



PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS — Playoff champs in the city softball league is the team sponsored by AMCO Engraving Co., coached by Bill Grau. (Evert photo)

'Candy Strippers' Brighten Home

FARMINGTON Nine Red Cross volunteers, ages 14-15, were honored at a special luncheon party recently given by the Farmington Nursing Home for their work help-

Parents Question

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school opening was moved back to 9:30 a.m., 30 minutes later than last year. Junior highs end school at 3:20 and high school at 3:15.

As one member of the audience put it, some of children's best learning time is wasted by the late start, besides wrecking schedules of working mothers.

Richard Peters, president of the Board of Education, appeared to voice the entire board's opinion when he said, "It seems wrong to let transportation problems dictate the hours of the system, but when you get right down to it, that's the practicality of the matter."

THURSTON RICHARD Perrin and Gary Lichtman admitted to the audience they have unhappy wives over the same situation.

Perrin said that he studied the school hours question carefully and found that no alternative seems to exist.

Lichtman added that he would like to solve the problem to satisfy his family as much as to help anyone in the audience. Aldo Vagnozzi came up with two suggestions for making the hours change more acceptable. An earlier announcement of the planned hours and a full explanation of the reasons for the hours might have helped, he said.

"It's evident that the crux of the issue is the number of buses and the number of drivers," Frankel said.

THE DISTRICT is not in a financial position to furnish enough buses to get children to and from school on the old schedule without having children waiting on corners, he commented.

William Prisk, business manager of the district added that last year six buses were late every day at Dunkel Junior High, and four late every day at Powers Junior High.

The lack of sidewalks on the west side of Farmington Rd. from Eight Mile north brought a petition from parents in the area.

They predicted that the walking area on the west side will turn to a sea of mud after the first rain and requested bus transportation for their junior high and elementary children.

ing patients at the home. The volunteers—eight girls and one boy—assisted the regular nursing staff throughout the summer by appearing at the Farmington Nursing Home to serve trays, feed and talk to the patients, take the patients to movies, and talk and listen to the patients.

At the party, each volunteer received a certificate of commendation and a pin, representing more than 50 hours service from Senior Red Cross Representatives Mrs. Mary Ann Haggerty and Mrs. Thelma Radden. The party marked the formal end of the 1969 summer volunteer program at Farmington Nursing Home. Although some of the volunteers may return to help over the weekend, within a few weeks all the volunteers will be back in school. The volunteer program was instituted by Mrs. Rose Mash, coordinator and director of special activities at Farmington. During the summer, the "candy strippers," so-called because of their striped nurses' aides uniforms, worked under her supervision.

Mrs. Mash worked through the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Red Cross, who found and trained the Farmington area youth for work at the nursing home.

Those participating in the program were Farmington residents Nancy Richards, Patricia Babo, Cindy Clean, Wendy Bucholz, Wendy Dawson, Betsy Dow and Larry Kaiman, Livonia residents Kim Johnson and Plym-

outh resident Clare Kops also participated.

Commenting on the volunteers and their work, Mrs. Mash said: "I certainly hope they will come back next year. It means so much to our patients to have a young face popping in. 'These young people are to be commended for a job well done.'"

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Likes Allens Views

EDITOR: The Farmington Enterprise & Observer, as well as our outstanding councilman, are to be commended for the series of articles on the hazards of consolidation for the residents of the city of Farmington.

John Allen's background as architect, member of the planning commission and enthusiastic campaigner for the Civic Center, well illustrate his dedication and concern for the city and should stimulate thoughtful persons to give consideration to his viewpoint.

Of particular value is the comparison with neighboring communities, viz. Livonia. Some years ago people moved to Livonia for low taxes. With expanding population and a 36 square mile area to service, taxes have skyrocketed despite the fact that Livonia has a large industrial base with plants of many big corporations, plus the race track to help defray expenses.

Farmington, with almost no industry and proud of its residential status, would be much more hard-pressed to provide municipal services to a 36 square mile area. "Why wasn't our trash collected last week?" "Since we have consolidated, made we have only bi-weekly collection."

"Why did it take 15 minutes for the police to answer my call?"

"They were occupied with a serious accident at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads."

"Why did it take three weeks to get our street light replaced?"

"The crew was busy installing new street lights at 14 Mile and Halsted."

All this and greater taxes too, is what we can expect if the City of Farmington concedes to the pressure of consolidation.

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(Thank you for the comment but it should be emphasized again that the views are those of John Allen and not of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer. We offer our space so the views of those opposed to consolidation, as well as the proponents, can be heard—Editor).

Our Children Are Not Cows

EDITOR: We parents who have children going to Highmeadow School wish to complain.

"Why did it take 15 minutes for the police to answer my call?" "They were occupied with a serious accident at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads."

Our children are not cows, so why should they have to walk on a cow path to and from school?

The weeds have been cut down, but not a very neat job, we might add. This may be all right for animals but not for little children.

Also the path is in need of more gravel to make it better to walk on.

And what let's be done about the large field of tall grass and weeds that are growing taller than most of the kiddies' heads? What evils could hide there? Who is responsible for this? It is a shame. The school says that a child has to have certain shots and a physical examination before he can enter school to protect the children's health. Well, let's go all the way and let the school protect our children too.

MR. AND MRS. C. RUPERT

Sees Little Gain In Consolidation

EDITOR: Why vote for a charter commission for a consolidation of Farmington Township into the city of Farmington? We, the people of the city

of Farmington, have absolutely nothing to gain by absorbing the rest of the township except very much higher taxes, like three times our present city taxes, and city services so spread out trying to be fair to everybody as to be pitiful.

Multiply all of your city services by six. Put in all the new sewer and water lines, police and fire stations in each little area, pave all boulevards at city tax expense, pay top executive salaries to all city officials, who naturally will work full time. Fringe benefits, plus retirement pensions, come cheaply.

Now add on the fact that we don't have a railroad line, and certainly no industry to speak of from the tax assistance standpoint.

Furthermore, as the Talus Study shows, the really big commercial center is to be out in Novi, where J. L. Hudson Co. has already bought acreage. In other words, everything that could help us taxwise is passing us by.

The only reason, and I really mean the only reason, that the township wants to join with the city of Farmington is to make suckers out of us in helping them

pay their future higher taxes. Our tax dollars would help them by taking the place of industry tax dollars which they don't have and don't want.

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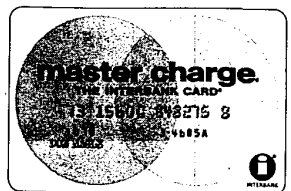
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TUESDAY	September 9, 16, 23, 30, 1969	from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	September 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 1969	from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY	September 13, 20, 1969	from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
SATURDAY	September 27, 1969	from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	October 3, 1969	from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Last day to register for the November 4, 1969 election is October 3, 1969. Offices are open daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Hoyd A. Cairns
Farmington Township Clerk