

THE RICHARD NAWROCKI residence at 36830 Landsbury finished second in residential competition in the Christmas decor contest



LAWRENCE MAYER'S Florist Shop on Grand River was the first place winner in the commercial division of the Christmas decor contest sponsored by the City of Farmington Beau-

tification Committee. The building is a former gas station converted by Mayer. (Ralph Evert photo)

Supervisor Reviews 1971 Changes Made In Township

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FARMINGTON
This past year, my first in office as township supervisor, has been an extremely rewarding experience.

During the past year, many things have been accomplished. But changing things in any office, naturally, worries some people. Publicity about mass firings caused concern. Some did leave.

BUT LET'S REVIEW what has been done.

For the first period, I embarked on a program to coordinate the efforts of us all and make Farmington Township administration a good operation.

Those who were really interested in progress pitched in enthusiastically. Some slight opposition was experienced, but that was to be expected. Gradually this opposition has dwindled and most are working for the good of the township as a whole.

I feel my program is working for the good of our community and that's what really counts.

Early in the year, I instituted weekly department head meetings. We all met and concerned ourselves with those things we could iron out and get done among us. Even our janitor was there. Procedures were polished, and work got done.

ANOTHER PROBLEM was in need for communications with others. That was roads. Weekly meetings held with men from the Oakland County Roads Commission were most

productive. Grading, patching, signing and particular problems met with cooperative response and were quickly remedied when possible.

Information from both sides was most helpful. When the floods came this past spring, we were ready with men and equipment to remove the blockage that caused the flooding in the past. This could not have been done without cooperation by the roadmen and by watchful citizens along the flood routes who called in when conditions got threatening.

The same program will be in effect this coming spring. A weekly report back assures us that the job is well done and that the road commission knows we are here. They have done a fine job within their limits of funding.

OUR PARKS, long a neglected part of our programs, were reborn. Our parks commission is an active group and has succeeded in getting approval for a large grant for a park in Farmington Township. Spring will see much more done in our parks.

Utilizing the Youth Corps last summer, our existing park, five acres in size, was improved. In 12 days, these youth created a park area that is now being used by scouts and was a delightful place for a color tour last fall.

This group also painted fire plugs and did all sorts of jobs in the township. They were paid and insured by the federal government. They gained valuable work experience, and were all from our area, and without this program, we would not have had jobs this past summer.

BESIDES THIS I embarked upon a program in cooperation with District Judge Michael J. Hand, such as in the City of Farmington, to efficiently use the labor of prisoners sentenced for minor offenses to do work around our community.

These persons were not criminals and misdemeanants but, according to the courts, merely ordinance violators. Under guidelines from the president's report on prisons, and being aware of crowded conditions in jails, Judge Hand provided a choice for these persons who were allowed to accomplish work instead of sitting in jail. We also saved \$9.50 a day for their keep along with getting work done that we might not be able to afford ourselves.

Currently, we are working out a good program, and I hope it will be acceptable to our board for putting into operation this coming spring for work around township properties and around the community. Much can be done. Much has been done.

HEALTH VIOLATIONS, from garbage to sewage, are handled from township hall by meeting regularly with Oakland County Health Department officials. We have done a lot.

One stream that was polluted has improved vastly. We have spotted violators from the air in some cases, and they have been notified to comply or face prosecution. Tighter inspections by our inspectors have caused better installations.

Violators receive fines and probation and, if they do not comply, are sent to jail. Our trailer parks, motels and

restaurants have all been inspected. We intend to continue this program of seeking out and eliminating problems.

IN ADDITION to updating the roads program and parks, we have also improved our building department. We recruited and hired a professional engineer to head up the department.

Thoroughly qualified in his field, he has quickly built a structure that is vastly improved.

Zoning, junk cars, inspections and violations are all under this new man and carefully worked on. Communications between builders and their associations are established and common problems worked out quickly.

Sidewalks, long required but seldom installed, are being reviewed. Plans are in the works for requirement of installation of those walks where they have not been installed yet. Legal action may be required in some cases. Others are most cooperative. In one recent case, the walks were in before the footings.

