

In Our Opinion . . .

Quiet Kind Of Award For A Modern Fire Department

A modern fire department does a job lot more than fight fires. In fact, the actual fighting of fires is almost a minor part of the job, in terms of hours worked.

A modern fire department spends an important part of its time preventing fires—in public education, inspections, making kids fire safety-conscious.

And so it's noteworthy and a matter of pride when the City of Farmington's fire department was given an honorable mention in the state and ranked first in its class and group for its 1966 fire prevention work by the National Fire Protection Association of Boston.

For this, Chief Robert F. Deadman's department received a "Certificate of Merit" and it is justly proud.

It used to be that a heroic fireman or policeman received a medal for an act of bravery. But today, there are fewer fires to fight and fewer spectacular acts of heroism to perform—thanks to our safer living conditions, for which a fire department's safety program is partly responsible.

And so the local fire department, instead of winning medals for heroism, will have to be content with things like a certificate of merit from the National Fire Protection Association, and an occasional editorial.

But we suspect they prefer it that way.

Long Hair: Symbol Of Dissent And A Source Of Historical Humor

"Many arguments in families have arisen over children with long hair," writes a Farmington High School newspaper editorialist in an overwhelming understatement.

"The long hair," says the writer, Miss Roberta King, "is perhaps a physical way of showing the new ideals and ideas of the new generation. Long hair may be a product of these ideas, but the ideas are not a product of the hair."

That's of record, and it has been true for all of our known history.

The ancient Jews believed in long hair and beards. Julius Caesar and his Roman associates are shown in statues as having close-cropped hair and being beardless. They coined the term "barbarian," as we remember our history, to describe bearded, savage tribes such as the Huns who sought to destroy civilization as the Romans developed it.

Shouting "liberte, egalite, fraternite," the young men of France, wearing the long hair, fought the wars and pompousness of the nobility, cut their hair short.

A generation ago, long hair was associated with lovers of classical music. To call someone a "long-hair" was to call him a creep and infer that he might be un-American. In the early 1950s, the male hair-fad was the short "Princeton," a cut which one young woman said made boys' heads look like "eggs with a fringe on top."

Maybe the youngsters of today have point when they wear their hair long to signify dissent. Short hair is re-

quired of military trainees, and perhaps it is associated with the Military Mind. And it is an undeniable fact that our fiction in recent years has depicted mad scientists from Outer Space as having close-cropped or even shaved heads and as wanting to rule men's minds tyrannically with electronic gadgets and computers. Short hair, scientific despotism; long hair, humanitarian individualism—so the modern reasoning seems to go.

And at the risk of being horse-whipped by the Republicans, we would point out that Bobby Kennedy's hair-do is practically a mirror-image of Abe Lincoln's.

Wearing long hair is the young generation's privilege; they're going to exercise it, and there's nothing any creaky reactionary past the age of 25 can do about it.

Nothing, perhaps, except laugh. You see, when people look at old museum paintings and photographs, and at old family photo albums, they naturally laugh a bit at the old-fashioned clothing and hair styles. But they laugh hardest at the styles that are the most extreme — they laugh harder at the handlebar mustaches of the 1890s than at the French revolutionaries of the 1790s.

Therefore, the betting odds are that the "old-fashioned" haircut and our short-haired grandsons will, in the year 1980, enjoy mutual side-splitting laughter as we look at snapshots of the mop-haired, old-fashioned, Go-Go Generation of 1967.

Looking Back in the Files

LOOKING BACK 5 YEARS

FEBRUARY 8, 1962
Big Builder

Although Farmington Township residential building activities for 1961 were off substantially from the previous year when it led the county, the Township still ranked among the top building areas in Oakland County according to figures released by the Detroit Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission this week.

Unconcerned

If a building or buildings at the Grand River Ave. and Brookdale St. intersection is extending out onto road right-of-way a little bit the state highway department is not at all concerned about it. The City Council was informed Monday night.

TV Sewer Check

A detailed report on the television inspection of the sewer lines in the southeast section of Bel-Aire subdivision, completed recently was given to the City Council Monday night by Manager John Dinan.

Bus Service

Bus service from Farmington to points in Detroit and back again will probably not be changed in the immediate

LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS

FEBRUARY 3, 1952
Municipal Center

The City is considering possible purchase of two parcels of land, one adjacent to the City park and the other adjacent to the Fire Hall, for a municipal center. The parcel adjacent to the park is located on the west side of Powers Road between Grand River and Shawnesse.

Teaysip Primary

Final details are complete for the Biennial Township Election to be held February 18, Floyd C. Thompson, Clerk, announced this week.

