

In Our Opinion . . .

Freedom Of Information Cases: A Newsman's Exasperation -- and Joy

Whether a newsman works in Farmington or Washington or Timbuktu, one kind of story he reads in the other fellow's paper is the "freedom of information" case.

We were intrigued, for example, by the clam-up of the Space Agency after the deaths of the three Apollo astronauts and the aggressiveness of the New York Times in interviewing engineers on-the-scene, who gave accounts of the deaths that were radically different from their superiors'.

The Defense Department's information policies have received so much attention that even a substantial group of non-journalists take an interest in them. They are, indeed, a political issue.

Sometimes news blackouts become a legal issue. A case in point is the Chicago Tribune's fight against the judge handling the trial of Richard F. Speck, accused slayer of eight student nurses. The Tribune Co. is seeking an Illinois Supreme Court writ setting aside as unconstitutional Judge Herbert C. Paschen's guidelines.

Tax Obstructionists Try A Flimsy Tactic

The "agin'ers" — those people in Michigan politics who are opposed to practically everything — are getting a little sharper. Not much. Just a little.

Last weekend at the Republican State Convention, they came up with a proposed substitute resolution on fiscal reform. After a few pious words about Gov. Romney's proposal, they insisted that any tax reform program go on the ballot.

The "agin'ers" want to look as if they're champions of democracy. The truth of the matter is that they're dead set against fiscal reform. Their tactic was to try to get the matter on the ballot and try to beat it with a storm of fear propaganda. It's easy to beat something with a negative campaign, a lot harder than achieving logical tax reform.

Well, if the opposition crowd is opposed to Romney's tax reform plans, that's their privilege; we disagree, but we can't cuss them for it. We can, however, cuss them for trying to wrap their negativism in a pious cloak of seeking a referendum. These people are obstructionists. Let's not forget it.

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO 10 YEARS AGO 15 YEARS AGO

MARCH 8, 1962
New at Plaza
The Farmington Savings and Loan Association has announced plans for a new \$300,000 building to be constructed in the Farmington Plaza and to be ready for occupancy by July.

Pool-Rink Out
The study made by City Manager John Dinan on the costs involved in providing a municipal swimming pool and artificial skating rink and the planning commission recently deemed the undertaking far too costly.

All Port Criticized
The County Board of Supervisors' recent action in setting aside \$302,710 in surplus from the general fund for the purchase of land for the proposed county airport in the northern portion of the county came in for some sharp criticism at the Farmington City Council meeting Monday night.

Mayor Fights Tax
The fight against city-county proposals, which have been made and are being pushed by Detroit and Wayne County is now gaining strength. Taking an action on this fight is City of Farmington Mayor Robert Lindbert.

Police and Fire Departments
The initial step in the proposed integration of the City Police and Fire Departments was launched Monday evening when the Council introduced an ordinance to combine the administration of these two departments under a single Director of Public Safety.

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In Old Farmington: Grand River Avenue

This is how Grand River one block east of Farmington Rd. looked in 1870 before the big fire of 1872 which destroyed most of the buildings. The large stone structure is Oliver B. Smith's building, the Farmington Masonic Lodge met on the second floor. Other business places are Mrs. Pierman's Millinery Store, Warren Selsby's Jewelry

Shop, Dr. Woodman's Drug Store, the Dohany building and Jackson's Blacksmith Shop. Some may recognize John Hiller, Ack Northrup, Thomas Hanafor, James I. Wilbur, Ben Arnold, William Kennedy, Uncle Fields and Walker Brown in front of J.N. Power's General Store, which was located next to the foundry on the corner. The picture is from the file of the Ralph Everts.

Educators Urge Fiscal Reform

Petitions were circulated in Farmington area by the various PTA organizations to indicate grass roots support for fiscal reform legislation. They were to be submitted on March 12 to the Michigan legislators in Lansing.

At their Monday evening meeting, the Board of Education also went on record as endorsing fiscal reform efforts, and President Richard Peters suggested that personal letters from the board members would also be helpful.

Gene Syverson, president of the Farmington Education Association, announced that they too had sent a resolution to

Youth Symphony To Have Soloist

Douglas Marsh, former cellist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be guest soloist at the concert presented by the Livonia Youth Symphony Society at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, in Bentley High School.

Marsh's program will include "Prelude in C Major" by Bach and "Five Pieces in Folk Style" by Schumann. Marsh's son, George, 12, who has studied violin since the second grade, will play a solo and a Beethoven trio with his father and pianist Steve Doane.

Township of Farmington Board Proceedings

The Farmington Township Board held a Regular Meeting on February 13, 1967. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Curt Hall, Chairman. Members present were: Hall, Cairns, Avery, Nolan and Skillman. Mr. Joseph T. Brennan, Township Attorney, also present. Members absent were: Oppenheimer and Bassette.

