

Cubs Playing Santa Game

FARMINGTON Den displays will be featured at the Dec. 17 meeting of Farmington Cub Scout Pack 231 in Larkshire Elementary School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be rounded out by playing "Feed the Santa" relay game and cloison with singing of carols. Awards at the November meeting included: Dennis Blanchard, gold and silver arrows; James Owens, gold and three silver arrows; Ernest Triles, gold and two silver arrows; Willie Smith, gold and silver arrows.

The Thanksgiving basket of food was presented to Miss Julie Kay, Larkshire teacher, at the Dec. 17 meeting. Agawam. Money raised from the pack's November paper drive will help make up a Christmas basket for a needy family. The next paper drive will be in January.

The boy scouts completed a holiday and gift sales campaign, door to door, with delivery of orders made the week of Dec. 6.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNTY OF OAKLAND STATE OF MICHIGAN

\$12,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS (Districts Nos. 71-49 and 71-50)

\$22,500.00 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS (Districts Nos. 71-49 and 71-50)

Said bonds for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, until 5 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, 30th day of December, 1971, at which time and place said bonds will be publicly opened and read.

Said General Obligation Bonds will consist of twelve (12) coupon bonds of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, numbered consecutively in direct order of maturity from 1 to 12, inclusive, will be dated November 1, 1971, and will mature, serially without option of prior redemption, as follows:

\$2,000.00 November 1st of each year from 1972 to 1977, inclusive.
Said Special Assessment Bonds will be coupon bonds and state consist of twenty-three (23) bonds, one (1) bond of the denomination of \$500.00 and twenty-two (22) bonds of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, numbered consecutively in direct order of maturity from 1 upwards, will be dated November 1, 1971, and will mature, serially without option of prior redemption, as follows:

\$1,500.00 November 1, 1972;
\$1,000.00 November 1, 1973;
\$1,000.00 November 1st of each of the years 1974 and 1975;
\$2,000.00 November 1, 1977;
\$2,000.00 November 1st of each of the years 1978 and 1979;
\$2,000.00 November 1, 1980.

Said bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates not exceeding seven and one-half per cent (7 1/2%) per annum, expressed in multiples of 1/4% or 1/8% or 1/16%, or any combination thereof. Said interest will be payable on November 1, 1972, and semi-annually thereafter on May 1st and November 1st of each year. The interest rate on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing any one year must carry the same interest rate, and each coupon period shall be represented by one interest coupon. No bond may bear interest at a rate which is less than 50% of the rate borne by any other bond of the issue. Both principal and interest will be payable at a bank or trust company located in the State of Michigan, qualified to act as paying agent, under the Statute of the State of Michigan, or of the United States of America, by the designation by the original purchaser of the bonds. The designation of the paying agent shall be subject to the approval of the City. Accrued interest to the date of delivery of such bonds must be paid by the purchaser at the time of delivery.

For the purpose of awarding the bonds, the interest cost of each bid will be computed by determining the rate or rates specified in the bid, the total dollar value of all interest on the bonds from January 1, 1972 to their maturity and deducting therefrom any premium. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is the above computation and who offers the lowest interest rate to the City. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds herein offered, or at a price less than their par value, will be considered.

The Special Assessment Bonds are issued in anticipation of the collection of a like amount of the nine (9) deferred installments of special assessments on Special Assessment Rolls Nos. 71-49 and 71-50, inclusive, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of street improvements to said Special Assessment Districts, all in the City of Farmington, and in the event special assessment collections pledged for debt service on the special assessment bonds prove insufficient for that purpose, the City may advance from general funds sufficient amounts to meet said debt service. The full faith and credit of the City is pledged as additional security for the special assessment bonds. Taxes may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount to implement said full faith and credit pledge. The Bonds are divided among the special assessment districts in the manner provided in the bond-authorizing resolution.

The General Obligation Bonds are issued for the purpose of paying part of the City's portion cost of the hereinabove described improvements. In Special Assessment Districts Nos. 71-49 and 71-50, and the full faith and credit of the City are pledged for their payment. The City may levy taxes without limitation as to rate or amount for their payment.

A certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$600.00, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company and payable to the order of the City of Farmington, must accompany each bid as a guaranty of good faith on the part of the bidder, to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid is accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the bonds. No interest will be allowed on the good faith check, and checks of unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned to each bidder's representative or be registered mail.

