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An Improved New Look For The Enterprise

Newspaper men generally are cowards. Readers aren't supposed to like changes in their newspapers. Publishers usually shy away from abrupt changes. If they do change their newspapers, they usually do it subtly over a long period of time.

Nonsense.

We think readers like good newspapers. We think readers want their newspapers to get better.

And we think that if there's a way to make a newspaper better, we should do it right away. We're doing just that. We're changing. We're trying to make your newspaper better.

How?

Fair question.

Our organization publishes two newspapers in Farmington, the Farmington Enterprise and the Farmington Observer. We've spent a lot of time asking people what they like and what they don't like about these two papers.

We learned a lot.

We learned that some people like the Enterprise because it's Farmington's own paper, full of local news. We found that some other people didn't like the Enterprise because it had limited circulation and because it didn't have area-wide news and sports.

We discovered that some people like the Observer because it carries area-wide news and because it has a big circulation. Others didn't like the Observer because it seemed to have too much Livonia news and because the Farmington news was hard to find.

When we got through asking people in Farmington how they felt about our newspapers, we had a pretty good idea of what they wanted their newspapers to be like.

So we're following your advice.

We're combining the best features of the Enterprise with the best parts of the Observer to bring you an important local newspaper twice a week.

Beginning on May 6, you'll be getting The Farmington Enterprise & Observer on Saturday and then again on Wednesday.

The weekend paper will appear in three sections.

The first section will be about Farmington and only Farmington — news about people you know, features about people you'd like to know, and editorials dealing with Farmington's progress and problems.

We're going to concentrate our Farmington news staff in the Enterprise office at 23523 Farmington Road, phone GR 46225.

The second section will contain area-wide news of politics, up to the minute sports, photo essays, and entertainment features.

The third section will include Michigan's top award-winning classifieds.

The ideas for these changes came from you, the readers in Farmington.

We think they're good ideas. That's why we're using them. Right now.

When we get some better ideas, we'll use those, too.

Philip H. Power, Publisher

Ailing Lawmaker Keeps His Dates

Congressman Jack McDonald, R-9th District, was released Wednesday from Bethesda Naval Hospital and was due to be in his Farmington office Saturday.

The freshman lawmaker from Redford Township was hospitalized with a back ailment April 17 and will be required to wear a brace for some time. Doctors say an operation may not be necessary.

Veterans groups Friday were scheduled to present him an American flag for use in his local office. McDonald will be in the office, at 23620 Grand River, on Saturday afternoon.

IN REMARKS prepared for delivery Friday noon to the Farmington Republican Women's Organization Luncheon and fashion show, McDonald said:

"We (Republicans) have a shield from the role of 'savior' to 'yea-sayer' for alternative programs which we have developed."

McDonald's presence was that the GOP in Congress has de-

Gov't. Study At Cash Crossroads

Farmington's four local governments and the voters of Farmington Township are nearing a decision on their municipal future.

The City Council, Township Board and councils of the two villages have been invited to take part financially in a study of local government problems to be made by the Michigan State University Institute of Community Development.

Dr. John Richardson, chairman of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee, issued the invitation last week for the governing boards to meet May 2 with MSU institute staff members.

Dr. Richardson declined to reveal the cost of the MSU

study or what proportion each unit would be asked to pay.

He told The Enterprise that the study could be completed by Sept. 1, about seven weeks before a scheduled vote on incorporation in the township.

MEANWHILE, FORCES in the township were gearing for an Oct. 23 vote on incorporation of about 30 square miles of the township as the "City of Farmington Hills."

The boundaries committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Monday recommended that the petition asking the election be approved by the full board and that an Oct. 23 election be set.

The full board had too heavy an agenda Tuesday to act on

the boundaries committee report, but it is expected to act at a special May meeting. The exact date has not been set.

The pro-incorporation group, called the "Citizens Council for Community Development," last week began its campaign for a "yes" vote, arguing that city status would prevent the City of Farmington from annexing township industrial territory and enable the area to have better roads, among other things.

IN HIS LETTER to the governing boards, Dr. Richardson said a study by the MSU consultants "will objectively present several alternatives to consider for the future development of the Greater Farmington Area."

