



# The real story behind that street...

Fink is one of those unfortunate names which has found its way into the slang thsling vocabulary, causing a little adolescent embarrassment and making Fink St. stand out to even casual passers-by along Orchard Lake in Farmington.

Like a couple of friend of mine named Donald Duckman and Mickey Mouse, the Finks of the world will have to wait for the slang to change as it inevitably does.

Mrs. Donna Sklar, a rela-

tive newcomer to Farmington Hills who once ran for the old charter commission, called a few weeks ago and said she thought Fink St. had some history.

It seems her aunt, Mrs. Evelyn Goose, was visiting from Los Angeles.

Mrs. Goose was formerly a Detroit resident, who left for the sunny west coast over 25 years ago.

When her niece told her she lived in Farmington,

The history of a street may reflect the glories of some past pillar of the community, or it may be named after the whimsy of some subdivider.

We tried to dig out some of the past, but were only partially successful.

Byron Lapham remembered a Fink family who lived on Grand River, which was well-known, but he was sure it wasn't the right one. Farmington's historian, Lee Peel, recalled another Fink,

but with no indication of which one might have been the street's namesake.

Publication of the story brought a response which may set the record straight.

Mrs. Josephine Fink, who lived on Hanes St. for over 30 years, told us about a meeting of the old Farmington Township Board in the early 1940s.

The supervisor then was Ernest Blanchard, and one of the "justices" on the board was Mrs. Elsie McCullough.

According to Mrs. Fink, Mrs. McCullough was reviewing a proposal to change the name of Elm St. to Eldon St.

"That's a ridiculous name!" she told the rest of the board. "I'd rather see it named after my maiden name—Fink."

Since politics operated on a more personal level back then, her suggestion became history a few weeks later, according to Mrs. Fink.

It is sheer coincidence Mrs. Fink's husband was also named Louis, and he had nothing to do with the street name, she added.

So part of the mystery is cleared up, anyway. For those who feel all this is not of monumental significance, it should reassure you to know there is some order in the world, and hardly anything is done without some kind of reason.

It is also amazing how many people remember it.



FARMINGTON FREEWAY Industrial park will be getting a new building soon. Breaking ground for the E & H Development Corp. are Bruce Miller, Tom Moore, Robert Waldie, Ray Persia, and William Hummon. The new building will contain an office, warehouse, and general manufacturing space. Tenants will be: W. R. Hummon and Assoc., Inc., manufacturers' reps; Electromatic Inc., manufacturers' reps; and Motion Control Sales and Service, an engineering firm.

## Truck storage hearing set

FARMINGTON A hearing on a zoning change revising restrictions on commercial vehicle storage is set for Feb. 4, at 8 p.m., in the Farmington city hall.

The city council had a first reading on the ordinance Monday.

It limits storage for over half-ton but less than 1½ ton vehicles to behind the front building line of a residential building.

Commercial vehicles of over 1½ tons are prohibited from parking on residential property. Vehicles up to 1½ tons may be stored on residential property if properly housed in a lawful accessory building.

The proposed ordinance allows for appeals of the storage provision from the half-ton classification up to 1½ ton classification if the requirements of the ordinance cause "exceptional practical difficulties or undue hardships to the owners of commercial vehicles."

The zoning change was suggested as an alternative to tightening the present police ordinance regarding parked commercial vehicles.

As with all other appeals to the zoning board, a public hearing involving residents within 300 feet of the proposed variance would be held.

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As a zoning law, its enforcement would be the responsibility of the zoning and building department.

## Courville resigns post

FARMINGTON John Courville resigned from the Farmington zoning board of appeals Monday, saying he was moving from the area.

Courville also recently submitted his resignation from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce board of directors.



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## local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jeffery of Southgate entertained their relatives and friends at a wonderful Christmas dinner at their home. Twenty-five guests enjoyed their hospitality.

Their youngest guest was one-week-old Kelly Anne, daughter of Daniel and Jackie Jeffery, the Donald Jeffery's first grandchild. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash flew up from Florida.

