

The Press Serves People, Not Persons

Today's column includes farewells and best wishes to two Farmington government officials who are leaving their posts - Curtis Hall, former Farmington Township

supervisor, and George Vondrak, the city's DPW director. George had only directed the city's DPW for six months but turned in a tremendous performance. His ultimate departure was predictable, and his presence will be missed.

When George first arrived in Farmington, our news staff became quite impressed with both his credentials and manner.

A few weeks after George

assumed his post, the comment was made in this office that George might not be around very long because he was definite city manager material.

Now, we feel guilty for even thinking such subversive thoughts. We hardly felt our predictions would come true so soon.

Newsman, traditionally, are supposed to be calloused and not easily impressed. And so it is a little embarrassing for this editor to admit that Vondrak is very impressing.

He has an unusually receptive personal mannerism. His intelligence and background adds credence to the prediction now being made by our news staff -- that George

ain't going to be city manager for Hart for a long time either.

HALL'S DEPARTURE as township supervisor on, Fri-

This newspaper has not only recognized and publicized Curt's many accomplishments but has also gone on record stating what we believe his shortcomings are.

when we believed it failed. Curt has, at times, taken this criticism personally, but we hope as time elapses he will realize our target was not him personally. We don't operate that way.

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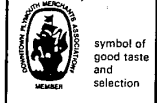
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Our readers can depend upon receiving facts and not propaganda. And regardless of any changes in public officials, our first loyalty will remain to the community and that loyalty will dictate news reports and comment.



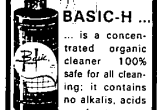
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By EMORY DANIELS

day marked the end of a 10-year era in the township.

During that decade of service, a great number of accomplishments were realized - feats which were reported in this newspaper as they occurred and summarized before the August primary which ended in Hall's defeat.

Our farewell message need not include a repetitious account of accomplishments or shortcomings. Our message simply is to wish Curt well in retirement and suggest that the past 10 years will overcome any disappointments he might feel now.

This newspaper has criticized the Hall administration



GIFT FROM AN EAGLE - When Daniel Fair (center), was in kindergarten at the Cloverdale school in Farmington, his teacher was Mrs. Jeanette Senob. So when he did his service project to earn the rank of eagle scout, he decided to make a dozen stools for Mrs. Senob's class to use. Here he presents one of them to his former teacher and John Clappison, one of her current kindergartners. Dan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fair of Farmington, now is a ninth grader of Farmington Junior High and a member of Boy Scout Troop 109. (Evert photo)

October Traffic Deaths Climb

The Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County (TIA) reported a significant increase in the number of persons killed in traffic in October of this year as compared to the same month last year.

According to Martin P. Carso, Jr., director of the TIA traffic data center, 38 deaths were reported for October, 1970, as contrasted with five for the same month last year.

"However," Carso said, "traffic deaths for October of last year in Oakland County were very low. A three-year average of October traffic deaths amounts to just over 10 persons killed."

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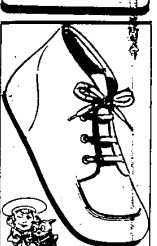
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