

Where Teeples Erred

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By EMORY DANIELS

Attention of this column shifts this week from school board politics to the behavior of Farmington Township's only supervisor, Earl Teeples.

Monday night's board meeting was somewhat of a donnybrook devoted primarily to the actions and misactions of the supervisor.

Some of the criticisms may have been politically motivated, and some actions were also performed during the previous administration.

Meddling in the police department affairs, for one, has existed far too long.

BUT SOME criticisms were well founded.

First, Teeples was wrong in entering the office of Lt. William Kelley to remove articles to be placed in the chief's office. Maybe the supervisor felt forced to move

because of inaction from Kelley's superiors, but it was the job of Kelley's immediate superiors, if not Kelley himself, to remove the articles.

Second, Teeples should have resigned from the police force instead of obtaining a leave of absence. Atty. Terry Brennan can figure out if there's any legal problems, but common sense seems to dictate a leave should not have been taken.

If Teeples some day returns

to the police force, he would return without lost seniority because he has been on leave and would benefit from all salary and fringe benefits negotiated during his tenure of office as supervisor. I don't know the precedents involved, but a resignation would not leave any questions to be asked.

Third, Teeples should have consulted the board before applying for the emergency employment funds.

It was unfortunate, however, that the merits of the emergency employment grant were never discussed to any extent Monday night and the proposal dumped because of bad procedure used by the supervisor.

WHILE CRITICIZING Teeples, attention should also be given to the important accomplishments of his first 10 months in office.

First, there is the hiring of a well-qualified director of the building department who has begun a reorganization of that department. This much-needed step will reap many dividends for residents in years to come.

Second, the hiring of a

director of public safety and an amended police and fire ordinance have also been long over due. Choice for the job, Ronald Holko, is an excellent one because Holko will serve the community well.

The changes in these two departments alone are important enough that the mistakes discussed Monday night should not leave Teeples totally condemned.

But the success should not prompt Teeples to take the risky and false path of attempting to run the township on his own and ignoring six other board members who were elected, as he, by the mandate of the people.

THIS WRITER may not see eye to eye with some board members but will be the first to defend their right, as elected officials, to participate in major policy questions involving the township.

The will of the people, as expressed by ballot, should not be thwarted by one individual, even though his sincere motives may be to champion the people's will.

And, hopefully, this column's criticism won't daunt Earl's quest for the people's will but only dampen his enthusiasm for how fast things should move.

The legislative process may be slow, and maybe not all can be trusted, but our imperfect democracy has defined certain lines of authority and established some necessary avenues for consultation.



PIONEER AND BUILDER — When Msgr. Thomas Beahan became pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows 27 years ago, the Catholic church was the little white wooden building shown above. His parish territory once covered a wide area from which the following parishes have been

carved: St. Agatha, St. Fabian, St. Colman, St. Clare, St. Alexander, St. Priscilla, St. Gerald, and part of St. Aidan. The monsignor is now retiring as pastor of the OLS parish which occupies the entire area from Shiawassee to 10 Mile and from Power Rd. to Raphael.

College Talk Is Oct. 5

FARMINGTON

College-bent juniors and seniors from Farmington's three high schools, Harrison, Farmington Senior and North Farmington, may attend this year's "College Night" from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 5 in Walled Lake Western High School, 600 Beck Road, Walled Lake.

Representatives from 53 Michigan and out of state major colleges will be on hand to talk with students on future college plans. Each college will be represented in one classroom and four separate sessions are scheduled to allow opportunities for students to visit the representatives of their choice. Two sessions on financial aid are also set along with panel discussions of student life and activities.

The yearly "College Night" aims at helping students from Farmington's three high schools, as well as from Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central and Northville High Schools, to determine their choice of colleges. Admission is free.

Any student with further questions should contact the counselor at his high school.