"The committee members have had the pleasure of hearing several authorities in the field of community planning since inception of the committee last winter," Richardson said.

"Although all the speakers were not in agreement as to what was the best course for us to follow, all of them did stress one thing:

"(The committee was started by the Board of Commerce, League of Women Voters and Jaycees. The committee has denied having any official position, but there is an undeniable sentiment in favor of seeking a way to consolidate

"Regardless of whether we have one or many municipal governmental bodies, we should do our planning together on an area wide basis. We feel this is a big step in the right direction."

"We are looking forward to meeting with you May 2 and hope you will endorse the study financially as you endorsed it verbally when we started it back in January," Richardson said.

WHETHER the governmental units — particularly the township — will respond is another matter.

Township officials have shown only slight interest. Supervisor Curtis Hall favors

the incorporation proposal that will go on the ballot.

Moreover, study committee sub-chairmen last week reported that the township had not yet supplied requested information, although the city and two villages had responded.

City officials have taken part in the study without attempting to assume leadership. City Manager John Dinan has attended a number of subcommittee meetings and has been quick to supply information; Councilman John Allen headed one of the study's subcommittees; and City Planning Commission member James Platt headed another subcommittee.



SCHOOL CENSUS taker Mrs. Margaret Social (left) interviews Mrs. Clifford Seeger on Springfield Drive

to find out how many more there are like daughter Linda.

Kindergarten To Be Enrolled Census Begins Monday

The week of May 1 to 5 has been set for the pre-registration of all 1967-68 kindergarten students of the Farmington Schools. Michigan Law requires that a child reach his fifth birthday by December 1, 1967 to be eligible for kindergarten.

Parents of children who were counted in the 1966 School Census have been notified to register at the elementary school in their area. Parents who were not in the Farmington School District for the 1966 May census should call GR 4-1133 for information about school registration.

Over 1200 students of the five year age are expected to register in the 18 Farmington elementary schools this year. Kindergarten students who will attend the new Forest Elementary School are being registered at the Bond School.

The annual May school census, required by state law, will begin in Farmington on May 1 and continue through the remainder of the month.

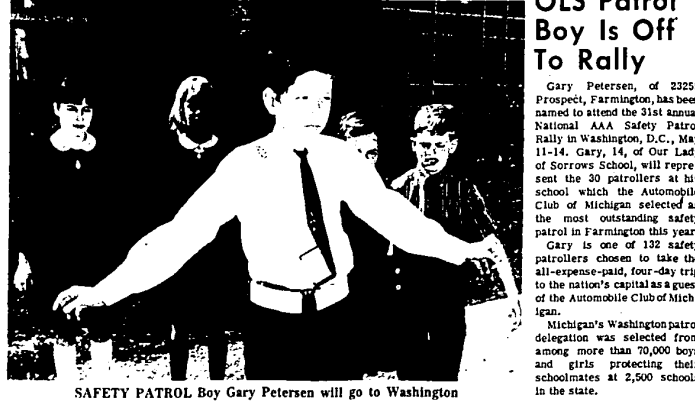
Twelve local women have been trained to gather information regarding the number of children in each household, from newborns through age 19, to verify each child's name, birthdate and name of school now attending.

The census taker will also attempt to locate any children needing special help who are not presently enrolled in special education classes.

Dogs are a census taker's biggest problem. Dog owners have been asked to keep their dogs controlled and confined during the present census taking period. Animals roaming in packs tend to be more aggressive and injuries have occurred to census takers. In past years, school officials report.

The following women will be identified by official plastic badges bearing their signatures:

Mrs. Gloria Demetry, 5535 Pembury; Mrs. Kathryn Bentley, 21555 Ruth; Mrs. Stefanie Kuester, 32253 Baintree; Mrs. Patricia Lindenmuth, 34004 Kirby; Mrs. Elsie Marvin, 32253 Dunford; Mrs. Margaret McIntosh, 32245 Hearthstone; Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, 21665 Ruth St.; Mrs. Margaret Social, 31928 Hull; Mrs. Mary Schoun, 30850 Runnymede; Mrs. Theda Thayer, 27883 Quail Hollow Court; and Mrs. Donna Roberts, 21755 Ruth.



