

FARMINGTON

THRU BIFOCALS

By FRED DELANO

TO DEMONSTRATE what kind of a week it was, the one behind this one, I sought to stimulate family conversation, and divert attention from the PTA, by asking of my reader: "If you were standing on the sun and it was as hot as this kitchen, would you observe the earth be spinning clockwise, or counter-clockwise?"

Personally I thought this was a pretty good opening gambit, same being the sacrifice of a pawn to gain position, but she moved to an impossible check and mate with the reply: "I know the devil would know when I don't know whether I'm coming or going?"

She was polite enough under the trying circumstances not to throw me the one: "What a ferris wheel; does it turn clockwise or counter-clockwise?"

Ha! I would have answered, stamping from the room in high dudgeon to seek the tinkering toy set.

This was the same day the courier brought the annual invitation from the Governor of Kentucky, the one that always invites us to the yearly barbecue given for all Kentucky Colonels in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby.

We haven't made it yet since winning the rank through my youthful demonstration of valor to the cause of horses, beautiful women and bourbon, but I saved her wound momentarily by promising to bet a deuce on the '68 Derby winner with my bookie, Bertram.

THE SAME WEEK, I marked my first anniversary as an Observer employee, and I also forgot to put two greens. It's hard to see the correlation but I'll show you.

As soon as my publisher got my note laughingly declining his generous anniversary bonus, he bought me breakfast and used the rest to wrap up purchase of a 38-acre piece of ground for a new building complete with built-in picnic grounds.

After I had putted away those skins, Bill Conroy bought two Scotchies and had just enough winnings left to get another partner two beers. This wild spending just has to go.

DURING THAT SAME SEVEN-DAY span, I sat through an entire meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, another of the Farmington Board of Education, still a third of the Fairview PTA, and a fourth of the board of directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce.

This is in answer to those who say, "My, but your job must be exciting."

The biggest thing I got out of it was the advice from the PTA speaker that husbands should exert their masculinity and go ahead and change the light bulbs whether they know how or not.

IF THE WEEK had a real laugh, it came from the mouth of a lad of 10. He had mistaken the 38-page tentative Oakland County budget for 1969, which lay on the kitchen table, for a comic book and had paused at the dog section, being a Snoopy fan.

Last year's figures of, "Miles traveled, 181,601," and "Stops made, 7,185," brought a spontaneous guffaw and query as to who tails the dogs and keeps such count.

I told him there are people in the county who think there are sections of the budget a lot more laughable than that.

All in all, though, it was a week which had a magnificent start and a comforting end.

The start was the majestically subtle Palm Sunday sermon of the Rev. Joseph Pelham on the day marked for the official mourning of his fellow humanitarian, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The end came on the way home from the Jaycees' well run Easter egg hunt when, from a cartful of six moppets, came a small voice, "Thank you for sharing your eggs, Betty; you could have had some of my matzo balls if I'd found any."

Offer Golf Lessons

The Farmington Area YMCA has announced a series of golf instruction classes to begin the week of April 29.

Instructor of the series will be Tom King. The classes will be held at the Grand River Golf Range.

Two eight-week class sessions are scheduled. They will meet on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The first date of the classes are April 29 and May 1.

Registration is required. Class fee is \$10 per person or \$18 per couple with a YMCA membership (\$6 for adults or \$15 for families) required. In addition to the instruction fee a 75-cent charge will be collected at each lesson for a bucket of balls.

Enrollments for the classes may be taken by contacting:

the YMCA, on Grand River east of Drake Rd. (474-3232) or by mailing your check and class preference to the Farmington Area YMCA, Box 334, Farmington 48024.

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AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER — The Walter F. Jaske family of 21243 Robinwood, inspects a model of the Apollo/Saturn V space vehicle while visiting the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Kennedy, Fla. From left are, Mrs. Jaske, Jaske, Karen, 10, Karla, 14, Kirk, 12, and Kim, 15.

Local News Items

MARIE LONG
GR. 4-3114

Marlene Archambeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Archambeau, of Ridgeway Dr., was married April 19 in St. Fabian's Church on 12 Mile Rd. and Farmington, to Edward Pigeon, of Farmington. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rose Droeck, of Farmington.

BEST WISHES go to Sam Mekjian, of Wilmarth St., Farmington, and his niece, Mrs. Stephen (Nellie) Boyajian, of Birmingham, who celebrated their birthdays together on Sunday, April 14, at the Mekjian residence.

An enormous birthday cake held 100 lighted candles. Sixteen relatives were present to wish Sam and his niece, Nellie, best wishes and to enjoy an elaborate birthday party and Easter dinner.

Engineer Michael D. Tilley arrived home last week from the Azores for a 30-day leave with his parents, the Bud Tilley's, of Colgate St., Farmington. Michael will be flying back to the Azores where he will spend another six months in the Navy.

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5-10 SCOTT'S 5-10 DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON CENTER

Weekly Dances Slated

The weekly dances on the city tennis courts will again be held throughout the summer.

Sponsored by the YMCA's Farmington Area Teen Activities Council (FATAC) the dances will be held on Wednesday evenings from June 19 to Aug. 28.

Formal council approval of the project was obtained during this week's council meeting.

The FATAC dances will begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. The starting time is a half hour later than the starting point for the last two years, but the teens attributed the change to Daylight Saving Time.

In response to the use of the tennis courts the teens offered their services for a service project for the community and asked for suggestions from the council.

City Manager John Dinan promising to "keep them busy" suggested that perhaps the tennis courts could be lined and painted by the group.

Councilman John Allen observed that the drainage at the entrance to the courts was inadequate and suggested that some dirt or grass be used to correct the problem.

Allen also said that the wooden stairs leading from the street down to the courts were in need of painting and strengthening. Just what project the city would ask the teens for help on was not decided.

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