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In Our Opinion . . .

Unification, More Awareness Needed

Nearly all of us in the community are guilty of omission . . . we didn't donate blood to the Farmington Community Blood Bank held on Nov. 3.

Some of us no doubt will offer the excuse that this was the same day as the presidential election and our time and attention was thus not on the semi-annual blood bank project locally. Maybe the thinking of most is that they won't ever have any need for blood and if they don't they'll take care of it when the time comes. Or is it really that we just don't care?

Whatever the reason we didn't give blood at the last blood bank, the pathetic small number of donors from a community with some 15,000 or more adults in it shows a deplorable lack of community awareness and awareness of the serious need for a well stocked blood bank.

There were 133 pints of blood donated locally on Nov. 3 and of this total, all but 12 pints were credited to local church groups, industrial firm banks and fraternal organizations having banks.

It takes 13 pints of blood just to start the machine for open heart surgery and the effort we make to do it is short of the total need for just one life-saving situation.

A Lot of Volunteer Workers Needed

There are probably very few people in Farmington who upon seeing a family in real need would not dig their pockets and contribute something to help out this needy family.

Particularly around Christmas-time this spirit of giving and helping of others seems to prevail within us.

The Farmington Goodfellow and Goodfellows in communities all over the country make an extra effort prior to Christmas to raise funds to make the Christmas season brighter for needy families. Here in Farmington they get extra help from the Farmington Elks and other clubs and organizations.

But a real problem each year seems to exist. This is the problem of getting a sufficient amount of help to really make the fund-raising effort a true success without placing exceptionally heavy work loads on a few.

Farmington could really do a lot to help needy families not only at Christmas, but throughout the whole year as needy family situations were called to the attention of local officials if substantially more people would get involved in this worthy effort.

In a fund-raising effort such as we are proposing which would go beyond just helping needy families at Christmas, a whole lot of helpers would be needed. Many times in past years it has been necessary for Goodfellow workers to go from business place to business place begging donations to raise enough to help the number of needy families reported even at Christmastime. This should not be necessary and it is our

feeling it wouldn't be for more workers in Farmington who upon seeing a family in real need would not dig their pockets and contribute something to help out this needy family.

Instead of just a token Goodfellow paper being able to be put together, a really fine keepsake edition of year-around community interest could be put together. With enough volunteer help it would then be possible and reasonable to not only sell the papers at major intersections in the community but to go door-to-door throughout the community with it, asking for voluntary contributions.

Those contributing who knew first that they were getting something of real value and interest to them and their families and secondly that the money was all going for a very worthy cause would more than likely contribute much more generously.

Why don't you volunteer a little bit of your time this year? Just call Goodfellow chairman Dr. John Richardson, veterinarian, at his office or at home and tell him what you would be willing to do and what hours you could work. Women as well as men could be of service.

Nothing can probably be done on as broad a scope as we have proposed this Christmas season. But, if there were to be a good show of volunteers this year, it might be the stimulant to initiate a real broad scope project such as we suggest for helping the needy of the community the year around by the time next year's fund raising effort begins to be discussed.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
NOVEMBER 25, 1959
New Catholic Church
Ground was broken on Sunday for the new Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington at Power and Shaw streets.

10 Years Ago
NOVEMBER 25, 1954
Mayor Resigns
Farmington Mayor Kenneth R. Loomis this week submitted his resignation both as Mayor and as a member of the Farmington City Council. The City took no action on the resignation and Loomis was unavailable for comment. Loomis was first elected to the City Commission in 1947 and served the City continuously as a commissioner until the adoption of the new City Charter in 1951. He received the highest number of votes in the first election to the new Charter.

15 Years Ago
NOVEMBER 21, 1949
FHS Case Season
The Farmington High School basketball team, 1949-50 edition, will open its season this Friday night in a game with the High School.

First Debaters
The Farmington High School debate team defeated a league of area schools and played in its first competition this week. Farmington debaters won both the affirmative and negative team debates.

All-League Honors
Three players on the Farmington High School football team have received All-League first team honors. Named to the starting All-League eleven were senior end Foster Ashenbrenner, senior fullback Bruce Yanke and senior center Les Tyler.

Log Cabin Repairs
A Farmington lane, the Boy Scout log cabin in the City Park west of the old town hall, is in need of repairs. The cabin was built in 1921 as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the community of Farmington.

Population Boom
During the past four years, the Township and City of Farmington have experienced a population increase of 23.5 percent. According to a report issued this week by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, the population of the City has grown from 2,325 in April of 1950 to 3,000 in July of 1954, an increase of 675 persons. The Township, the population has grown from 11,224 in April of 1950 to 14,600 in July of 1954.

PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writers and not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Questions Public Servants Wages, Remembers the 'Good Old Days'

To the Editor:
Once upon a time when public officers were elected to public office they were considered to be public servants and the wages they received were in keeping with the amount and type of work they performed. But today we wonder if this was all a pleasant dream, and how did it pass? It passed. Shortly thereafter the salary of the Supervisor was upped from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year. So you say: "So what?" Just this. If the Township Board continues to have this black check arrangement on salaries, one of these fine morning, you'll wake up to find the Supervisor's salary is \$30,000 or \$40,000 per year. Would you like that?

Recently the Township Board raised the salary of the Supervisor to \$15,000 per year. Just how much value the taxpayers receive for the kind of services rendered is a real floundering question. It is a question of public servants and their wages seems to resolve itself into whether the taxpayers are required to pay for services rendered to the township; or whether the taxpayers have the responsibility and heavy burden of lavishing exorbitant salaries on township officials to guarantee them a luxury way of life and thereby provide not only the officials with security for the rest of their lives, but also to provide for the security of their children and grandchildren.

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Making Ready For Community College Here

Plans for the Oakland County Community College are in full swing with the remodeling of buildings already on the site. The college plans were established last June by the voters of Oakland County who voted the funds to establish this community college.

The college will be open for the fall of '65 admission between two and three thousand students from the county. Since the college is established for the benefit of people living within Oakland County, there will be no dorms on campus, and only community students will attend.

Although the exact tuition fees have not been established yet, the approximate cost will be \$150 per semester.

The college plans to offer a variety of transfer programs such as engineering, business administration, teaching, liberal arts, pre-law, pre-med, and others.

The technical education facilities which will probably be added to the college are mechanical art, dental assistant, engineering technology, executive, secretarial and nursing.

The college will offer community service to aid students in the areas of work skills and supply additional knowledge.

A developmental course will be designed to help students remove academic deficiencies and prepare them for college entrance.

THIS counselors want to hear Dr. Tirrell, president of the college, speak at Oakland University, November 18. His lecture was part of the Oakland Area Counselors' Association program.

College applications will be accepted the first of the year.

AFS Foreign Exchange Student Recalls Summer Fun in Rio

While Jill McElroy gets set for exams and cold winter days, her "sister" in Brazil prepares for summer fun. Jill was a summer abroad student this year from Farmington Senior High for the American Field Service.

"Rio de Janeiro is truly a city of fun," says Jill. "There is an atmosphere of love and happiness everywhere. People are generally high-spirited and more than willing to share the most beautiful cities I have ever seen."

JILL HAD A chance to do some sight-seeing and traveling around Brazil. She visited the industrial city of Sao Paulo, and even though it was their winter, it was never freezing, and in August they were able to go to the Copacabana Beach. "It was fabulous," Jill said.

Her "sister," Eliane, was at the black check arrangement on salaries, one of these fine morning, you'll wake up to find the Supervisor's salary is \$30,000 or \$40,000 per year. Would you like that?

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"Discipline was not as good in the Rio schools as it is in America," was Jill's comment. "Eliane is taking a scientific course because she hopes to become a doctor. She spoke English very well. Her mother could speak just a little, and her father could only say, 'Hello, how are you.' A maid also lived with them in their lovely apartment."

IN SPARE TIMES they watched T.V. - seeing a many American series with Portuguese dubbed in. "It was really something to hear Dr. Killdare speaking Portuguese."

Jill also attended many parties and learned to dance the samba, while there. Eliane had many, many relatives, all who accepted Jill warmly.

Holding up a hand full of paper money Jill said, "This is worth about 5 cents!" Inflation!



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Red Cross Will Send 'Voices From Home'

The Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross has announced that it will help in sending "Voices From Home" to service men and women who are stationed overseas and will not be home for Christmas.

By calling the Red Cross Chapter Headquarters in Pontiac at Federal 4-3575 or the Royal Oak branch office at Lincoln 2-6700 one may get additional information about sending a fifteen minute personal message recorded on a disc to relatives overseas. This is a part of the American Red Cross program and is done free of charge with the Red Cross providing all equipment necessary in making the recording.


Appointments for making these recordings are being taken now, and the messages themselves will be made between November 30 and December 11 so the disc will arrive in time for Christmas.

Farmington Marine With Aircraft Wing

Marine Private First Class Paul D. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Payne of 2224 1st Ave., Farmington, is serving with Marine Helicopter Squadron 302, a unit of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing, at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, Calif.

While the Sikorsky "Chow" helicopter, members of the squadron support First Marine Division infantrymen in transporting troops and heavy equipment during tactical operations.

Enjoy a true family Thanksgiving dinner at home with your family, remembering the real significance of this truly American holiday.



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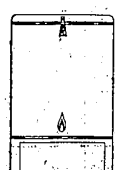
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