Bids shall be conditioned upon the unequal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Padgett and Stone, Attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, approving the legality of the bonds, which opinion will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds prior to the delivery thereof. There will also be furnished the usual closing certificates, dated as of the date of delivery of and payment for the bonds, including a statement that there is no litigation pending or to the knowledge of the signers thereof, threatening affecting the validity of the bonds. The City shall furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered at such place as may be agreed upon with the purchaser.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Said bonds will be delivered within forty-five (45) days from the date of sale and if said bonds are not delivered by twelve (12) noon, Eastern Standard Time, on the forty-fifth day from the date of sale, the successful bidder may withdraw his proposal by serving notice of cancellation in writing on the undersigned in which event the good faith check shall be promptly returned.

Envelopes containing the bids should be plainly marked "Proposal for Bonds."

ELIZABETH BRINES, Clerk
City of Farmington

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MUNICIPAL FINANCE COMMISSION

Published: Dec. 11, 1971



THAYER
FUNERAL HOME
(NEW CHAPEL)

Grand River at Liberty Street - Farmington - GR 4-4131

Is Farmington That Hometownish?

By EMORY DANIELS

Lee S. Peel of Farmington spent three years writing a book and almost finished it. Instead, he sent an incomplete history to the publishers and the volume of "Farmington: A Pictorial History" is now available for Christmas shoppers at \$15 a copy.

Peel's first book, both readable and enjoyable, should find a place on the bookshelves of all Farmington residents. Its incompleteness could be overlooked except the volume is a history, and a history should be just that.

WRITING A history of your home town is a difficult task, and Peel certainly is a hometowneer.

A resident of the City of Farmington, Peel has long been an active member of the Farmington Historical Society and is an English-Journalist teacher and former drama coach at Farmington High School.

The dual challenge of writing a home town history is to avoid penning a prosaic, cliché brochure and to side-step the temptation to record petty, personal gossip which has little

significance to future generations. Peel nicely tightens between these two pits and avoids falling completely into either.

In the introduction, Peel discusses the difficulty of writing a history of one's home town. "In looking to the past of a place there is always the danger of romanticizing, of gilding the good old days with layers of myth and nonsense. One always wishes to look back joyfully rather than soberly; it is a human failing. To a considerable extent that is the tendency of this work. It is not necessarily the intent."

He almost apologetically states: "Relying heavily on pictures to tell Farmington's story, I make no claim that my camera has seen all or that this volume tells it. By no means. This work is not the history of Farmington, but a history. In the writing, I have wanted to express a point of view, in photos and text, that would be more personal than formal, ordered but not history."

PEEL'S HISTORY is a personal point of view, for the most part, the history is not damaged by this point of view. Distortion does creep in but is less a factor than might be expected. On the whole, the book speaks well for Peel's critical abilities, editing

A Book Review

Judiciousness and objective flair.

One of the biggest faults of a history is failure to mention Farmington's low-income area which has existed for some time and is worthy of a history of the community's history.

This inexcusable commission would tempt the reader to suspect Peel had authored a civic brochure whose purpose would be to

disparage by admitting poverty and sub-standard housing existed in Farmington.

The historian should know that the poor do make contributions to a community and should realize that a sub-community of lower-standard housing and living conditions does have an effect on that home town's history. Personally, that housing is just as phlogenic as a century-old home, an \$80,000 residence or an old schoolhouse.

DISAPPOINTMENT also is that no mention is made of the Albanian community in southern Farmington Township.

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significant. Their presence should have been acknowledged for the sake of future generations.

The reader will not be disappointed, however, with Peel's writing style—especially the author's wit which begins on page one with the observation that "It has never been recorded, for example, that the town fathers ever got drunk on beauty" and whose purpose would be to

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Peel quickly records the many community contributions of the Jaycees, but his salute has done an unfair damage. He has recorded stereotype of Jaycees across the nation which does not fit as neatly with the local character. At least he could have added that "some" members of the Farmington YFW, American Legion and Elks also occasionally get roaring drunk.

THE FIRST chapter on "Architecture and Art" is so well done that the reader will immediately make plans to spend the next three successive Sunday afternoons motoring about Farmington

spot the remaining samples of Michigan Farmhouse, Greek Revival, Victorian and Mansard architectural types.

The next two chapters on Farmington's early beginnings are well researched and are skillfully made interesting to those today who have little identification of understanding of the religious society of the Quakers.

