

# A 'Note' Of Pride



FIRST CONCERT Lon Swanson shows his talent with the symphony at the first concert of the Farmington Community Concert Band which was also the first performance in the new auditorium of Farmington Senior High. (Event photo)

Farmington Community Concert Band performed its first concert of the season recently and was well received by the large audience on hand.

This newspaper has heard many words of praise from a number of people around town, even from non-residents who attended the opening concert.

Farmington has a band, its own band, and a pretty good band. Future concerts will reinforce this initial observance.

HATS OFF to Director Paul Barbor and his talented crew of musicians. And credit is owing to the Farmington Exchange Club

## Editorial

which has taken the concert band under its wings as a club project and will underwrite this year's expenses.

Praise for the opening concert must also include recognition of a sterling effort by the Farmington School District to prepare the setting for the concert. The concert was held in the new auditorium of Farmington Senior High.

Announcement of location was made but construction delays caused great concern to school officials that the concert band may not be the first performers to use the new auditorium.

BUT LAST minute corrections were made and the morning of the concert the school received approval from the state fire marshal that the show could go on.

Congratulations to Paul Barbor and his musicians on a successful opening and the prospect of an eventful season.

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# Waiting Doesn't Hurt



A week ago the Den observed its author's birthday by accompanying him on a trip to the dentist. The Den insists on telling the story although the author would just as well forget the whole episode.

The trip was an eventful one because the last time this writer visited a dentist he was given a coupon for a free ice cream cone.

A SET OF GOOD teeth is a blessing in that it does not necessitate trips to the dentist. I was seven years old on the last trip when a filling was needed. All my teeth had been pulled by laymen -- mom, dad or grandma.

But an abscessed tooth requires the yank of a professional. My wife, being chicken-hearted about these things, declined the job.

Before telling you the climax of this tale, it should be added that my family has an immunity to novocain. It took four shots and three sprays before my gums were numb enough to allow the sculptor to begin his work.

By this time, my lips were so numb I couldn't talk. But I stayed in the chair when the chisel and pliers were applied.

AFTER HALF-A DOZEN attempts, the despised molar was finally removed. The dentist, holding the molar firmly in the pliers, was muttering: "Strange, indeed! Very unusual -- never seen one, etc." After

an exhausting exercise, in sign language, I finally got the dentist to tell me what was so unusual.

"Molars usually have three roots," he explained. "Your molar has only two roots. For some reason it grew two roots, not three. That's unusual."

He stepped into the hallway and I could hear him mutter to his associate such words as "Neanderthal," "missing link," ... and something about the dentures of an Arabian camel.

He returned, flushed my tooth with water, and stuck it in a jar. I stumbled back to the waiting room, the Den helped me on with my coat, and the two of us drove home.

WHILE DRIVING home, I observed a notable swelling in my jaw. The Den was apprehensive too, but further examination showed the swelling was only a wad of cotton. We still don't know how it got there.

The Den is trying to talk me into returning to the dentist next month to have another molar extracted. Sell it to the Museum of American Dentistry or to Ringling Brothers, or take a picture to sell to George Ripley, suggests the Den.

But that's an easy suggestion to be made by the guy who stayed in the waiting room.

## Readers Write

# Vandals Harass Elderly

EDITOR: I have tried to fathom why parents let their children take over and destroy people's property, and also let their dogs run all over unleashed.

I have come to the conclusion it must be jealousy because we are retired and enjoying the fruits of 44 years of work and raising four children and nine grandchildren.

We were happy to read about the young teen who came to Mrs. Leonard's aid when she was taken ill. But this is an entirely different story.

When people retire and are senior citizens and are ill, why do teen youths think it right to destroy their property?

Do you know where your children are? And these parents

don't know, or we wouldn't be typing this letter.

Our experience on this week-end prompted me to write this note. So if these teens want to keep out of serious trouble, they'd better shape up and fast.

After being a Farmington resident for over 30 years, why have children changed; lack of discipline in the home and too much time on their hands?

We senior citizens are willing to pay some worthy boy to help with the heavy chores.

I think it is about time you say, "Do you know where your children are?" (and see where they are).

I remain a grandmother of nine, a mother of four, a Farmington senior citizen and a taxpayer.

(SENIOR CITIZEN)

# Beautifiers Thank Aids

EDITOR: The Township of Farmington Beautification Committee has just completed its first tree planting program, with a total of 888 trees having been purchased by residents of Farmington Township.

Certainly much of the success of this project is due to the excellent coverage given by the Observer Newspapers. Our thanks go to the Observer for publishing order blanks and descriptions of the trees as well as for publicizing the sale.

A thank you also to Walter Coon for use of his land for "healing-in" the trees before planting, to Russ Gilbert of "Town and Country Dodge" for

the generous loan of trucks in which to deliver the trees, to Farmington Lumber Co. and A. J. Smith and Supply Inc. for the loan of staplers and other equipment, to Fred Imus of the Township Police Department for assistance in sorting and dispatching trees, to Mrs. Howard Legg who assisted in so many ways, and to the various members of the Beautification Committee who worked to make this project a success.

Our thanks, too, to all the residents who supported the sale -- and who have thus helped to make Farmington Township more beautiful.

MRS. HERMAN MOEHLMAN  
Tree Sale Chairman

# Avoid Annexation Resident Urges

EDITOR: As we all know the Farmington Area has been developing growing pains. It has been growing from a rural area to a fine suburb with many fine developments and progressive residents.

Along with our fine villages the township has voted for a consolidated city form of government, which the people of the City of Farmington rejected on a fairly narrow margin. We respect the wishes of our good City neighbors to choose their own future and "go their own way" as they have every right to do.

The township and the village people are also entitled to develop their own future without hindrance from out good neighbors. The city form of government will permit new roads and other improvements which the township form of government cannot well supply.

Now we are faced with an annexation proposal which may emerge to be acted upon, cutting the township in half, and adding to the city, which has expressed itself as opposed to further land additions.

There is merit in creating a new city out of the 36 square mile area, in developing and implementing new plans for the future. If the City wants to remain within its present limit then there would seem to be no merit in adding piecemeal

from the township and upsetting the plans of both.

At the moment we are surrounded on three sides by other cities and on the north West Bloomfield may become one in a few years. Fragmented cities have suffered competitively from their larger and growing neighboring cities. Do we want to fall into that same trap?

Ralph I. Coryell

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