



Director of Public Services Tod DeBaene



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DPS Job Scares Most People Principal Stresses Character

By HENRY J. TEUTSCH Staff Writer

Ted DeBaene, director of the City of Farmington's Public Services Department, has a job that few people would be willing to tackle.

DeBaene said, "My biggest headache is garbage and rubbish."

"We have devised a complicated pick up schedule that some of the city residents find difficult to follow."

"The system that is used now is admittedly 'involved' but it is the most economical one the city can come up with right now."

DEBAENE HAS BEEN the head of the city department since 1966 but he didn't come to the job unfamiliar with municipal government.

After working in private industry, his first job with a city was in West Allis, Wis., a city of 80,000 people, about

the size of Royal Oak. He was born in 1938 in Detroit and went to Catholic Central High School. In 1961 he graduated from Notre Dame University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

After college his first job was in private industry, but he soon discovered that he didn't like being involved in big business.

"I DIDN'T LIKE private industry as much as I enjoy working for a municipality," he says.

Although he had never undergone an administration turnover in either West Allis or Farmington, he still likes to work for a city better than a corporation.

DeBaene explained that when he makes a mistake now, he is called on the carpet and told about it immediately.

He said that he knows where he stands and likes it this way because he is better able to do his job.

"This wasn't the case where I used to work," he said. He said that there was too much politics and not enough work being done in industry.

THE CITY DPW Director is doing what he wants to do, something a lot of people aren't in a position to claim for themselves.

"While I traveled around the country I looked closely at each small town I passed through."

"In each case I tried to figure out just exactly what made them successful and another one deteriorate."

"I wasn't able to come up with any one outstanding reason for either case but I did decide that in most cases what made a good city was the people who operated it."

"West Allis was a good town and a fairly large one. It was well run and kept up with the changes that had to be made."

"Farmington is the same way. It is a very old city, but it is very modern in its thinking. The people who run it are not afraid to improve it when it becomes necessary."

DEBAENE'S job is directing the Water and Sewer and Public Works Departments. He makes changes in procedure and decides the priorities in all the day to day problems, and completes the budget requests.

His biggest water and sewer project is a 200-foot water tap-in for the Federal Department Store to be built adjacent to the Downtown Farmington Center.

He is also attending Wayne State University at night where he is working on his master's degree in business administration.

DeBaene says he is so busy that he still has time to spend with his wife, Sandra, and their 15-month-old son, Christopher.



PETER FORGE



JAYCEE AUXILIARY

Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting in the First Farmington Savings and Loan Building on Orchard Lake Rd. The meeting is open to wives of Jaycees.

KENBROOK PTA

Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. Kenbrook PTA will hold its second meeting in the school multi-purpose room. "The Green Blackboard," a live 30-minute performance, will be presented by a players group of the Family Service of Oakland County and Oakland Community College.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. The Blue Star Mothers of America will hold a breakfast and luncheon in the Novi Community building on Novi Rd. Money raised will be used for veterans at the Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. Blue Star Mothers will hold their regular meeting in Wheeler Street Fire Hall.

FARMINGTON BRANCH AAUW

Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. The Farmington Branch of the AAUW will hold its October membership meeting in the friendship room of the First Farmington Savings and Loan Building, with Tivador Balogh, architect, as guest speaker.

TEN MILE SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Ten Mile School will hold its annual Book Fair, sponsored by the PTA from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 19; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 20; and 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 21.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. Farmington League of Women Voters will hold a candidates' night for candidates for the charter commission at East Junior High School. The public is invited.

FLANDERS PTA

Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Flanders School PTA will sponsor a pancake supper at the school, with Mrs. Marie Hans and Mrs. Kay Kelsch as co-chairmen. Tickets will be available at the door at \$1 for adults and students past the 6th grade. 50 cents for elementary school children and \$5 for a family regardless of the number.

NORTH FARMINGTON EXCHANGE CLUB ANNUAL PUMPKIN SALE

Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cars will travel through North Farmington subdivisions selling pumpkins door to door. There will also be a stand with pumpkins in front of North Farmington High. Pumpkins will be sold by donation.

Employed Party

MR. PHILIP H. POWER & STAFF: Just wish to say I very much enjoyed your lovely anniversary party.

Thanks for sending for me. Like Cinderella, I slipped away without getting to tell you this before I left, but you were very busy and I had to leave on time. My husband was very sorry he could not accompany me, but his health would not permit. Couldn't help but notice the splendid changes you have made.

Here's wishing you years of success in your service to this community.

Mrs. William F. Lancaster

Completes Basic

Seaman Recruit Neal S. Watkins, USN, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Watkins, of 3475 12 Mile Rd., has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

Ends Training

Army Private Robert A. Bielby, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bielby, 29990 Southbrook, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training Sept. 29 at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

By ELIZABETH WEISSMAN Staff Writer

If the hopes and plans of its new principal, Peter Forge, are realized, Kenbrook Elementary School should see the innovation of a new educational concept within the next two years.

The background is this: After spending five years teaching in a Detroit elementary school, Forge left this career for one in industry. He spent 10 years as personnel and office manager for the James H. Matthews Co., in Pittsburgh. He thoroughly enjoyed the work and was a success at it, but education was never far removed from his life. Through teacher friends in Detroit, he kept in contact with things to do with schools.