MSGR. BEAHAN WEEK — The week of Sept. 18-26 has been proclaimed as Msgr. Thomas Beahan Week in Farmington to observe his retirement as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic parish after 27 years service. City of Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton presents Msgr. Beahan with a proclamation praising his contribution to the greater Farmington area. Sunday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m. the monsignor will celebrate a special mass with his brother and three former parish assistants at the OLS church at Shiawassee and Power Rds. (Evert photo)

Hand Replies To Lichtman

EDITOR:

I note that in the Wednesday, Sept. 15, edition of your paper that a member of the Farmington Township Board has stated "he was not sure that the judge has the constitutional right to sentence someone to perform unpaid labor. I suggest the township doesn't need the favor of these people working for us. We don't need the liability," referring to the township jail.

I REALIZE that as a non-practicing lawyer, Trustee Fred Lichtman may not have

had the time to examine the statutes of the State of Michigan and the court rules that give trial courts broad powers and discretion in the administration of punishment and sentencing.

Had Lichtman wished to do so, however, the court would have sat down with him, and pointed out and explained these matters.

It should be noted that the persons who are sentenced to the township jail are, in the vast majority, traffic violators being punished for such offenses as drunk driving, driving on suspended

licenses, etc.; they also pay fines and costs.

They are usually young men and are given the choice by the court of serving the sentence in the county jail among the felons, hardened criminals and homosexuals, that populate it, or serving weekends in the township jail performing useful work such as washing walls, painting traffic and parking stripes, cleaning up public areas and similar non-dangerous work. By serving on the weekends, the offender does not risk losing his regular job.

IT SHOULD be of interest to the taxpaying public that if the offender is sent to the county jail, the township must pay the Oakland County sheriff \$9.50 a day for his keep, whereas if he serves in the township jail, it costs the township nothing because the offenders even bring their own lunch.

Since, during the nearly three years the District Court has been in existence, hundreds of offenders have been sentenced to thousands of

days, the advantages of this sentencing policy to both the offenders and the taxpayer should be obvious.

This type and form of sentence have been recommended and approved by the Michigan Supreme Court, American Bar Association, Criminal Jurisprudence Committee of the State Bar, President's Commission on Crime and Punishment and many other leading legal and judicial authorities.

MICHAEL J. HAND
Farmington District Judge

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MON. SEPT. 27
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Hamburger on Bun, Tater Tots, Orange Jello With Fruit, Chocolate Cake, Milk

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Hot Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

THURS. SEPT. 30
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Parsley Butter, Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Milk

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Reader Speaks Out On Bussing Report

EDITOR:

I've read the Observer regularly for several years and, though I've often felt like writing my opinions, I hesitated until now.

I was prompted by your blatant show of prejudice. I am referring to the first sentence under the title "More Bussing" from your front page Hot Line section. It reads: "While folks in the south are protesting the use of school busses..." I need not quote any further because that is more than enough.

Are your maps turned upside down? Pontiac isn't south of Farmington. Bussing is going on all over the United States and yet you found it necessary to use a geographical reference to the South. If you are interested in factual news reporting you are certainly aware that bussing related incidents of violence are occurring all over this country.

I mention the city of Pontiac because the news media had been flooded with comment of

the incidents in that city for a full two days before the aforementioned quote was printed in your Sept. 9 issue. I feel this is discrimination against the Southern portion of our country and poor journalism.

May I pose one question? Do you feel that children anywhere can receive a proper education in schools ripped with this turmoil? I read: "While folks in the south are protesting the use of school busses..." I don't think people are rebelling so much against the bussing as they are against the way it is being handled.

A few politicians with their sights on higher goals are trying to force the average man to do things their way. As history proves, Mr. Average American will take just so much pushing and forcing and then he's going to come out fighting.

I'm going to neither condemn nor condone the actions of bussing foes throughout the country. I'm asking myself how I might react when I am faced with the same situation.

MRS. A. NOWAKOWSKI
Farmington

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