary School is moving along rapidly and all contractors are ahead of schedule according to a report made last week by Supt. of Schools G. V. Harrison.	JANUARY 3, 1957 State Highway Department The State Highway Department in its annual Year End progress report stated that the entire Farmington-Brighton Expressway will be completed and ready for use by this fall.	JANUARY 3, 1952 Record Snow City road crews got a valuable assist from the sun and warmer weather over the weekend to clear the streets of the record snow which fell over the last two weeks.
2nd Junior High Preliminary plans for the next new junior high school to be put under construction in the Farmington School District were discussed at a joint meeting of the School Board and citizens advisory building subcommittee with the architect last Thursday evening.	League of Sub The Residents' Committee for the formation of a League of Subdivision Associations has released a proposed agenda for the initial meeting of representatives to be held next week.	To Re-Surface Road South Farmington Road is to get a face lifting according to word received from the State Highway Department. The road is to be widened and a new surface applied to the two-lane pavement.
Tax Returns At year's end there were still a substantial number of tax bills yet to be paid by both Farmington city and township home and business owners.	Dry Spell Ends Residents in the "dry area" of Farmington Township are being reminded this week that the community well on Rhoads Street in the Tarabusi Roseland Gardens Subdivision is now available for public use.	School Plans Approval of the preliminary plans for three school buildings in the Clarencville School District has been granted by the State Department of Public Instruction.

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THE COLD AIR made a mist out of the truck's exhaust December 23 when Farmington teenagers gathered in back of the Elks Club to load Goodwill Christmas gifts for 200 needy area families. Over 160 baskets were laden with food stuffs, and

Public Letterbox

Dear Mrs. Berger, We noticed during the Christmas holiday, as we passed the former Clint Wilber residence on Grand River Avenue, that it has been sold again (in checking we find to C. E. Weaver, right next door to the Wilber property).

This old home, Clint and Zadia Wilber built and moved into when they were married. They lived there over 50 years. The saddest part of it is this property was to go to Farmington as a memorial to Clint Wilber's father and mother. On this property the public library was to have been built and named the "Farmington Wilber Library."

He also owned the Pettibone home on the east side in a next door and the old Comstock residence on the west side of his property.

The City has pleased to accept this lovely old home and soon our former City Manager James Tennant and his family moved there and lived there as long as Mr. Tennant lived in Farmington.

Then the next City Manager Earl Scherffus lived there. For a time the property was deserted. Then the City sold it to Mrs. Hazel Leland, of Farmington.

Which goes to prove if Mr. Wilber would have spent a few dollars for an attorney and had his will drawn up properly, the library structure he dreamed of would have become a reality.

Now he and his wife lie up in Oakwood Cemetery and we often wonder if he and his Zadia can see what happened to their dream for Farmington.

An old time friend of the Wilbers and resident for many years of Farmington.

Dear Postmaster General, My family and I are writing to thank one of your very alert mail carriers, Robert Helgren, for saving the lives of four children and their babysitter. My son, Harold Lutman, age 16, was babysitting with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson on Nov. 15, 1966. The children's ages are Marie 7, Robinson Jr. 6, Elizabeth 3 and Eric 2 years.

My son was changing the baby's pants when he heard a horn blow and looked out. The mailman was getting out of his car and my son went to the door. He told my son he thought the house was on fire. Upon checking, it was. He helped my son get the children out, helped where he could and left without our being able to thank him.

Since the fire was caused through faulty wiring, it quickly spread throughout the house. Had Mr. Helgren just gone on his way, my son and the Scott children might have been trapped in the burning house.

When we bowed our heads at our Thanksgiving dinner table, there was a special prayer to God to thank him for Mr. Helgren and his help. Thank your post office for having such a wonderful man on your staff.

Sincerely, Mrs. Harold Lutman 21198 Cass Farmington, Mich.

Dear Editor, In regard to your recent article Twp. Police Close 20

checks for clothing and toys. Men drove the trucks to delivery points while the boys did the scurrying back and forth from the storage building to load them with Christmas goodies.

Public Letterbox

Burglaries, why can't the names of the "two local youths" be published? Perhaps, then, some parents would see it that their children are their responsibility and know where they are, at all times.

The home is still the sole responsibility of children. If not, then let the public know who the offenders are by publishing their names in the paper for all to see.

Concerned Lyndon B. Johnson, President White House Washington, D.C.

Mr. President: How can Ambassador Goldberg and Secretary Rusk support England and U. Thant against anti-communist Rhodesia and South Africa when it is clearly against our interests? For example, England, in November, 1966, owned 10 of the 17 non-communist nation ships that went to Cuba.

To Viet Nam it is many times this number. U. Thant and the neutral nations who seldom agree with us unless we are writing a check for the U.N. or a neutral are not any different. I ask, Mr. President, why help destroy real friends like anti-communist Rhodesia and South Africa.