The chapter on Gov. Fred Warner is the highlight of the book. Peel has done an exceptional personality profile of the man who deserves to be better known to modern Farmington residents.

Rich in nostalgia are the enjoyable chapters on fashions, entertainment, the business community and the advent of the automobile and the DUR. These chapters alone make Peel's book a must and well justify the \$15 price-tag.

One controversy Peel clears up is the name of the old mill on Drake south of 12 Mile.

"The Steeles built first; a later owner dubbed it Perambuco because of a port in Brazil he had visited. Har denburg was another owner, who gave the mill his name."

Peel cautiously treats the legend of the Underground Railroad, objectively presenting the evidences history has left us.

His intent is not to destroy the legend but to dispel some myths and be professionally treats the UR with the historian's challenge to "tell it like it was."

Peel has written a history, an important history, and a good history. But future historians will also be written, so those omitted in Peel's history need not dismay. Indeed, history itself will eventually record all that is important and will chronicle that which Peel lacked need to record.

Chatham Will Install Walks

FARMINGTON

Developers of the Chatham food center under construction at 11 Mile and Middle Belt in Farmington Township have agreed to begin work immediately on installing a sidewalk from the intersection past East Junior High School at 2500 Middle Belt.

The quick action was decided upon by Chatham developers after a pedestrian accident in front of the school with Kim Putnam being injured and a later four-car pile-up at 11 Mile and Middle Belt.

The decision to provide the walk was firm up after a meeting Friday morning (Dec. 10) of Supervisor Earl Teeple with the builder, school representatives, the township building department and Oakland County Road Commission.

The country came with approval of where the sidewalk could be located, and Chatham representatives agreed to run the walk south to Raleigh St., which is the first entrance to Lincolnshire subdivision south of East Junior High.

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Visit a House of God

Judson Baptist Church
28201 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington
(Between 12 and 13 Mile Roads)
Rev. Fred G. Harris, Pastor
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Bible School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible study and Prayer Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
Praising the Heart of the Lord for the Heart of the Lord

Highland Park Baptist Church
28600 Lahser - Southfield
A.M. REV. GEORGE H. SLAVIN
P.M. PASTOR
Sunday Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Nursery Facilities at all Sunday Services
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Home of Southfield Christian School
357-3739

CALL KATHY PORTER FOR INFORMATION
261-8600, EXT. 250

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Oakland at Gd. River Farmington
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Nursery) 9:15 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE (Nursery) 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: G. R. 6-0487
Church Office GR 4-8880
Carl H. Scholtz, Minister

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20300 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, Michigan
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
The Evening Service
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
ELSIE A. JOHNS, Minister GR 4-4902

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
Southfield Road between 8 and 9 Mile
The Rev. John Osgood Hart, Rector
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Church School and Nursery
Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. on First Sunday

First Baptist Church
21000 SOUTHFIELD ROAD AT EIGHT MILE ROAD
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN
SUNDAY: 11 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Baptist Youth Fellowship
WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m. OASIS HOUR
R. Merrill Jackson - Pastor 6 p.m. Vespers Fellowship

Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church
Sunder Service at 10:30 a.m.
"Women in Process"
Sue Alma, Jan & Joanne
Northwestern Hwy. at Midland, 354-4489

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St. Stephen Presbyterian
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628-2400

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Grand River at Warner
Worship Service, Church School and Nursery
9:30 and 11 a.m.
Ministers
Rev. Hugh C. White
Rev. Howard F. Snell
Parsonage GR 4-7568
Office GR 4-6573

Evangelical Covenant Church
14211 W. 8 Mile
Church: RE 5-0225 Detroit
Office: Grosse Pointe, MI 3-2333
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Evening Service

Visit The Church of Christ of Southfield
22355 W. 11 Mile Road
SUNDAY
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Ev. Worship
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
G.E. Montgomery, Minister

Nardin Park UNITED METHODIST
2987 W. 11 Mile Road
Farmington 476-8660
William Mercer, Pastor
Members of Nardin Park
the Slave Girl and George T. Sall
Worship Services
9:15 and 11 a.m.
"ANYBODY HOME?"
Dr. William Mercer
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:15 a.m.

Emmanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lahser Rd. at 9 Mile, EL 7-1848
Church School 9:30
Service of Worship 10:45
Pastor
Rev. Donald W. Muehlhickel
WORSHIP WITH US