SAFETY PATROL Boy Gary Petersen will go to Washington

Invalid Man Killed In Fire

An elderly invalid burned to death in his Farmington Township home Thursday afternoon.

The victim was George Hoffman, 70, of 21516 Rockwell.

Township police said the fire apparently started from a cigarette Hoffman was smoking as he rested on a living room couch.

Firemen from station No. 3 had the flames under control in about 20 minutes. Most of the interior was badly damaged.

POLICE CHIEF Irving Yakes' office gave this sequence of events:

Hoffman's wife, Margaret, said her husband accidentally started one fire in a pillow with a cigarette, but she put it out. She went to the bedroom.

A short time later, she heard him yelling for help because a second fire had started. She attempted to telephone for help, but the phone cord was already damaged by fire. She

was unable to move her husband.

Mrs. Hoffman called out to a neighbor, Mrs. Eunice Christman, of 21514 Rockwell. They returned to the house in an attempt to save Hoffman, but flames forced them away.

Another neighbor, Eleanor Mathys of 21539 Rockwell, called firemen.

Township police officers Thomas Godwin and Guy Lash, first on the scene, were unable to enter the front door. They entered the back door but were forced back by smoke. The body was recovered after the flames were brought under control.

Hoffman was a retired mail clerk.

Surviving besides his wife are a stepson Arthur B. Wadler, of Rochester, and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Jayne Hollis of Farmington and Mrs. Dabier Norton of Stevensville, Tex.

Township Gives To Monument

A contribution of \$200 came from the Farmington Township Board Monday night to help pay costs of moving the war memorial monument to the triangular park west of the Masonic Lodge in downtown Farmington.

The contribution follows last week's request for funds by the Farmington Community Veterans Memorial Monument Committee.

VFW representative Robert L. Smith, who heads the committee, estimated last week that it would cost \$1,000 to move the existing memorial from its present site at Grand

River and Farmington Roads and perhaps another \$1,000 to renovate or redesign it.

The board also went on record as approving the name "Veterans Memorial Library" as the name of a proposed new library building.

Township voters will decide May 22 whether to levy one mill for construction of additional library facilities with the City Council matching that rate.

The library board has proposed construction of a second library building along 12 Mile Road across from the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School in the township.

The Farmington Enterprise COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- This calendar is being sponsored as a public service at NO CHARGE by The Farmington Enterprise in cooperation with the JAYCEE AUXILIARY. All copy should be called to the calendar coordinator, Mrs. Elizabeth Hitzel, 476-1532, no later than Monday prior to date of publication.
- MAY, 1967
- 1 Farmington Garden Club presents Mr. Bob Thomas at the Nardin Park Methodist Church. His lecture is titled "Modern and the Far Beyond." Tickets \$1.75 may be purchased from any Garden Club member.
 - 1 City Council meets at City Hall 8:00 p.m.
 - 2 Executive Board of the Youth Guidance Committee meets at 8:30 p.m.
 - 2 V.F.W. Post 4033 Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m.
 - 3 Jaycee Auxiliary sponsors a Baby Sitting Clinic 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. East Junior High.
 - 3 Shawasssee P.T.A. regular meeting, installation of new officers and 6th grade moving-up ceremony. Multi-purpose room 8 p.m.
 - 3 Exchange Club meets 12 noon - 12:15 Salem Church.
 - 3 Farmington District Library Board of Trustees meets 7:30 p.m. in the Library.
 - 3 Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 8 p.m., City Hall.
 - 4 Case Study Committee of the Youth Guidance Committee meets at 1 p.m.
 - 8 City Planning Committee meets at 8 p.m., City Hall.
 - 9 General Youth Guidance Committee meets at 8 p.m.
 - 9 Jaycee General Membership meeting at Farmington Savings, 8:30 p.m.
 - 10 Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 49 hold Luncheon and Card Party, noon at June Kohler's, 23020 Mayfield. For reservations call GR 4-2404. Public invited.
 - 10 Exchange Club meets noon - 12:15 Salem Church.
 - 10 Baby Sitting Clinic 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. East Junior High.
 - 11 Beautification Committee meets 8 p.m. City Hall.
 - 11 Veterans of W.W. I meet at Legion Hall, Lakeway and Grand River, 2 p.m.