Record number of 132 drivers were apprehended making illegal left turns from Farmington Road and Grand River at the City's main intersection during the month of January. "No left turn" signs have been placed at the intersection for a month and a half.

Citizens Council

The possibility of forming a Citizens Advisory Council to the Farmington School Board

LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS

FEBRUARY 7, 1927
2,199 People

A total of 1,539 students and 370 adults participated in the blood typing program sponsored by the Farmington Township School District last week. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, has announced.

Falcons Defeated

Farmington High School's basketball team was unable to break out of its losing streak last week and bowed to Berkley High School 28 to 28 in an Inter-Lakes Conference game played on the Farmington floor.

Zoning Election

A record vote is expected for the special Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance election to be held February 18. Predictions were based on heavy registration and the demand for copies of the proposed ordinance. A second printing was needed.

United Fund

A total of \$7,867.47 was collected last week for the recently completed Farmington United Fund Drive. It represents 92.5 percent of the \$8,500 quota.



In Old Farmington

The historic Universalist (Unitarian) Church was moved last month to a new site on Halstead Road, and the picture The Enterprise published Jan. 22 of the moving showed the church without its four square pillars. Here is a scene taken in the late 1930s.

WERE INTERESTED in old photos of Farmington—old scenes, old basketball teams, anything that will enlighten students and newcomers and recall memories among the old-timers about how Farmington lived and looked in the past.

It is encouraging that a Pre-Study Committee has been formed to look into the possibility of a new "community" comprising all of the police units within the thirty-six square miles of the township. It is quite possible that the results of that study might convince each bloc that we have a community interest to protect and advance. Perhaps the study will answer such questions as: What is the purpose of the two villages? What does their residents gain? What does the township lose? What services do they perform for themselves? What services do they rely on the township for? Where does the City of Farmington fit? What can it contribute to a new "community"? What does it gain in its annexation moves? What will it lose by becoming a part of a new "community"?

Public Letterbox

To the Editor:

Your editorial of Jan. 22, "THE COMMUNITY—HOW BIG? WHO'S IN? WHO'S OUT?" is, in its broadest definition shallow. Had you quit after writing the title you might have been ahead—i.e., at least, provoked some thought.

You sought a definition of "community" but in your effort to ridicule the new citizens group, you limited your inquiry to physical boundaries, square miles, villages and sections of land. Could it not be that "community" might well refer to common interest, cooperative effort and singleness of purpose? In that context it might have been better to examine the previous actions and current comments of those who now comprise the township rather than take to task the grass roots group which seeks a solution to a problem.

Obviously, the good people of Quakerstown, Wood Creek Farms and Sec. 1 believe that they are "communities." The villagers sought and gained the prerogatives of self-determination in zoning, building codes and local streets, without assuming those burdensome obligations which normally befall municipal units. Where was your editorial comment when they seceded from the "community" and retreated to their sacrosanct existence islands within the township?

In your front page "Analysis" the president opines that they "would feel some obligation for fire and police protection" should they inherit the residue of the township. Is there no applause for this noble expression of acceptance of an enticed responsibility?

The people of Section One have, without benefit of formal action, become a municipal unit, cut themselves off from the "community" by their dedicated and constant pursuit of identification with those prestige laden areas to the north and east of them. Since these two groups have indicated a desire to be left alone should the rest of the township citizens sit idly by while the township is eroding?

In your soul searching and logical question for each voter you refer to the City of Farmington as the "central city." Central to what? Does "community" interest spring from its land and tax-base grabbing which it does it for the "community" with a cultural foundation? Does it, as a plea of municipal policy, term "community" activity? Does it deserve consideration

as a political center or core of Quakerstown, Wood Creek town, newcomers and recall memories among the old-timers about how Farmington lived and looked in the past.

pointing to the disagreement over definitions of "community" and aren't presumptuous enough to suggest our own. Third, any attempt to escape "petty political squabbles, 'central city' problems and census dining newspapers" is doomed to failure. They're all a part of society, and census is possible only in the tundra or the jungle.

The rest of Mr. Lichman's postcard are logical, gracious and well taken.

Membership in the CMU chapter of the fraternity is extended to selected journalism students and those who have worked with the various campus media.

Man Angry At Bulldozers

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Samurai Display At Hills Gallery

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A 12th century general's baton, swords, iron stirrups with silver inlay, armor masks, a matchlock rifle, a helmet, wood block prints depicting a famous Samurai and the sketch book of a tsuba-smith are also on display.

