

# Humpty - Dumpty

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the urgency from prospective buyers for more houses.

Despite the grumbling, Cousins has not had much difficulty selling its houses.

How can people even think about buying an inferior \$20,000 product? "We have to have a home to raise our family in," replies Mrs. Hendrikson.

"We've had to put up with insults and have the phone slammed in our ear many times. The only reply we got is, 'If you're not happy with your house, we'll buy it back from you.'"

"We did not buy it to sell again in six months. All we wanted was to get it finished."

"Hell, I don't even blame Cousins for getting away with murder if they can do it," Becker reflects "because everyone else is doing it."

"But I've learned my lesson. I'm never going to buy anything until the job is done."

He perked up political interest by sending the petition to Congressman Jack McDonald (R-19th District) who urged the Department of Housing and Urban Development toward its current investigation.

Hendrikson also charged

township officials with "inept and inefficient enforcement of building code violations."

"He's not the only one with problems," retorted Snover. "He has no business going around with his petition—acting as if we're to blame."

BUT SNOVER, who normally coordinates the office while his six-man staff does the inspecting, summoned Zager for a personal look at the houses after he saw the petition.

Now Snover has decided to withhold permits on Cousins houses until all pending complaints are appeased.

"Cousins isn't the worst contractor I've seen," he says philosophically. "But he isn't the best." Still Hendrikson intends to sue Cousins as soon as he saves enough money for a court fight. He's incensed because he can't

build a two-car garage on his lot. "When there are zoning restrictions on your property," he says, "the contractor has to tell you of them before you sign the papers."

Two easements on the lot give right-of-ways to utility companies, shackling him with a one-car leanto in back of the house.

COUSINS WAS granted a special building permit last year for the lot because it is underzoned. However, township officials say they didn't find out about the easements until Hendrikson applied for a garage permit this spring.

"We're trying to get things straightened out," Snover intervenes. "This takes time." Cousins owners refused to talk to The Enterprise & Observer about the homeowner complaints or the impending lawsuit.

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### NAIM CONFERENCE OF MACOMB

July 16 at 8:30 p.m. The NAIM Conference of Macomb County will meet in St. Barnabas Church, 24800 Phlox, East Detroit. This is an organization for Catholic widows and widowers. For additional information, call Stephanie Nadrowski, PR 4-0255.

### OPEN DOOR FOLK NIGHT

July 18 from 9 to 11:30 p.m. The Open Door will hold a Folk Night in North Farmington Baptist Church, 32500 13 Mile, Farmington. Adults are invited to attend and participate in discussion of contemporary issues.

### FATAC DANCE

July 18 from 8 to 11 p.m. FATAC, sponsored by the Farmington Area YMCA, will hold a dance for Farmington area teenagers in Farmington Junior High School.

### FARMINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS

July 17, Farmington Senior Citizens Drop-In Center will sponsor a bus trip. Buses leave the Farmington Masonic Temple at 9:30 a.m. and will tour area state parks, stopping for lunch in the Chuck Wagon Cafeteria, Dryden. On July 25 there will be a trip to Bob-Lo with buses boarding at the Masonic Temple at 8:30 a.m. Bus fare is free, but fare is \$1 special rate. Information about the bus trip may be obtained by calling the Board of Commerce office, 474-3440.

### SWIMMING REGISTRATION

July 18 from 9 a.m. to noon, interested persons may register for Farmington schools instructional swimming in North Farmington High School. There are a few openings left in the third session (July 21-Aug. 1) and a few openings left in the fourth session (Aug. 4-Aug. 15).

### TOWNSHIP POLICE PUBLIC AUCTION

July 19 at 10 a.m. Farmington Township Police Department will hold a public auction of bicycles, miscellaneous items and unclaimed articles in the township police station. A list of articles to be sold is on file in the office of the township police chief.

### PIONEER GOLDEN AGE NIGHT

July 23 at noon, The Pioneer Golden Age Club will meet for potluck luncheon in St. Alexander's social hall.

### BOARD OF COMMERCE GUEST NIGHT

July 23, Members of Farmington Board of Commerce are invited to join other chamber of commerce organizations for a night of harness racing at Northville Downs. Reservations and further information may be obtained by calling Dempsey Ebert, 349-1010.

### FOUNDERS FESTIVAL PUPPET SHOWS

July 24, 25 and 26, Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary will present daily one-hour puppet shows during the Farmington Founders Festival in the First Methodist Church, Grand River at Warner. Admissions 35 cents per child. Shows will be given at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

### FESTIVAL SMORGASBORD

July 24, Members of the White Shrine will serve a Founders Festival smorgasbord dinner during the evening in the Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Rd.

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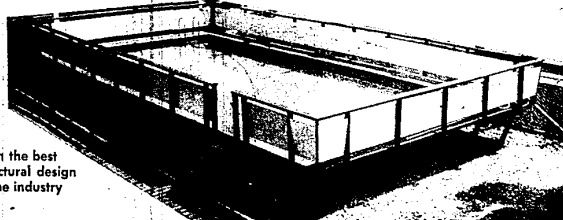
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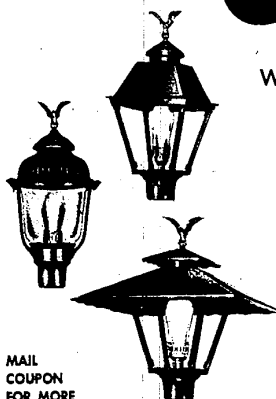


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