

# Farmington Calendar

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 23. Farmington Board of Education trustees will meet at 8 p.m. in North Farmington High School.

## OAKLAND PIONEER-HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 23. The Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society will hold its 97th annual dinner meeting in the Shandonah Golf and Country Club. Bud Guest will be guest speaker. Dinner reservations may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Marion Benter, 468 South Fox Hills, Apt. 2, Bloomfield Hills.

## CLOVERDALE PTA

March 23. Cloverdale PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Doug Cooper, East Junior High biology teacher and advisor to the Family Life Education Committee, will show a film and discuss, "The Parents' Role in Sex Education."

## NEWCOMERS' CLUB

March 23. The evening meeting of the Farmington Newcomers' Club will be held at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. There will be a crafts demonstration. For reservations, call Pat Ewing, 476-7463. The group's daytime meeting will be a noon luncheon on March 25 in the Farmington Masonic Temple. Court whist will be played. For reservations, call Marie Faunce, 476-9238.

## "FIRST TUESDAY OF SPRING"

March 24. Farmington Community Concert Band will present a concert, "First Tuesday of Spring," at 8 p.m. in the North Farmington High School auditorium. Admission free. Nursery service will be provided.

## FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP ROAD ASSOCIATION

March 24. The Farmington Township Road Association will meet at 8 p.m. in Power Junior High School. A guest speaker will discuss the road situation. Coffee will be served.

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## GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION

March 25. Grades 4, 5, and 6 at Shiawassee School will present a gymnastic exhibition beginning at 7 p.m.

## EARLY DISMISSAL

March 24. Farmington junior high schools will dismiss for the afternoon for teachers' in-service workshops. Teachers will review report on junior high evaluation as prepared by a committee of students, parents and school personnel.

## FLUORIDE PROGRAM

March 23. Fluoride program will move to 10 Mile Elementary School. With parental permission, four topical fluoride treatments will be given to pupils for \$5 fee.

## STARR COMMONWEALTH AUXILIARY

March 26. Starr Commonwealth Auxiliary of Farmington will hold a benefit card party and smorgasbord luncheon at noon in the Farmington Community Center. Donation \$2. Door prizes. Proceeds will go to the boys at the commonwealth.

## Promoted

Marine Cpl. Wayne M. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reynolds of 26405 Meadowview, Farmington, was promoted to his present rank while serving with the Third Force Service Regiment on Okinawa.

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# It's Not Illegal To Have People

The continuing dispute in the City of Farmington over apartments is reaching the point where homeowners will now have to be more honest in arguing against new multiple zoning.

The superficial arguments have been cast away by some hard, cold facts of life which homeowners should have known a long, long time ago but instead choose to ignore.

A REPORT GIVEN to the city council last Monday night dispelled the myths promulgated by homeowners that apartments lower the valuation of adjacent one-family homes, apartments overburden the school system and apartments create an undue demand for municipal services and burden the police department.

Now, homeowners must disclose their real reasons for opposing further apartment development:

- Apartments draw undesirable tenants - migrants, rootless persons, blacks and naughty people.
- Apartments will destroy the "residential" image of the community.

BOTH OF THESE positions are also indefensible. Apartments draw senior citizens, young married couples and do not have a monopoly on naughty people.

## Editorial

And there is absolutely no logic behind the position that an apartment is not a residential structure. It is certainly not a red brick, colonial home but it is certainly a residence.

Someday, homeowners will recognize the unescapable fact of life that all persons need a place to live and not all can afford a \$40,000 home. Humans have a strange desire to seek shelter, and Farmington cannot build a wall high enough to keep out people.

Homeowners, someday, will also recognize that a municipality just cannot zone out people. Purpose of zoning laws is to provide balance of land use; a community which allows only single family homes will be beaten in every court in the land.

Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness are not rights given only to persons who live in subdivisions. And nothing in our constitution defines the homeowner as a higher class citizen with a greater voice than apartment dwellers.

HOMEOWNERS APPEARING before councilmen to protest apartment zoning must recognize they are lobbyists fighting for a parochial cause. Local governments do not owe, or should not give, any more allegiance to homeowners than they do to apartment dwellers.

The homeowner should not expect special treatment and is remiss as a citizen when he seeks to exclude persons from his community for the sake of his own comfort.

There may be times when a homeowner is justified in opposing apartment zoning. But it is ridiculous when homeowners oppose every single apartment project proposed for development.

When the council rezones for apartments, it is not necessarily ignoring the citizenry. It just may be acting on behalf of the citizenry and ignoring the lobbyists.

Americans pushed back the frontier years ago and are attempting to do the same today.

The ghettos are filled and young men are moving west. The Indians are on the warpath, but the movement cannot be stopped.

EMORY DANIELS.

# State Allowing Abortion

## Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

For years continual battles have been held over the annexation of township land by adjoining cities. At last report, the battle was still raging here in Farmington.

Typically, the City of Farmington argues it must grow and needs more land to facilitate this growth. Yet the land it seeks from Farmington Township contains an already highly developed tax base in the industrial park.

THE END RESULT of the local annexation, if accomplished, will not be a gift of vacant land for future development but merely a transfer of a rich tax base already established from the township to the city.

For the city, annexation of the southern half of the township will not only increase its tax revenues, but the added increase in valuation will increase the city's bonding capacity for capital improvements.

Conversely, the township would lose the value of the land, the tax revenue for operation of the land produces, and the total valuation of the area for bonding purposes. In addition, the township would lose state-retained revenues based on the population of the annexed area.

Recently, the loss of state-retained revenues and tax revenues from the annexed area is a terrific loss for a township. Annexations can bankrupt a township, especially if the township fails to incorporate immediately after loss of territory.

OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS has taken the position editorially that state law must be amended to place all annexation proceedings under the

## Earns Degree

Crickel H. Davenport of 22021 Davis Lane, Farmington, was awarded a BA degree recently by the University of Colorado, Boulder. The Farmington student was one of 777 who received bachelor's degrees after the fall semester.

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ment which, when ripened, go on to better things.

The Home Rule Act was written to discourage prolonged existence of townships and villages in metropolitan areas.

But this orderly transition to cityhood anticipated in the Home Rule Act, will never occur as long as counties retain authority over annexation matters.

With this change, the birth of a new city for Farmington Township may end up to be a classic abortion of what could have been a smooth delivery.

"Something must be done to protect townships against the larcenous annexation laws now in effect.

"THE PRESENT LAW makes a mockery of the 'one man one vote' principle.


How can a township with a population of 10,000 win a combined referendum with a city of 100,000? How can we say we have equal protection under the law when annexation between city and township is decided by the combined vote, and annexation between cities must pass by separate votes in each city?"

Some of this "inequity," of course, is built into our system of laws because township and villages are supposed to be immature forms of govern-

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