

Editorially Speaking

Good School Board Means A Lot

A healthy interest in our local education systems, or at least what appears to be a healthy interest, revealed itself last week when the names of candidates for the Farmington and Clarenceville Board of Education positions to be filled this year were announced.

In each of these two local public school systems there will be nine candidates running. Three seats are to be filled in the Farmington district and four in the Clarenceville district.

There is no reason to believe at this time that any one of these 18 candidates have anything other than a sincere interest in providing the finest possible school systems for our children as reasons for seeking election. Of one thing we are certain; none of the candidates could possibly be seeking election because of the wages to be received.

Farmington Board members are presently getting only \$150 a year. Even with the proposed doubling of this amount (a question which voters will decide on June 13) the amount of pay would still do little more than cover expenses. This is only a little over \$5 a week and hardly enough to attract anyone interested in material gains for themselves. Clarenceville Board members presently get \$360 a year each and it is proposed to keep it at that amount with a Board enlarged by two members this year.

We have already begun to gather information about candidates in both districts and will pass this information on to you prior to the June 13 election. If there are any concrete reasons found why a candidate would not be suited for a seat on one of these boards, we will also disclose this information to you. But, you may rest assured, that personal feelings, the section of the community one lives in, what his religion might be or any other such things which have no real bearing on the matter will even be considered by us as reasons for approving or disapproving of a candidate.

At the present time we have no intentions of endorsing or speaking out against any one of the 18 candidates nor do we expect that we will prior to election time.

Our policy is, as has been the policy of this newspaper over the past several years, to present you with as much factual information as we can gather about candidates for any political office and then let you make your own decision and express it at the polls.

Every taxpayer should do all that he can to personally find out everything he can about each of the candidates seeking office in his district. It is a benefit to all of us to have the best possible citizens

directing our school system; persons who will strive to provide our children with an above average educational system and yet never lose sight of the need for economizing wherever possible.

Those who do not care enough to put forth a little effort to find out about candidates for their boards of education and then go to the polls and cast their ballots for the persons they feel best qualified have no right to be critical about the educational system after election day.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a day which we have set aside to pay tribute to those who gave their lives that we might continue to enjoy ours in a land of freedom, plenty and contentment.

But, like most of our other holidays, the real purpose for which it was intended has been overshadowed in the minds and hearts of many by a strong desire to travel, see and do everything possible during non-working days or hours.

Especially when the holiday falls on a day next to a weekend, as this coming Monday, a majority of our nation's citizens are on the move. We would sincerely hope that even Farmington citizens would make it a point, regardless of where they are or what they are doing, to pause a few moments on May 30 to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice that such a long holiday weekend as this might be possible.

Because it will be a long vacation weekend and lots of people will be on the move, the highways will undoubtedly be jammed. We have always dreaded the job of counting the extra number of dead after each of these long weekend holidays. The tolls have been running far too high in the past and there are no signs to indicate that the upward highway death toll will change much this long holiday weekend.

It is our sincere hope that the tangled mass of steel, previously an auto, which appeared on the front page of our last week's addition left an impression on each and every one of you and that you will carry it with you when you take off on any trip this weekend, if such is planned.

One careless moment behind the wheel by a little too much speed in a rush to get where you're going is all that it takes, to result in an accident. A little extra care on the road this weekend will bring you back home safely and ready to go to work again Tuesday.

DON'T BE AMONG THE NUMBER COUNTED TUESDAY MORNING.



PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS at the Keabrook School had their first taste of classroom experience under the watchful eye of teacher Mrs. Galena Stone. Approximately 100 children attended the two sessions last Thursday. They will return in September for the full time kindergarten program. Mrs. Stone made the little ones feel right at home as she led them in songs, dances and games.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
May 24, 1945

Memorial Day
Memorial Day will be marked again this year, as is the custom, with a parade beginning at 10 a.m. Following the parade, the procession will march to the cemetery where brief ceremonies will be held.

Later they will return to the high school auditorium where indoor services are planned. Dr. Frank D. Adams will be guest speaker at the Memorial service.

Puppy Sale
This weekend Americans across the nation will pay tribute to the boys who have died in combat by wearing a red poppy.

Here in Farmington women of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets with baskets full of poppies for sale. The large corps of volunteer workers headed by Mrs. Murrell McKee, poppy chairman, will see to it that everyone in the area has an opportunity to buy a poppy.

War Bond Purchases
Within one week of the Seventh War Loan now behind us, the response to the drive here in Farmington has not been as great as expected.

Although the quota of series B bonds has been reduced to \$150,000, that amount is still much greater than any previous quota for the Farmington area.

Bake Sale
Our Lady of Sorrows Church will sponsor a bake sale Saturday, May 26, beginning at 10 a.m.

Girls' State
The American Legion Auxiliary has announced that Betty Hunt and Elizabeth Johnson will be Farmington representatives to Girls' State. Marge Schroeder and Naomi Cox are selected as alternates. Selections were made by the American Legion.

10 Years Ago
MAY 25, 1950

Memorial Day Parade
Tuesday, May 30, will see the biggest Memorial Day Parade ever witnessed in the Farmington area, according to veteran groups, who are sponsoring parades at Farmington and Clarenceville.

Clarenceville and Farmington high school bands will follow their respective parades to the cemeteries where Memorial Day services will be held.

