

Dems Encouraged By Township Crowds

The overflow crowds that are turning out for coffee and other meetings is seen as an encouraging sign by Farmington Township Democratic candidates.

"The number of people that are turning out for these neighborhood meetings and the interest they show in community problems confirms the correctness of our call some two months ago for a series of such gatherings to be attended by all candidates for Township offices," declared Alio Vagnozzi, Democratic nominee for Supervisor.

"Unfortunately, the Republican administration refused to go along with such a proposal. Actually, the types of meetings we had suggested keep democracy vibrant," Vagnozzi told a coffee hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Belanger.

He told a large turnout there that the failure to involve people in government and the fear of new ideas were major shortcomings of the present administration.

Trustee candidate Harris Berger told the same coffee hour that he successfully challenged inequities in tax assessments in the Township. He criticized what he called shabby treatment of citizens who appear before the tax review board at another coffee hour meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zuerlinski.

Trustee Candidate Harold

Shipice pointed out at the same meeting that the Township Administration was out of bounds in pushing the recent unsuccessful incorporation effort and in using Township funds for that purpose.

Vagnozzi told the Woodcreek Farms Association that the wishes of the people living in the two villages were ignored in the incorporation effort. He also recalled that the Democrats had pushed for legislation which would have prevented the type of annexation now being tried by the city of Farmington.

At each meeting candidates for Clerk Elizabeth O'Connor and Treasurer Joyce Hungerford made proposals to improve their respective offices. They also stressed the fact that the holders of the two offices are voting members of the Township Board and their election is needed to give the Democrats a majority.

Junior Scouts Plan Busy Schedule

Junior Girl Scout troop 1036 in Farmington met Sept. 28 at the home of co-leader Mrs. Wade Sloane in Briar Hill. The Mothers Committee for the year will be Mrs. Fred Leach, cookie chairman; Mrs. Robert Koss, driver and phone chairman.

The troop camped Oct. 7, 8 and 9 at the Highland Recreation Area. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sloane accompanied the 24 girls on the trip. Cadette Troop 804 was camping not far away. The leaders for this group are Mrs. Russell Socal and co-leaders Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Campbell.

Sgt. A. Newell of the Farmington Township Police spoke on Bike Safety to the members of the junior troop Oct. 25. This is part of the program toward the Cyclist Badge.

Officers from both the Township and the City police forces will be happy to discuss bike safety with your troop. Contact Sgt. Harding at 474-2112 in the City and Sgt. Newell at 474-2335 in the Township.



THIS OLD HOUSE on Warner St. has seen many changes in the Farmington community. On Monday it becomes a part of these changes when time caught up to it.

The house had been owned by the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington and stood on the property recently purchased by the First Methodist Church.



THE WRECKER went to work it had no trouble lifting the house off its foundations. The site, which has been purchased by the First Methodist Church of Farmington, will be turned into a parking lot. The Universalist-Unitarian Church building will be moved to the church's new site at Halstead and 10 1/2 Mile Rd. in the Township.

FHS Sends Student to Navy Day Show

High school journalist Joseph Schaefer of 2233 Maple, Farmington, has been selected to represent Farmington High School for the sixth annual "Day-in-the-Navy" program Nov. 4 and 5. Sponsored by the Detroit Naval Reserve Public Affairs Unit and the Detroit and Dearborn Navy League organizations, the Navy weekend is held to give youths a real taste of life in the naval service. Based on their first hand experience they will write stories on service opportunities for their

school publications. According to Commander Jay DeCulis, commanding officer of the Public Affairs Unit, about 50 young men will take part in the program which includes a ship ride on Lake Erie aboard the USS Amherst, a taste of barracks life and Navy cooking at the Gross Point Naval Station, a flight aboard a Navy aircraft, career briefings and a press conference at which the reporters will question Navy, Marine and Selective Service representatives.

Leaders Begin Course

A training course for Brownie and Junior Girl Scout leaders began in Farmington Nov. 1 at the Salem United Church. The class will also meet Nov. 3, 10 and 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Leaders are still needed at and Cloverdale Schools. For the Sarah Fisher Home, Al further information contactameda, Ten Mile, Longacre Mrs. Zahler at 474-6527.

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A column that appears every now and then in this space to let you know what's going on at Centaur Farm Stables.

ROBERT N. HALL

Ever since Robert N. Hall, owner of the famous Fulmer School of Equitation in Vienne, England, made his first appearance in this section of America at Centaur Farm Stables, 5600 Dixie Road at Walnut Lake Rd., in West Bloomfield Township, last spring, we have been asked to say more about the famous Spanish Riding School of Vienne and those marvelous Lipizan stallions. In spite of the fact that he had been riding, teaching and training horses for some 25 years before he, himself, founded the Spanish Riding School of Vienne, Robert Hall says that not until he attended the school did he feel he was "riding" a horse instead of just sitting on one.

THE SCHOOL

The Spanish Riding School of Vienne is named not because of the nationality of the riders, but rather because of the breed of horses used in it. Its home has always been in Vienne (founded before 1750), surviving the countless hazards of European strife, including the Austro-Prussian War, and continuing through two World Wars. It was founded as a replica of the great Riding Academy of Versailles and has now achieved all other establishments in Vienna.

THE STALLIONS

Lipiza is a small village on the Adriatic coast and it was here that the horses used exclusively by the Spanish Riding School were bred. The foals are reared up into the nearby hills to range free until their fourth year, when they begin their long training in the stables of the Spanish Riding School in Vienne. First the Lipizzaners must be taught to become accustomed to discipline. The actual breaking-in period alone takes two years.

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We'll tell you more of the maneuvers these Lipizzaners graduate to in our next column. In the meantime, while we don't have any Lipizzaners at Centaur Farm Stables, we DO have horses which were imported by Centaur from the Fulmer School of Equitation, and we'd like to show them off for you. Come and see them at Centaur, at the grounds of Dixie and Walnut Lake Road, in West Bloomfield Township.

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