In his business, Forge was constantly in contact with people.

And he says, "Over the years of interviewing people, I became aware that one thing lacking in many of them was good character education. The more years that passed, the more apparent it became to me."

THE RESULT of this awareness will be the program he is presently planning for his 598 pupils and 19 teachers at Kenbrook.

It will be a character education program.

Character education, Forge defines as "The part of the makeup of an individual that has to do with respect and responsibility toward others."

He goes on, "We're going to try to have a formalized character education program at Kenbrook. It will work along the lines of perhaps once a month having a program on courtesy using all available material we can find."

"Other sessions could include one to promote leadership ability, patriotism, or honesty."

"I know that it will take a good deal of work on the part of the teachers, the PTA perhaps, and the community, but children could use practical exposure to these things in a school day."

THE PRINCIPAL is well aware, also, that today's children could be called jet-age products. Material he plans for the program will not consist of rehashing of old axioms. "We could have a good deal of application without going into the archives," he comments.

This thinking man holds a B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wayne State and is currently working on his education specialist degree at the University. Education is a way of life in his household because his wife is a former assistant professor at Duquesne University.

He kept abreast of modern trends in education before his return to teaching a year ago and notes, "You just go back to a reader where you have Spol, Dick and Jane. Today's children can't begin to associate with characters like these."

FORGE HAD his choice of school districts in which to teach, but felt that Farmington was by far the best.

"Farmington will watch, wait and evaluate educational innovations," he explains. "It does not, then, wait an impossible length of time before it either accepts or rejects something new."

Something new the district has added at Kenbrook this year is a creative writing program about which Forge is enthusiastic.

To be taught by James Nuttall, the class hopefully will result in instilling younger children with knowledge of how literature is created, plus the ability to express his thoughts which will allow him to stand in adult life.

TKE Member

Mark E. Foster is a member of the Zeta-Delta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Alma College which has been selected as the top TKE chapter in the United States and Canada for 1966-67.

Foster, a 1966 graduate of Farmington High School, is the son of Mrs. Joyce M. Foster of 23244 Violet, Farmington.

Serves Near Hue

Equipment Operator Second Class Wesley J. Goff, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Goff, of 20018 Waldron, is near Hue, Vietnam.

SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a Special Election will be held in the

TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON, COUNTY OF OAKLAND STATE OF MICHIGAN

— ON —

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1967

AT THE PLACE OR PLACES OF HOLDING THE ELECTION IN SAID TOWNSHIP AS INDICATED BELOW, VIZ:

Presinct No. 1—Gill Road School, 21195 Gill Rd.

Presinct No. 2—Firs Hall, 21420 Wheeler

Presinct No. 3—Highmeadow School, 30175 Highmeadow

Presinct No. 4—Bend School, 29515 Orchard Lake

Presinct No. 5—William Grace School, 29040 Shawnessee

Presinct No. 6—Shawnessee School, 30415 Shawnessee

Presinct No. 7—Dunkin Junior High School, 32800 12 Mile

Presinct No. 8—Middlebelt School, 24400 Middlebelt Rd.

Presinct No. 9—N. Farmington High School, 32900 12 Mile

Presinct No. 10—Dunkin Junior High School, 32800 12 Mile

Presinct No. 11—N. Farmington High School, 32900 12 Mile

Presinct No. 12—East Junior High School, 25000 Middlebelt

Presinct No. 13—William Grace School, 29040 Shawnessee

Presinct No. 14—East Junior High School, 25000 Middlebelt

Presinct No. 15—Gill Road School, 21195 Gill Rd.

TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING CITY INCORPORATION PROPOSAL:

"Shall the following described territory in Oakland County, Michigan, to be known as the 'City of Farmington Hills,' be incorporated as a Home Rule City under the provisions of Act 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended:

WHEREAS, heretofore on January 12, 1967, pursuant to Act 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, a petition was filed by certain resident electors and freeholders of the area, praying for the incorporation of the territory described as:

"Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan," (which Township is bounded on the north by Fourteen Mile Road, on the east by Inkster Road, on the south by Eight Mile Road (also known as Baseline Road), and on the west by Haggerty Road)

excepting therefrom the following described territories:

(a) Those territories previously incorporated as cities or villages; and

(b) That part of Section 1—Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, lying North of Thirteen Mile Road and Northwestern Highway."

as a Home Rule City.

That the form and sufficiency of the petition heretofore filed on January 12, 1967, praying for the submission of the question of incorporation of the City to consist of the territory described in said petition, complies with the provisions of the Act being Act 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, and in all respects regular;

That October 23, 1967, be set as the date for a Special Election on the question of incorporating the City.

And Also To Elect Nine Charter Commissioners

Also Any Additional Amendments Or Propositions That May Be Submitted

Notice Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls

ELECTION LAW, ACT 116, P.A. 1954

SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Farmington Township Clerk

VILLAGE ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a Regular Village Election will be held in the VILLAGE OF QUAKERTOWN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

— AT —

1st Presbyterian Church (Knox House) 26165 Farmington Road

WITHIN SAID VILLAGE ON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1967

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS, VIZ:

One Village President

One Village Clerk

One Village Treasurer

One Assessor

Two Councilmen

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MATTY STRASSER, Village Clerk

October 15, 22

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