The Jefferys' only daughter, Mrs. Kat y Wood, was surprised with a gift of a brand new car from her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffery were great-grandparents to the new baby.

Barton Jeffery (brother of Donald) and wife were uncle and aunt, and their three sons were cousins. Miss Mildred Jeffery is an aunt. Richard Jeffery, an uncle, of Farmington, was also present. There were many more young uncles present.

Jackie's brother played hymns on the guitar. He attended U-M with the Donald Jeffery's second oldest son, Kenneth.

This was indeed a happy occasion -- years truly was invited, as a friend of the senior Jeffery's from the east.

Donald Jeffery is an official of the National Bank of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Allen of Farmington, spent the holidays in Geneva, N.Y., with Mrs. Allen's relatives. They were delighted to see how baby Tim had grown. This was his first Christmas, with one set of grandparents in Geneva, as well as two sets of great-grandparents to amuse him.

Mr. Allen is a teacher at Power Junior High.

Mrs. Agnes McIntyre, of Phoenix, Ariz., flew in for a three-week visit with her daughter and son-in-law, the Richard Silver family, and to see the twins.

Agnes will fly home soon. She brought me some nice cactus jelly and some perfume.

Agnes lived in Farmington for many years. I wish her a safe trip home.

Mrs. Jean Kruger of Village Wood Road, recently

spent the Christmas holiday with a cousin, Barbara and Bob Rock, and family, of Toledo, Ohio. Jean had a very enjoyable visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kudla were guests at a family get-together at the home of their son George Jr. and family in Howell.

His two sisters, two brothers and their families were present and a great-granddaughter, Amy Lynn.

Paul Schreiber, of Oakland Ave., spent the Christmas holiday with his son Richard and his family. His daughter, Capt. Margaret E. Schreiber, stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va., joined them at Richard's and Judy's home in Monroeville.

Pa. Their visit was delightful and the trip went as planned.

Mrs. Ann Curtis of Kendallwood entertained a few friends at cards recently.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Socall, Madlyn Schomeyer, Martin Conway, Frank Ohst, Sarah She-manski and Mik Gasvoda. They played bridge and pinocle. Happy New Year, friends.

The Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington held their annual Christmas party in the social room of the First United Methodist Church. Following the dinner, the group was entertained by junior and senior students from Farmington High School under the leadership of Mr. Feurt.

## Center sign gets variance

FARMINGTON A request from the World Wide Shopping Center for a sign variance in the World Wide Shopping Center resulted in the Farmington City Council granting a blanket variance to the whole shopping center.

ones previously used in the center.

The variance allows all the signs in the center to be the same.

In other business, the council:

- Approved taxi bond plates for Suburban Checker Cab Co., Livonia, and Star Cab Co., Novi.
- Approved a \$50 appropriation for the 1974 Girls State program.

## Letter to the editor

### Girl scouts are thanked

EDITOR: The entire staff of the Farmington District Library wishes to publicly thank Girl Scout Troop 750 from Long-acre School and their leader, Mrs. Emma Ford, for the beautiful Christmas ornaments they made for our tree.

Many people have noticed

the unusual and colorful decorations outside the library building.

We feel the girls have helped to make the entire community a more cheerful place over the holiday season.

FARMINGTON LIBRARY STAFF

## Kirby Elliott to graduate

FARMINGTON HILLS Kirby G. Elliott of Farmington Hills will graduate from Henry Ford Community College in January. A total of 174 graduates will complete their studies in January and receive associate degrees in the June commencement.

## Krist on duty

FARMINGTON Marine Cpl. Michael A. Krist of Farmington has reported for duty at the Marine Corps air station, New River, N.C.

The corporal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Krist, of 31780 Folkstone Drive.

## Equal Speed

Do you know how to get through city traffic conveniently as well as safely?

According to the staff of Michigan State University's Highway Traffic Safety Center, "You should drive at a speed equal to the vehicular traffic around you. Also, try to pace yourself through a series of traffic signals or signs."

Go with the traffic; don't try to out race it.

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