

Road Committee Adopts Constitution For Group

The Farmington Township Volunteer Road committee officially became the Farmington Township Road Association (FTRA) when 40 members voted on a tentative constitution for the group at a meeting Wednesday night in Westbrook School.

Before adoption, the first article of the constitution was amended to put on record the local group's affiliation with WHAR (Why Have A Road?) county protest organization.

AFFILIATION with WHAR has been a touchy subject with certain hard core members of the local road protest group.

A guarantee of independence from any actions WHAR might take, it desired, has not done much to assuage doubts about affiliation on the part of these members.

But Janice Phillips, an active FTRA member, stated the view of a majority of the members with her proposal that the affiliation be made official Wednesday night.

Formal designation of the group title now contains the phrase "an affiliate of WHAR." The constitution, as amended, will be presented for vote at the next general meeting in March. Mailing of copies to 150 FTRA members will be made within 10 days.

IN PREPARATION for an election of officers, a five-member nominating committee was set up. The five are Clifford Annis, Len Lemanski, Marie Squary, Alberta Kovary and Mrs. Phillips. In addition to four officers, a six-member board of directors is to be elected.

Lemanski, co-chairman of FTRA's petition committee, made a report on the drive for signatures.

The drive has been on since March, but Lemanski said, "We're just getting into second gear."

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COFFEE BREAK — Farmington School Superintendent Roderick J. Smith paused a minute before he addressed the Farmington Association of Educational Secretaries at their workshop April 19 in North Farmington High School. Joining him were Mrs. Dorothy Clements, left, Eagle School secretary and chairman of the workshop, and Mrs. Myrtle Zimmerman, president of the F.A.E.S.

Student Film Has Premiere

A local version of TV's "Mission Impossible," adapted by students of John Barrett's English III class at Farmington High School, recently had its premiere showing.

Farmington student Mike Zahn filmed the 13-minute color production at a cost of \$40. Other students who worked on the project were Dick Ott, Mike Blythe, Dale Frost and Ray Erliar.

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Dumping Case Goes To Jury

A jury trial demanded in Farmington Township justice court by William C. Spess, 34752 Fend Rd., who is charged with dumping debris on a portion of Drake Rd. which he contends is his own personal property, has been set for May 9.

The roadway in question is the extreme southern extremity of Drake, south of Rhonsgood, and long has been a subject of dispute between Spess, Farmington Township and Oakland County.

Spess claims ownership on the contention that he personally built this piece of road himself.

After his arrest by township police on the aggravated littering charge, Spess was arraigned in justice court and posted a personal bond of \$500 to gain release.

Briar Hill NEWS

Fran Mann, 626-5946

First, let me apologize to Detective-Sergeant William Kelly, of the Farmington Township Police, who was kind enough to give of his time and come to speak at the Briar Hill Association meeting—and then I gave credit to someone else.

The weather cooperated, and the Easter egg hunt was a big success with Ginger Stumpy and Jimmy Marvin finding the golden eggs.

Easter weekend found Barbara and Jim Donahue of Briarton entertaining out-of-town guests. Jim's aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. James Scully, and their three children came from Cincinnati, on Saturday, and left the following Monday.

Thursday, April 12, the Andridge family -- Lucy, Dick and Carla -- flew to Las Vegas and were in the audience for a performance of The Seeds -- the drummer being their son, Rick. The next day, they all flew to Los Angeles to greet Rick's new bride and spend a week sight-seeing.

Places visited were Disneyland, tour of Universal City, Chintown--but no trips to the beach because it was cool, cloudy and no sun all week. Sunday evening, April 21, found them home again--hoping to see Rick's group doing a bit on the Mothers-In-Law show --only it wasn't on. Maybe next week?

APRIL 16 is Diane Denaro's birthday and this year it was her 16th. Taking advantage of the school vacation, she invited a group of friends over for a slumber party--food, conversation but not much sleep.

Quite a few adults are adding another year to their ages this month. April 15--Betty Hopkins; 16--Ed Moffitt; 19--Bill Devlin; 21--Fran Copp and 25--Lou Hatch. Cindy Fay's family will be singing happy birthday to her on the 26th.

April is birthday month for the Homier family of Beacontree. Daughter Sheryl was 15 on the 9th; mother Norma celebrated hers on the 19th and son Michael became 18 on the 24th. Mike received his present early as he went on a skiing trip to Aspen, Colo. Easter week, it was his first plane ride, his first train ride with a beautiful scenic view of the mountains--and most important of all, a week of mountain skiing.

It's more than 800 miles to Cherokee Village, Ark. but Bev and Tom Petchell drove it in one day. They left April 12, with their three children, for a visit to Thom's parents. Their days were spent golfing, fishing and relaxing. They took it easier coming home and got back to Briar Hill Sunday evening, April 21. The next day found Bev going into the hospital for a few days for a series of tests--and a few days of rest.

EASTER SUNDAY found Sarah and Ellen Gahagen flying to New York for a visit with an aunt, with one day being spent in New York City. They flew back the evening of April 20 and tried for an hour to reach their family by phone, but for some reason the connection

couldn't work, and they finally had to get the McPhersons out of bed to run over and tell their parents they were waiting at the airport.

The Sudorf family came from Racine, Wis., to move into the home on the northwest corner of Beacontree and Briarton. Jean and Gerald are the parents and children include Gary, 12; Susan, 11, and Glen, 7. Gerald is vice-president of Americom, an audiovisual equipment company, and before their three years in Wisconsin, they lived near Akron, O., his hometown.

If you're undecided about going to the Briar Hill spring dance, you haven't too much time left. The date is May 4, at Meadowbrook Country Club.

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