

Racism Involves More Than Violence

Farmington Township officials proclaimed their faith in the residents Monday and asserted that racism doesn't exist in the township.

The action came as a reaction to a request from the New Farmington Housing Committee for the passage of a resolution supporting the principle of open housing.

The Farmington City Council adopted a resolution supporting open or fair housing the week before. The township officials adopted substantially the same resolution.

Members of the New Farmington Committee have gone by of their way to assert that they are not displeased with the actions taken.

In fact, a formal report of the Housing Committee asserts that "the housing committee, of the New Farmington Committee was not displeased by the action of either the council or the township board even though the resolutions, as passed, were not in precisely the same words as those drawn up as a suggestion for these government bodies."

That's fine. The committee is happy, but we aren't.

Before this goes any further, let me assure the township and city officials that I

don't believe they are bigots.

In fact, the second half of the township policy statement is one of the most forthright endorsements of the basic concept of equality on a practical, suburban level that I have ever read.

THE HANGUP seems to come on the word racist. Just who is a racist and what is racism?

If you accept the definition that racists are only those who throw stones at a house when the Negro family moves in or are those who shoot the civil rights workers in the south, then I would agree that the actual racists in Farmington are few and far between.

However, there is a broader concept of racism.

The New Detroit Committee defined it in much more eloquent terms than I could: The members state:

"To many Americans, racism merely

means active bigotry and discrimination, a charge from which they readily acquit themselves.

"Racism, in reality and practice, is more subtle, and wears many masks.

"It is hate. It is also indifference. It is the implied inferiority that is practically expressed in demeaning jobs, low wages, limited horizons and the countless small and unremarkable daily indignities suffered by millions of Negro Americans.

"It takes the form of unexamined values that casually deny status and dignity. It is complacency. It is the passive acceptance of the status quo. It is the belief that because you do not hate, you have not harmed anyone.

"It is the inability to put on, if only for a few moments, a black skin and look out at the world with new eyes. It is the inability to understand that each of us, in ways great and small, has benefited because the Negro has suffered."

Housing Committee being shouted down by the audience during a public hearing of the planning commission when he sought to ask if all citizens would be allowed the opportunity to purchase homes in the development.

An unsigned letter which arrived in this morning's mail, it reads: "Sue, Editorially you have praised open housing but your residence is a lily, (the spelling is the sender's) white project. Is Independence Green the sacred ground for doggers and not dogs?"

(The sender hits his facts wrong. There is a couple who live in Independence Green who work every day; sleep, shop, worry about the bills but whose skin is black rather than white. So what's the big deal? Should this be proclaimed from the rooftops? Nonsense. They are human beings who better and no worse than the other residents of the 500 apartments at Independence Green.)

THESE ARE BUT two examples. Look about you and you will see others.

Neither of the incidents cited involved violence. They didn't maim or physically hurt anyone.

They indicate an attitude in all of us. That's why racism exists in Farmington.

Sue Shaughnessy

editorial



STUDIOUS STUDENTS — Presented with certificates of merit by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa Thursday night in Ford Auditorium were (from the left) Bethany Smith, William Spence, Patrick Harrigan, William Bailey, Barbara

Parker and Jan Sutton, all of Farmington High School. The six were selected for the honor on the basis of their outstanding scholastic achievement.

Michigan Jaycees Award Richardson

Dr. John Richardson, Farmington veterinarian, has been named Michigan's "most active" Jaycee by those who should know best, a panel of judges representing the state's more than 11,000 Jaycees themselves.

From among the more than 250 candidates nominated for the Michigan Sound Citizen Award by individual chapters throughout the state, it was Dr. Richardson who won the overwhelming endorsement of the selection board.

Presentation of the plaque representative of the award was made to Dr. Richardson May 11 during the state convention of Jaycees at Grand Rapids.

In his own case, it is a tribute to his community service as chairman of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee, plus uncounted time devoted to affairs of local government, youth activities and the affairs of the general citizenry.

This presentation capped a weekend in which the Farmington Jaycee chapter also was honored with six trophies for specific projects.

In being recognized as one of the foremost Jaycee chapters in the state, Farmington won two thirds, two thirds and two thirds in the 10 categories in which the chapter competed.