ANOTHER professional was hired to take on the gigantic job of heading up our police and fire departments.

Long in need of accelerated improvement and change, we hired a professional for the job. Completely trained and a proven administrator, our new man has embarked on a program of education, training and evaluation.

He has just started, but improvements are already evident. The morale of the police is higher, work performance improved and all are doing an excellent job.

OUR SENIOR citizens have not been forgotten.

We have our low income housing program, and our housing commission is rapidly getting all the red tape and paper work off the desk and proceeding ahead towards the goal of providing desired housing for those who need it.

Programs for these needs are accelerated and should provide long years of enjoyment for these people who are entitled to an orderly, dignified life within their established incomes.

THERE WAS much to do and still is.

I have attempted on a daily basis to appear in township hall. I have taken no time off and feel that the daily touch was needed for this period of adjustment and improvement. We are on the way, and the watchword is "Find a Way."

But we need each citizen. We need your support at each meeting. We spend your money. We would like to hear your wishes. Remember that election day is not the final obligation for a good citizen.

I urge each of you to attend our meetings regularly. This is the price we must all pay for good government. The Farmington Township Board should not meet in an empty room. Citizens should make it their business to voice their opinions.

We will all continue to work for Farmington Township. It is a great community. It is making great progress. We are going into a period of vast growth. You could not live in a greater community. We are most proud and confident of our town and our people.



LOUIS GILSON shows the toys and presents collected by the Farmington Kiwanis Club as a club service project and presented to needy children living in a children's home in Ann Arbor. (Evert photo)

Exchange Students Have Many Interests, Talents

By MARTHA MAHAN

FARMINGTON

Nineteen student visitors from 11 nations are sitting in Farmington classrooms, and about the only word to describe them all is enthusiastic.

They make up this year's contingent of foreign exchange students and are divided among the district's three public high schools, Our Lady of Mercy High and Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.

Back in their Farmington schools as well as six local young people who scattered to as many foreign countries for study last summer.

READING THE hobbies of the youthful foreign visitors is like listing a roster of sports, gymnastics, basketball, swimming, javelin, high jump, tennis, volleyball, riding, hiking, skating, softball and skiing.

All are enthusiastic dancers and music fans, and the young women are skilled in the household arts.

Noticeable to the American is the young foreigners' knowledge of languages other than their own.

ANNE-MARIE Condamin of France, a 17-year-old attending Mercy High, speaks German, Spanish and English proficiently as well as her native French. She hopes to become an interpreter.

KINO Saive of Belgium knows German, Flemish, French and English and is studying Spanish at Orchard Ridge. She would like to be a stewardess or a secretary.

The interests and ambition of Niels Petersen from Denmark sound more like those of a young American. Petersen, who is at Farmington High, likes swimming, guitar, music and motorcycles, and aims at becoming an electronic processing engineer.

AMONG RETURNÉES to Farmington from summer studies abroad are:

Carol Dilahary who went to Greece and is now back at Farmington High; Denise McPherson, who visited the Netherlands and is returned to North Farmington High; Lisa Vanderberg of Farmington

High who went to Germany; Nancy Ayres of Farmington High who was in Japan; Robin Bratton of Oakland Community College who was in the Philippines; and Rochelle Bratton of Mercy High who traveled to Chile.

Others among this year's foreign students are:

AT FARMINGTON High: Savka Jovanovic of Yugoslavia who, besides sports, likes painting, travel and dancing and is skilled in making dry flower pictures and the homemaking arts; Kaarina Lampi of Finland, who her friends say is "always smiling and eager to know many young people"; Wilma Vorwerk of the Netherlands who is a member of Farmington High's swim team and was editor of her school magazine back home;

AT HARRISON High: Edmund Vergel de Dies of the Philippines, who has a number of scholarship award medals and hopes for a career in psychology or advertising; Karl Nagel of Germany, whose interests include ancient languages, music, electronics, natural science, sports and camping; Shirley Uso of Liberia who likes dancing, singing, music and drama and hopes to become a master swimmer while here;

AT ORCHARD Ridge: Ama Xpoda of Ghana and Tua Ranninen of Finland who knows German, French, Finnish and English and likes reading, travel, conversation and listening to music.

