

Farmington state representative

Brotherton evaluates legislative issues

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among your constituents in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield?

BROTHERTON: I commute, so I am back and forth. I'm here every evening. I usually have some kind of personal contact once every couple of weeks, meeting with the chamber, meeting with one of the city managers, or some group.

O&E: How can people get in contact with you if they wanted to?

BROTHERTON: My home phone is

in the book and that is the cheapest way. Then, of course, if they can write me in Lansing, at the State Capitol, or they can call me there. I get at least one call a day from someone interested in something that's going on up there. Of course, people drop in. It's amazing how many people from the area are up in Lansing.

O&E: Who has the strongest lobby in Lansing?

BROTHERTON: As far as I'm concerned, labor, although I don't know if that's what you mean by lobby. But as far as I'm concerned, I've seen the big labor forces operate in a way that demonstrates they really have a clout.

Where in the world is business?

Where is industry to give us their side of the story?

We are getting the other side of it, but we are not getting their side of it, and why aren't we?

O&E: Is there any part of your constituency that takes an active part as a strong lobbying group?

BROTHERTON: Yes, the teachers union, the MEA definitely. But not in an offensive way, not in the way that I was describing what I call big league, organized labor. They maintain constant communication through the various bulletins. The vote on the teachers' bill was postponed long enough so that school was out. Then that gave teachers the opportunity to take two or three days and get up to Lansing so they could personally talk with their legislators. I had probably a dozen or so in to see me, from Farmington, Southfield. They wanted to know what my position was and I told them. In terms of organized effort, knowing what they were doing, there is no doubt in my mind that the MEA and the FEA are far ahead of every body else.

O&E: Is there a group at the other end of the scale? A group that is neglected?

BROTHERTON: The one group that is neglected is the middle income, the average kind of guy. There is no doubt about that. It seems almost that the minorities are getting pretty well taken care of, but with the majority, it isn't. Everything that is being done is chipping away at the basic rights of the majority of people. It is happening in the courts. It's certainly happening in Lansing.

O&E: You mentioned that one of the more neglected classes was the middle class. Do you consider yourself part of that middle class?

BROTHERTON: Yes, I do. I think I always have. I come from a family structure, a wife and two children. I live in the suburbs and I think Farmington basically is a middle-income suburb.

I live in the Belaire section, where probably the homes are less costly than the average. Of course, my in-

come from the state is \$19,000 a year which pretty well puts it in that category.

O&E: Do you supplement that income from the state?

BROTHERTON: I had a business that I got into three years ago as an investment. It was an automotive tune-up shop. That whole thing began to fall apart about a year or a year and a half ago. My full-time job now is the state, and frankly from what I've seen of it, that's the way it should be.

O&E: You said it was a full-time job, but what do you do with your free time?

BROTHERTON: This may sound corny, but I work. I've been doing some renovating on my property, so I spend practically all the free time I've got working. I'll probably continue to do that for the rest of this year. I've got to do some work around my own home because I've neglected this for the last few years and it needs painting and landscaping.

What I hope to do is to relax and spend a little time with my family, because we have a cottage up north around Higgins Lake. I'd like to spend

a little time up there. I have a lot of work to do on that place because we had a frame built, what they call a shell house. We've been finishing the inside. My carpentry is sort of my avocation. I enjoy it. I like to work with my hands when I don't have to be doing my regular work. I used to play golf years ago, but I just gave it up. I said this is ridiculous. I come out here the worst days of the year, and here the place is crowded and I can't hardly hit the ball away from the tee.

I bought some tickets for the MSU football games for the season. I am going to take those in, and I've never done that before. I figure that will give me a Saturday off. But I like to keep busy.

Prisk elected C'ville chief

Dr. Samuel J. Prisk of 20299 Gilman, Livonia, last week was the board president of the Clarenceville school board.

Prisk won re-election to the board June 9. He replaces outgoing president Robert M. Erickson of 8034 Weyhar, Livonia. Erickson is a board trustee.

Other officers include Raymond Chaiken of 20223 Weyhar, Livonia, who was named to a second term as vice president. Serving as treasurer will be Daniel G. Morrison of 19821 Antago, Livonia. Morrison replaces Thomas C. Wilson of 19317 St. Francis, Livonia, who was named secretary. Wilson also was re-elected June 9.

Board trustees include Norman Hunt of 21215 St. Francis, Farmington Hills, and Richard J. Wood of 20211 Maplewood, Livonia. Wood previously served as secretary.

The board meets every second and

fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the board office, 28800 Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Meetings change in November, December and June because of holidays and school elections. Notice of special meetings not on the regular schedule, or rescheduled meetings will be placed on the door of the board office 12 hours before the meetings. The next meeting is July 21.

Kids can sell home-grown goods

Farmington area youngsters can sell home-grown garden goods Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the Founders Festival. Farmington Plaza merchants are sponsoring a tent to house the young gardeners' wares. Applications to use the tent are available from any Farmington Plaza merchant.



Sweet Adelines

Two upcoming appearances of the Farmington Hills chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. are scheduled during Founders Festival Days. The 168 membership which sings en masse or in small quartettes, groups, and ensembles will sing on Thursday, July 24 in the Downtown Shopping Center at 7:30 p.m. Then the group will lead off "Old Time Day" for Summer in the Park at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 27 in Shiwassee Park. The local chapter is under the direction of Marion Greene.

OBITUARIES

MRS. MARGUERITE WRIGHT

Mrs. Wright, 71, formerly of Farmington, died July 8, 1975, at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. She was a member of St. Alexander's Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

She was a retired book store manager for the Farmington Public Schools.

Survivors include her husband Edgar D., son Rev. James Wright, pastor of St. Alexander's, and Russell of Royal Oak. Also surviving is sister Mrs. John A. (Mary) Collins of Holiday, Fla., and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

Church holds festival events

The First United Methodist Church of Farmington will have an ice cream social, a pie baking contest and a car wash during the Founders Festival week, July 24-26.

Pie, ice cream and ice cream sundaes will be sold noon-9 p.m. Friday, July 25. A barber-shop quartet will sing 7-9 p.m.

The church will hold a pie baking contest the same day. Preliminary judging is at 4 p.m. and final judging at 6 p.m. Entrance fee is two fruit pies, and there will be cash prizes and awards.

A car wash will be noon-4 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills at the Clerk's Office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m., July 31, 1975, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

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