First place trophies came for activities in International Relations, based upon the mit's

Farmington ENTERPRISE & OBSERVER

PHILIP H. POWER Publisher

THOMAS C. RICHARD Managing Editor
SUE SHAUGHNESSY Editor
DALE G. PUGH Circulation Manager
FRED J. LEVINE Classified Advertising Manager

RUDOLPH MATUROSKY Advertising Director
FRED J. WRIGHT Circulation Director
WILLIAM BARRISH Production Manager
VICTOR HOWARD Printing Superintendent

PHONES: 474-2122 (Main Office)
474-2123 (Advertising)
474-2124 (News)
474-2125 (Classified)

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By Carrier Single copy, 15¢. Monthly rate, \$4.50. In Advance. By Mail, \$10.00 a year, paid in advance.

Published by Observer Newspapers, Inc., 2122 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48334. Each Sunday, Friday and Monday. Member of the U.S. Post Office, Farmington, Michigan. Address all mail subscriptions to the office of the publisher, 2122 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48334.

Member of Michigan Press Association, Suburban Press Foundation.

Lottery Expands Horizons

THREE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING to the financial plight of schools have come within my view recently, and because two of them are easily within your own grasp this dissertation will concern itself largely with the third.

Being dispensed with in quick fashion are Farmington's own pre-election Q&A summary issued by the Board of Education, and what's known as the "Thomas Report," the latter being the conclusions of a 15-month special study financed through a \$200,000 grant from the State Legislature.

With both of those say, in varying numbers of words, is that the schools, here and elsewhere, need more money.

The third, which tells how to get that money, was written, probably, by some ex-newspaper hack now employed in the Department of Taxation and Finance of the State of New York.

Its eye-catching title reads:

"Win-Up To \$100,000 . . . Your chance of a lifetime to help education."

It is, of course, a detailed discussion of the New York State Lottery, a fund to which I have

contributed \$2 for two tickets.

QUOTING DIRECTLY from its pages: "Net proceeds of the New York State Lottery will be used to provide aid to primary, secondary and higher education, and for scholarships."

"It is estimated that many, many millions of dollars will be generated to upgrade educational opportunities in New York State."

Frankly, well substantiated reports indicate that New York has fallen a mile short of that goal of "many, many millions" since the lottery went into operation.

PRIZES IN NEW YORK range from \$100,000 down to a paltry \$50, and as you probably know, winners are determined by results of a horse race picked at random from the New York thoroughbred schedule.

The state awards 240 prizes totaling \$300,000 from each \$1 million worth of tickets sold. They conduct a drawing every month.

After administrative costs are paid, one is left to presume that close to \$700,000 remains from each \$1 million for distribution among school boards. I like the plan better than an increase in property taxation.

For Mother's Day, I generously tossed in a token on behalf of the kids and told the woman I live with that she was getting an extra gift in the form of a trip to New York. Then I gave her a lottery ticket and said she could pick up her prize in person.

Just to show what fun a lottery provides, she then gave me a trip of my own. To the moon.

FARMINGTON

THRU . . . BIFOCALS

By FRED DELAND

MONTGOMERY WARD

Tel Twelve Mall

AT TELEGRAPH AND 12 MILE ROAD

SPORTS CAR RALLY STAGED BY THE

DETROIT TRIUMPH CLUB

GYMKHANA #1

Sunday, May 19, 1968

Fee: DTC \$2.50 - COUNCIL/CLUBS \$3.00 - NON-AFFILIATED \$3.50

CLASSES: SCCA, WOMEN'S CLASSES BY FORMULA

REGISTRATION OPENS 10:30 A.M.

CAFETERIA AVAILABLE AFTER 12:00 NOON

Everyone is Welcomed

INSIDE TECH INSPECTION AIR AVAILABLE

SOUTH END PARKING LOT - ENTER FROM TELEGRAPH or 12 MILE RD.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: WEST SIDE 663-4134, 277-9397, EAST SIDE 268-1095

PENNY WISE

BATHROOM

PRELL LIQUID IMPERIAL 16 oz. **99¢**

CREST FAMILY SIZE TOOTH PASTE Reg. or Mini with FREE Toy **53¢**

SECRET SPRAY DEODORANT 7 oz. Family Size **89¢**

SCOPE MOUTHWASH Large 12 oz. **59¢**

WE FEATURE **HITE** OVERNIGHT PHOTO FINISHING

Also, See Penny Wise For:
★ Film ★ Flash Bulbs ★ Clocks ★ Timex Watches
★ Thermos Vacuum Bottles and Kits
AT DISCOUNT PRICES!

PENNY WISE

33306 Grand River • Downtown Farmington • Phone 474-9333