Falcon Win
Farmington High's baseball team broke into the win column last Friday afternoon when they traveled to Milford and handed the home team a 7-5 defeat. Although Milford out-hit the Falcons, the home team was unable to bunch any hits.

Art Olson was the winning pitcher for Farmington. The Falcons now have a 5-0 average.

Trojans Win Again
The Clarenceville Trojans, behind the steady seven hit pitching of Jay Wild, continued their winning streak last Friday with a 9-2 win over Avon.

4th Straight Victory of the Trojans
This was the Trojans' fourth straight victory of the season. The Trojans came up with a big six run fifth inning to clinch the ball game.

School Board Election
Voters in the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts will have a large field of candidates to choose from in the annual school elections to be held June 12.

A total of six candidates filed for election as trustees to the Board of Education in the Farmington Township School District. Two candidates are to be selected to three year terms on the board.

5 Years Ago
MAY 26, 1955

Survey Water District
A resolution submitted by the Citizens Water Development Committee calling for the allocation of \$2,500 for a financial survey of the proposed water district in the southern and eastern portion of the township was unanimously approved by the Township Board Tuesday evening.

It was pointed out that the purpose of the financial survey would be to determine the possibility of selling a bond issue on a special assessment basis to finance the proposed water system.

What's New at the LIBRARY

Two new pieces of furniture were added to the Library this past week - a newspaper rack and a combination dictionary and atlas stand. These items are gifts from the Farmington Friends of the Library and are already in good and practical use.

Remember to take "Books in Your Baggage" when you go on vacation this summer. The library will give any patron extended time on books for vacation, upon request. Any books (other than one week books and reserved books) may be borrowed under the vacation plan. A limit of eight books per patron has been set.

Two classes of books are particularly recommended to you at this time: the gardening and history books.

Many of you have admired the dried arrangements that have been displayed by the Garden Club this past year. Now is the time to grow the materials for such arrangements, and dry the material. The library has a fine collection of gardening, horticulture, and flower arranging books. In addition there are several books explaining how to preserve flowers for dried arrangements. This can be done at a very small cost, effort, and with such available ingredients as white sand, borax, and glycerine.

The second class of books

Elks, Bell Co. Group to Meet

More than 800 employees of Michigan Bell Telephone Company and 900 members of the Elks Club in the Plymouth area have been invited to attend a Michigan Bell-Elks Day program Saturday, June 4 in Plymouth.

The program will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Elks Club grounds at 41700 Ann Arbor Road east of the C & O railroad bridge.

Purpose of the program is to provide a closer tie of understanding and interest between members of the Elks and a large company in a community.

Hughes C. Bronaugh, manager for Michigan Bell in Farmington, said the invited employees are from the Livonia District which covers Plymouth, Farmington, Livonia, Garden City, and Northville.

As part of the program, bus loads of guests will be taken from the grounds to the telephone central office in Plymouth for conducted tours of the building. Movies will be shown to children in the telephone building.

TELEPHONE vehicles on display on the grounds will be splicing, digging, line, and installation-repair trucks, as well as a mobile telephone vehicle and a Telsat unit - a bucket seat attached to a hydraulic lifting arm permitting the operator to work at varying heights.

The Bell System's newest telephone - the Princess will be on display in the lobby of the Elks Club house. The new small, lightweight phone represents the first major change in home telephone design in more than a decade.

Balloons and souvenirs will be handed out at the telephone building and refreshments will be served at the Elks grounds.

Adult trumpeter swans are often twice as large as whistler swans. Trumpeters often weigh 25 pounds; whistlers seldom weight 18 pounds.

Water Emergency
Mayor Robert Lindbert proclaimed a state of water emergency in the city of Farmington Friday, setting in motion certain restrictions as outlined in the recently adopted water use ordinance. The action was taken as a result of a survey that showed that the water supply had dropped to a dangerously low level.

JACK NOWAK
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News from Briar Hills

Kathy Kinley
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If you're hankering for a hayride in the future, Brownie Trout, 1059, can recommend a most ideal spot. With him, the skies and soft breezes blowing Saturday these girls enjoyed an experience new to many. O-Bar-B, the rustic setting for the occasion and after a gay ride, lunch was the next order of the day, it having been quipped in the girls' "note bags" which they had made at a previous meeting. A campfire and songs completed the day.

Dickie Patterson is now a lad of 9, having celebrated the day recently with a party in his honor. Charlie Eysel (this cousin), Dale General, Billy Newman, Phillip Deats, Susan Barb and Erik Palmer joined in singing Happy Birthday to Dickie. The following day, festivities continued with the family and relatives coming to aid their best wishes.

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ams, recreation chairman, reports he was disappointed in the turnout last Saturday, and says it's up to you when you get to play ball. How about making a little bigger effort to get out there this coming Saturday and help get things in shape?

COME HALLOWEEN time, the size of pumpkins will be the main topic of conversation among many of the children of Briar Hill. The Mammans of Northwick recently held a "Pumpkin Party" - each child was given a few pumpkin seeds to plant in his own yard, and "pumpkin" - come fall - the excitement will increase when size and shapes are compared. Quite a novel idea, we think!

Here's the score on Briar Hill Women's Bowling League: Nos. 1, Wilson, Thompson-Brown, Mercer, Bertera, Twin Pines, and Atlas. High single over average: Sue Wentz (52). High individual series: Barb Higby (502). High team single (Nosan (1646). Congratulations go to Barb Higby who bowled a terrific game last week - a 214!

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