AT MERCY HIGH: Beatriz (Betty) Contreras of Colombia who enjoys collecting stamps, postcards and coins and wants to study psychology and languages and travel abroad;

At North Farmington: Cesar Guarin of the Philippines, active in sports, plays the guitar and drums and probably will take up law as a profession;

Gaby Hammerschmidt of Germany, who likes judo and ballet and plans for a vocation in dental orthopaedics;

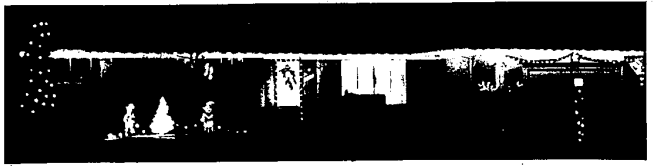
Lia Steeman of Holland who likes modern languages, drama, plays the flute and was a school library assistant;

Raimo Laitinen of Finland who likes music and dancing and plans to study languages; Tuula Pasari of Finland who enjoys Girl Scouting, music and sports;

Maria Urita of Columbia who enjoys the theater, is interested in sociology and journalism and hopes to become a journalist; Gudrun Matern of Germany who likes sports, painting and reading, plays the cello and wants to teach sports and English;



CENTER'S CHRISTMAS -- The Farmington Community Center's observance of Christmas included a carol sing led by Max Davey and a story-time period for the younger set led by Mrs. Jean Gainey. Listening intently on Dec. 21 were (from left) Jamie Cole, Ted LaVanway and Bill McMiller. (Fran Evert photo)



THE NORMAN PROCHASKA residence at 34296 Conroy Ct. was first place residential

winner of the Christmas decor contest in the City of Farmington. (Evert photo)

Fairview PTA Honors Staff

FARMINGTON

The Fairview Elementary School's PTA board members recently held their annual luncheon to honor the school staff, despite a power blackout which cut off all electrical service.

Half-baked biscuits and a "quick" cooked casserole were among the uncertainties of the morning for the PTA chefs.

By noon, though, the library had been transformed into an elegant, unexpectedly candlelit dining room.

The festive atmosphere of this holiday event merged with the confusion caused by the power failure. Teachers credited the luncheon as the bright spot in an otherwise difficult day.

Although it was impossible to see the brownies from the plus pudding squares and there was no coffee with the cake, only the dessert desk remained in the dark.

Navy Petty Officer 3/C Carl J. Krause, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Krause, of Whiteford, Farmington, has graduated from the Naval Submarine School at the submarine base in Groton, Calif. He is a 1969 graduate of Farmington High School. His wife, Sharon, also lives in Farmington on W. Drandon.

Navy Petty Officer 2/C Michael R. Dean, husband of Mrs. Bernadette Dean of Ely Ct., Farmington, has returned to homeport at San Diego after an eight month cruise in the Western Pacific aboard the tank landing ship USS Frederick. He is a 1968 graduate of Oscoda Area High School.

Left Turns Banned To Relieve Bottleneck

FARMINGTON

The board of the Oakland County Road Commission has adopted a traffic control order providing for a part-time left turn prohibition on southbound Orchard Lake Rd. at 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Township.

The intersection has been under study for the past two years ever since it became apparent that motorists traveling north on Orchard Lake could not freely move through the intersection, says Paul McGovern, chairman of the OOCR board.

During peak hours, traffic backs up on the adjacent 1696 exit ramp and causes a potentially dangerous situation. Paul Van Roekel,

county highway engineer, previously stated that traffic signals would be installed at both 1696 exit ramps onto Orchard Lake by Feb. 8.

The commissioners action on Dec. 21, directed toward improving intersection traffic flow, will mean southbound motorists will be unable to turn left onto 12 Mile from 7-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In conjunction with the turn prohibition, the traffic signal will be adjusted to provide an extended green signal for northbound traffic and right-turn traffic.

Affected motorists are advised to avoid the intersection or make the southbound left turn at 18 or 11 Mile Rds.