

# McCosh's Column

## Of Police And Politics

In one of the stranger confrontations between leaders in our community, Ronald Holko, cool-headed chief of the public safety department in Farmington Township, outshot Robert ("Deadeye") Deadman, head of the city department and Farmington city manager.

The occasion was the recent shooting match between the Oakland County Police Chiefs at the Farmington Township pistol range.

Holko, Ray Marchewitz and Sgt. Arlo Newell also placed second in the team competition, in the invitational meet. There is no truth to the rumor that this kind of thing is a new way to settle township-city disputes.

Marchewitz, incidentally, was one of a four-man team sent to Jackson, Miss., to defend the department's honor among the nation's finest.

He, Linda Harris, Haries Archambeau and Paul Phillips took home three trophies, but the computations of the scores were apparently so complicated that they aren't sure yet just what the trophies were for.

**LOCAL POLITICS** are about as dull as can be, with most of the township offices pretty much settled. With the primary, another good reason to end the nonsense of partisan local races.

But the county commissioners are going at it hot and heavy. A lot of the candidates have been in the office recently to present their views through this "media," and most of the serious local campaigning seems to be for these offices.

With Farmington carved into four districts by the new apportionment, it behooves the city and township to persuade these guys Farmington is the most important part of their district.

Then we get a "Farmington caucus" of about four votes, which might be good for about 200 feet of paving or so from the county road commission.

Regardless, the race to watch in this area is the one in the 27th district between Farmington's Mayor Wilbur Brotherton and William Hatton, who has stumped before, although unsuccessfully, for township office.

Which brings up the question: If Mr. Brotherton wins, who's going to be mayor? That's a good one to change the subject when the Nixon and McGovern partisans come to blows at the next party.

## Howell Wins AF Award

FARMINGTON Mother for training as an Second Lt. Stephen A. electronic warfare officer. He Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. was commissioned in 1971 John N. Howell, 23238 Case, through Officer Training Farmington, has been School, Lackland AFB, Texas, awarded silver wings upon The lieutenant, a 1967 graduation from U.S. Air Force navigator training at High School, received a BBA degree in 1971 from Eastern Michigan University.

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**TOTEM POLE BACK HOME** -- Mrs. Don Nichols and her seven-year-old son, Tim, fondle the cherished totem pole stolen from their garden and now returned to them. Tim pats the

carved heart near the top of the post which was hand-carved for the Nichols by a friend as a wedding anniversary gift. (Evert photo)

## Sign Warnings Being Issued

**FARMINGTON** Signs in Farmington Township are going to be attracting attention of more than the customers, according to the Farmington Township Building Dept.

Officials in the department are beginning to enforce the seven-month-old sign ordinance, approved by the township board in March.

Warnings are being issued

for violations, mainly free-standing signs, and tickets will be issued beginning this week.

**THE SIGN** ordinance permits only one free-standing sign per premise and

stipulates they cannot be located in the front yards.

Owners must obtain permits for all free-standing signs and all real estate signs. The ordinance also limits the sizes of signs, such as provisions that signs shall be limited in ratio to the height of the building.

Representatives of the building department said they are going along Orchard Lake Rd. and other major streets and issuing warnings, which will be followed up within a week with a ticket.

**THE TICKET** will require an appearance in District Court, and conviction on the misdemeanor charge can result in up to a \$100 fine for each day of the violation or 90 days in jail.

Cooperation with the ordinance has been good, according to a spokesman from the building department, "as long as everybody has to go along."



**NEWSPAPER WEEK** was the occasion of this award for "service to the community," given recently to the Farmington Enterprise and Observer by the Farmington Kiwanis. Editor Dan McCosh (left) accepts the certificate from Lloyd Smith, Kiwanis president. (Evert photo)

## local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

**FARMINGTON** Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fleming, who developed the Valley View area and lived on Valley View Ave. in 1920, are now residents of Farmington. He is the brother of the late T. Devere Fleming. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming moved back to Farmington some time ago. We welcome them to our city once again.

Mr. and Mrs. August Bor-

man, of Leeland, recently

vacationed in San Francisco

where they visited his mother.

They also drove to Lincoln

City, Oregon, to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Reid of

Evanston, Ill., and their son

and daughter-in-law, Mr. and

Mrs. Sam Lamb of New

Mexico, recently visited with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb of Oakland Ave., Farmington.

Mrs. Charles Lukfahr of Haggerty Rd., is now at home convalescing after her third surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen J. Karp and children, of Argonne, spent a delightful weekend visiting her brother, Bill, and wife, Joan, and their three

nephews, Michael, Jim and Gordon in Minn. They saw many beautiful colors along the AuSable River.

Miss Barbara Priest and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Priest, of Kansas, are spending the month of October

visiting Howard and Myrna Fitchner of Farmington West Apartments.

Barbara lived in Michigan for several years following her service in the Navy. She will be the guest of honor at a number of reunion parties together with her mother and father.

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### HALLOWEEN DANCE

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 28th 9 P.M. - 2 A.M.**

**COSTUMES OPTIONAL PRIZES**

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### Halloween Cards

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GRAND RIVER at FARMINGTON RD. (near 10 Mile)

# Cherished Totel Pole Is Found

By MARTHA MAHAN

**FARMINGTON** The eloquence of one Farmington Township mother and the sharp eye of another have combined to bring about the return of a treasured family possession.

The loss became publicly known when Mrs. Donald D. Nichols, 33002 Maplenut, wrote a letter to the editor of The Farmington Enterprise and Observer.

She described her difficulty in trying to explain to her deaf, seven-year-old son what would motivate anyone to steal from their back yard a totem pole with special meaning to the Nichols family.

**THE SEVEN-FOOT-TALL** post had been presented to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols as a 12th wedding anniversary gift by a friend who felled the tree from which it was made and hand-carved the designs.

It had stood for only two days, embedded in cement in a garden area which Mrs. Nichols had spent her summer beautifying.

The theft took place two weeks before Mrs. Nichols wrote her letter. It appeared in the Enterprise and Observer on Wednesday. On Thursday Editor Dan McCosh got a call. Did he know the Nichols' telephone number? A youthful voice inquired.

The caller identified himself as Jeff Moore, who said he and a buddy had stumbled across the totem pole just the night before while crossing a wooded lot on their way home from a friend's house.

In the nature of teenagers, they had dragged it the approximately two blocks to Moore's home at 21302 Whitlock and stashed it in the garage.

Edwin Scarth, Jeff's stepdad, returning home from work Thursday afternoon, did

a double-take when he pulled into the garage and saw the seven-foot tree trunk lying on the floor. He asked his wife what it was. "Oh, just something the boys dragged home," she said idly.

"Looks like a tree to me," said Scarth.

**AND THAT'S** when memory hit his wife like a thunderclap. She scrambled to find the Enterprise and Observer and began leafing through until she found the letter.

"You'd better call those folks," Scarth told Jeff. "It looks like it's a pretty important thing to them."

So Jeff did. And that's how come the Nichols station wagon showed up at Jeff's house later Thursday night to pick up the treasured totem pole.

Mrs. Nichols estimated the spot where the pole was found was about a mile from their house and she wondered how it could have been carried so far. No car could have made the journey, she said, because the area is too wooded.

## Teachers Confer

**FARMINGTON** Beverly Kavasech and Marion Spencer, first grade teachers at Farmington's Flanders School, took part in a recent one-day conference at Central Michigan University for administrators and supervising teachers.

The conference explored the need for greater interpersonal communication in teaching.



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