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Editor's Note: First, we might not be guilty of "ridicule" and "sarcasm." Second, a careful reading of the editorial will reveal that we're only

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Lt. Flick Wounded By Sniper Fire

Marine 2nd Lt. Jerry Flick, a 1957 Farmington High School graduate, was reported in fair condition last week in a Marine medical center after being wounded in South Vietnam.

Flick was hit in the left side and hip by sniper fire on Jan. 24 while on patrol in the vicinity of Thau Thien.

His medical prognosis is "good," the Marines told his father, George Flick of 32850 Fernbrook, Livonia.

Flick was a Farmington resident before entering the Marines about nine years ago.



LT. JERRY FLICK

PTA Sets Viet Talk

The PTA of Fairview Elementary School will hear a pair of professors take opposite views on the Viet Nam war at the meeting on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in the school.

Prof. Richard D. Miles and Asst. Prof. Lynn Parsons, both of Wayne State University's history department, will stage the discussion.

A question and answer period will follow.

AAUW to Study Various Topics

The Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women has recently been notified by the AAUW Washington office of the selection of four topics for study and action during 1967-68.

These are:

- the growing gap between the rich and poor nations,
- the politics of public education,
- test scores in a changing society, and
- society's reflection in the arts.

Hamlin Makes Predictions For County

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, has called for a continuing alliance between the county government and private enterprise.

The Farmington city supervisor made an address before the annual meeting of the Pontiac Board of Realtors.

Citing a report on the county's projected population, Hamlin said that by 1990 the county "will contain enough people to be considered a very large city."

Questers Hold Book Discussion

The Quakerstown chapter of Questers was entertained on Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the charming home of Mrs. Bernard Thompson, 3041 Peardridge, Farmington.

Tea was poured by the president, Mrs. E. R. Herding, from an attractive table set with a delicious assortment of cookies and goodies.

The members were enchanted with the long rambling home of the Thompsons. The hand-carved doors were most unusual; their enormous collection of ironstone ornaments; the beautiful collection of goblets was attractively displayed on shelves on a glass wall, the glass wall affording a full view of the lovely greenhouse. Antique trunks and candlesticks graced many rooms throughout their home.

Program plans for the year were presented by the program chairman, Mrs. K. P. Davidson. It proved to be an interesting year, especially since arrangements are being made to include a guest speaker at one of the meetings.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the choice of books on antiques to be purchased for the Farmington Library. The proceeds to be derived from the annual Christmas silent auction.

The next monthly meeting is to be held Feb. 22 in the home of Mrs. R. J. Truesdell.

Brakora Joins CMU Honorary

James Brakora, a Central Michigan University Junior from Farmington, was one of 14 students recently initiated into the CMU chapter of Alpha Phi Gamma, a national honorary journalism fraternity.

Future development will take place farther from the Detroit city limits and closer to the heartland of Oakland County . . . right around us here."

Mayfair Club Draws 13 Tables

Despite hazardous weather and many cancellations, 13 tables of contestants participated in the international fund game, played at the Mayfair Club, Jan. 24.

Proceeds will finance American bridge teams competing in international tournaments.

Top award of four master points went to overall winners, Mrs. Alan Kornmiller and Mrs. Thomas Hayes.

Other winning pairs were John Mater and Ken Cynobalid, Ed Clarke and Jay Bennett, Lulu Brunk and Dorothy Barron, Paul and Ann Phillips, and Allen and Virginia Stokes.

The Mayfair master point games for February will be played on Friday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:45 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m.

A championship team of four games will be held at the Mayfair Club, Tuesday 5 night, Feb. 7 at 7:45 p.m. Trophies and extra master points will be awarded, and reservations will be appreciated.

Greek Farce To Be Given

An audacious Greek farce that has endured for nearly 2,500 years, "Lysistrata" by Aristophanes, will open at Wayne State University's Hilberry Classic Theatre at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 8.

It will be the fourth play to join the current repertory.

"Lysistrata" is an adult comedy, a broad satire about sex strike to stop war. Of all Aristophanes' plays it is closest to modern drama, more timeless in subject and more unified in construction than his other works. It is typically Greek, however, in its extravagant display of the broadest of comic devices, its bold frankness and impertinent parody of Greek tragedy.

"Lysistrata" will also be formed Friday night, February 10, and continue in repertory through May 27.

Also scheduled the opening week of the Greek comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 8:30 Thursday. "The Rivals" at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and "Man and Superman" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

A fifth play, Bertolt Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" will join the Hilberry repertory March 8.

Tickets and information may be obtained from the Hilberry Classic Theatre box office (1111 E. Grand) or the J. L. Hudson Ticket Service or all Grinnell stores.

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