Also, I would like to suggest, why help destroy real friends like anti-communist Rhodesia and South Africa.

Food, clothing, and medicine help to keep boys because soldiers, guerrillas or terrorists are people and need the most basic items to help them kill so do innocent civilian workers of the country or countries who support our enemies.

Our news media continually repeats innocent civilian workers of the country or countries who support our enemies.

My opinion is if we really are so concerned about the welfare of these communist civilian slaves let's start doing something about freeing all of them instead of building bridges to slavery and counting fingers we don't have that only help to support the slave masters.

My Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours, Bruce E. Duke

Cranbrook Offers Art for Adults

The second semester of evening classes in drawing and painting for adults offered by Cranbrook Academy of Art, located in Bloomfield Hills, will get under way January 11.

The classes, conducted by Donald Willert, painting instructor at Cranbrook Academy of Art and recent winner of a Louis Comfort Tiffany award in painting, are planned for adult students who have had some previous instruction in the basic techniques of visual art.

Classes will be held Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. for 10 weeks in the room beneath the Art Academy Library.

Students are to provide their own materials and the choice of media rests upon the preference of the individual.

For registration and further information call 644-1000. Ext 345.

Nomads Soar Cville Teachers Into 2nd Year Author Text

The Nomads flying club of Detroit will repeat its New Year's weekend flight to Fort Lauderdale, Florida — exactly one year after the successful inaugural flight last New Year's weekend. The '66-'67 flight was completely booked just two days after being announced.

On the 1000 Board of directors is Arc, long of Farmington. And two enthusiastic members are Ken and Velma Kaufman.

The DC-7B which cost \$2,250,000 in 1958 was purchased for \$100,000 (5 per cent of its original cost) in 1965 and was completely paid for by the Nomads members just six months after the inaugural flight.

There have been 29 trips in one short year. Most trips were over a weekend but occasional longer trips were made to such exciting places as: Banff, Hawaii, Europe, Puerto Rico, St. Croix, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New York, etc. In 1967, trips to Montreal for Expo '67; Columbia, South America; New Orleans, Haiti; Guatemala; Colorado Springs; Bahamas, and even mystery trips have been planned.

Prior to leaving for Florida to spend New Year's weekend, 7,208,582 miles have been traveled by the Nomads.

Floral Park News

Walter Hermance of 22774 Violet spent an exceptionally exciting Christmas day this year. His entire family gathered to celebrate his retirement from the New York Central Railroad after 47 years of service. With him on that happy occasion were his three daughters, their husbands and seven grandchildren.



AMONG THE TEENAGE BOYS who helped the Goodwill Christmas baskets were (from the left) Tim Wiggle, of Farmington High School, shown with a red fire wagon that made some little

boy happy: Don Berthick, of Bedford Union High School; George McGredy, of Schoolcraft Community College; and Mike Voelker, of East Junior High.

Westlake News

Even though everyone was so busy with Christmas, and now New Year's, we still managed to come through. Yes sir, we had some new babies during Christmas week. We add to our list of new babies the names of Bradley Rouns, new son of Bob and Barb Rouns, born on December 23 weighing six pounds, ounces, at Beaumont Hospital. He joins a sister Karen, and three brothers: Nicky, Dana, and Jeff. When I wrote to Barbara she said the baby is very sweet. She also added that this is not her fifth child, it's her sixth.

Patricia Marie Hinkle, new daughter of Jeanette and Stanley Hinkle, residents on Purdue, weighed in at seven pounds 11 ounces at Mt. Carmel Hospital on December 19. Patricia joins a sister Cynthia Ann.

Glad to hear that Arthur Wilhelm, son of Nancy and Stewart Wilhelm, recovered from the hospital recovery from a double hernia operation he had at New Grace Hospital. He was there for three days but is home and on the mend.

Birthdays were in the news again. Danny Krukovich celebrated his third birthday recently. He had a family party along with his maternal grandmother Mrs. Ann Krukovich. The only thing he wished for was a Batman and a birthday cake and Mommie said that his wish was granted.

A surprise birthday party that was really a surprise was given for Jack Wilson by his wife Nancy. Those in attendance were Jerry and Linda Tulpa, Tom and Barb Miller, Dean and Charlotte Binder, Larry and Annie Nell, George and Paula J. M. M., Paul and Pam Pillsbury, Marvin and Delphine Dudzinski, guests from Gerbratter, and Jim and Nell Wilson, brother from Detroit. Sloppy Joes and Potato Chips were served along with birthday cake and ice cream. Sounds like a very successful party.

Let me take this opportunity to extend to you the happiest of New Year's wishes and we'll look for you in next week's column.

Judy and George Postner entertained a church Christmas group from the Church of the Nazarene, enjoyed egg nog and other snacks. It was a lovely party.

The Pat Gardners had several neighbors over for a drink and conversation. Their tree was beautiful and the food was delicious. After that the gardeners entertained twenty for dinner that was sure an exhausting day.