Motion by Nolan, supported by Skillman, to contract Tuckee Sanitation Service for the rubbish pickup and also for a Semi-annual pickup at a starting salary of \$1,800 per month. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes of last meeting of January 23, 1967 are approved as published.

Motion by Skillman, supported by Nolan, to approve said rearrangement of Site Plan of Echo Valley Apartments. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of dates for Budget Meetings February 27, 1967 at 7:15 p.m. March 11, 1967 at 9:00 a.m. Motion by Skillman, supported by Nolan, that the Township Board accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and reject the rezoning of ten (10) acres in the NE 1/4 Section 9 from RA-1 to RC-2. Motion Approved unanimously.

Motion by Nolan, supported by Skillman, that notice of intent be given to amend the rates with the figures presented as submitted by the Oakland County DPW. These rates include Sewer Installation and Sewer connection permits. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Brennan brought up the fact that in order to do this, two ordinances are going to need amending. The Attorney is instructed to present Amended Ordinances at the next meeting.

Special Assessment Roll, and to hear and consider any objection thereto and to the said sewer improvement project; and that notices said Roll be published and that notice be mailed to all persons whose names appear on the said Special Assessment Roll as owners of property in the Special Assessment district. Roll Call, 5 years, 0 days, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Motion by Nolan, supported by Skillman, to pay Bills No. 18797-18872 and No. 1269 from the appropriate funds. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Cairns, supported by Skillman, that the Township of Farmington accept the following easements from Well-See Development Corp.:

1. An eighteen ft. easement for storm drainage over and across "Outlet A" of Colony Park, a subdivision of part of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, T1N, R. 1E, Farmington Twp., Oakland County, Michigan, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the east line of Oak Point Drive 17 ft. north of the N.W. Corner of Lot 64 of Colony Park No. 2 subdivision as recorded in Oakland County records, thence N. 30° 02' 26" E. 30 ft. more or less to the point of ending in the centerline of Minnow Pond Drain.
2. An eighteen ft. easement for storm drainage over and across "Outlet A" of Colony Park, a subdivision of part of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, T1N, R. 1E, Farmington Twp., Oakland County, Michigan, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the north line of Hunters Pointe Road east 95 ft. from the SE corner of Lot 68 of Colony Park No. 2 subdivision as recorded in Oakland County records, thence N. 3° 29' W. 290 ft. more or less to the point of ending in the centerline of Minnow Pond Drain.

Motion by Cairns, supported by Nolan, that the Supplemental Special Assessment Roll in the amount of \$46,800.00 heretofore made by the Supervisor and the said Supplemental Special Assessment Roll hereby is assigned No. 3; that the Township Board for public examination; that the said Supplemental Special Assessment Roll be assessed for said improvement. Roll Call, 5 years, 0 days, 2 absent. Motion approved.



Legal notice

No. 77,283
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of ADOLPH E. NACKER, also known as Adolph Nacker, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on March 28, 1967, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Russell Nacker, Executor, praying for the examination and allowance of his Fourth Account, also a fee of fees, and extension of time in which to close the estate.
Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: February 21, 1967
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.

Albert P. Herzog, Atty.
23290 Farmington Road
Farmington, Michigan.

Legal notices

No. 92,264
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of MARY B. KRUGER, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on April 11, 1967, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of June Lucille Andridge for the admission to probate of an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and for the granting of administration of said estate to June Lucille Andridge the executrix named therein or to some other suitable person, and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.
Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.

Dated: February 18, 1967
Frederick Wilson, 1867
2044 Pensacola Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan 48226
Feb. 28, March 5, 12

No. 76,761
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of IRENE T. SHAW, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on March 28, 1967, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Albert P. Herzog, Jr., administrator with will annexed, for the allowance of fees; and for extension of time in which to close the estate.
Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: February 21, 1967.
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.

Albert P. Herzog, Jr., Atty.
23290 Farmington Road
Farmington, Michigan
3-5, 3-12, 3-19

No. 85,692
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of WALTER J. DURHAM, Jr., Deceased.
It is Ordered that on March 28, 1967, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Albert P. Herzog, Special Administrator and Ernestine W. Durham, Executrix, praying for the examination and allowance of their First and Final Accounts; allowance of fees; discharge of said Special Administrator and Executrix.
Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: February 21, 1967.
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.

Albert P. Herzog, Atty.
23290 Farmington Road
Farmington, Michigan
3-5, 3-12, 3-19

No. 81,796
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of JOSEPH H. BRODEUR, also known as JOSEPH I. BRODEUR, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on May 15, 1967, 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 Margaret B. Kelly, also known as Margaret Kelly, Executrix, 18446 Pierson, Detroit, Michigan.
Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: February 21, 1967.
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.

Albert P. Herzog, Attorney
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Farmington, Michigan
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