

## Reader Writes

Dawson Marvels  
At New Courage

## EDITOR:

Earl Teeple's wanted to bring honest, efficient government to Farmington Township. His personal integrity, honesty and courage have been well reported in the pages of this paper. Unfortunately, we probably will never know how well Teeple's would have fulfilled his promises.

The township's own reactionary version of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse has demonstrated a greater desire to interpret their duties as being chiefly concerned with emulating the office of supervisor rather than addressing themselves to the pressing needs of our growing community.

David Stader wails he has received "a slap in the face." Our shining new star of the board, despite all his self-righteous gall, apparently had more of the board's vendetta against Teeple's than even he could stomach at the Feb. 9 meeting.

Fred Lichtman cries, "We have not elected a king," and says he feels "personally insulted" by Teeple's.

Apparently Lichtman has opted for a new role as the self-anointed champion of trustee responsibility and duty.

It is regrettable that he had not felt so moved during the previous administration. One can scarcely help but marvel at our valiant trustee's new found courage.

How would these gentlemen define their own actions, such as in the matter of the Paul Dietz appointment? Perhaps Tom Nolan and Earl Oppertbauer could tear themselves away from their obstructionist posturing long enough to assist them in formulating a suitable definition.

These gentlemen have shown a callous disregard for the responsibilities of the offices to which our citizens elected them. They have made a mockery of local government in the pursuit of personal political goals.

As could be expected from previous experience, the other two board members hew close to the line.

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Farmington Township



INDIAN GUIDE'S GIFT — The Chelsea Indian Guides of the Farmington Area YMCA donated the above bird house to the Farmington Township Hall as a civic project. The guides constructed the totem with wood from Farmington Lumber and prepared it for spring occupancy. Each bird house has the name of the Y-Guide involved. Boys participating were Mike Cameron, Lonnie Carlson, Tim Croteau, Mike Mendelson, Peter Poertner, Chris Reuffer, David Warren, Arthur Wilhelm and Brice Koth. The boys live in the Westlake subdivision area.

City Sets Deadlines  
For Primary Filings

FARMINGTON The deadline to file nominating petitions for the Farmington City Council was changed Monday night by an ordinance adopted at a special meeting of the council.

The change provides that candidates for council must file nominating petitions be-

tween Aug. 3-12 to run for the council in 1971.

THE ACTION was necessary because of passage of the state law scheduling all city elections in November of odd-numbered years.

The city charter had provided for spring elections with-

out a primary ballot. The state law took precedent but provided a primary which meant the council had to adopt an ordinance to eliminate the primary.

The deadline to file to run in the November general election is 5 p.m. on Aug. 12. Petitions must be signed by not less than 50 and not more than 75 registered electors of the city.

THIS YEAR three council seats will be decided. Up for re-election are incumbents Fred Siebert, John Allen and Ralph Yoder. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in November will serve four-year terms and the third highest will receive a two-year term.

Local Students  
On Dean's List

FARMINGTON A number of Farmington residents were included among those named to the dean's list for the fall semester at campuses of Oakland Community College.

Farmington students attending Highland Lakes Campus on the honor's list are Virginia Kraft and Timothy Marzole.

Farmington students attending Orchard Ridge Campus on the honor's list include:

Patricia Altenburg, Patricia Bilek, Cynthia Bradley, Robert Crain, Andrea Jeris, Alice Johnson, Karleen Meisner, Michael Moriarty, John O'Connell, Stephen Ormond, Janet Smillerbergh, Alan Valade and Douglas Wilkins.

## 50 Aides Learn Art

FARMINGTON Farmington teacher aides were guests of the art department at a special workshop recently conducted at Wood Creek Elementary School. Under the direction of Miss Grace Campbell, Mrs. Beverly Ellis, Bill Harmon, and Mrs. Jean Scott, art consultants, more than 50 teacher aides took part.

Available supplies were summarized by Mrs. Ellis. She described paints, adhesives, paper, and other materials appropriate for art

education of early elementary children. Miss Campbell discussed early pages of the art education book and answered questions about art abilities of

## Top Achiever

FARMINGTON Harold Bernardin of 24690 Madison Ct., Farmington, has earned a straight-A record during the fall semester at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

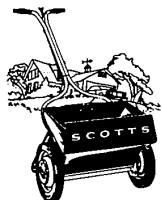
young children where emphasis is on the process rather than the product. She explained the importance of the role of adults in assisting, suggesting, supporting, but not doing for the child. Bill Harmon demonstrated some techniques used with paper cutters, chalk boards, dittos, and poster boards. Aides worked right along with Mrs. Scott as she demonstrated letter cutting of various sizes and proportions for bulletin boards and borders.

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