

Editorially Speaking

Business Belongs in Order of Importance

How much time was this or that particular item on the meeting agenda of the Township Board, City Council or Board of Education really worth?

This is a question that we have asked ourselves many times after having attended meetings of each of our governmental bodies not only in this community but in communities elsewhere.

The answer that we have given ourselves has been both "too much" and "not enough."

We have never felt that any exact time limits should be set on how long a matter of business on the agenda should be discussed. But we have felt that more careful consideration should be given to what is of a particular agenda and some effort made to arrange these items in the order of their importance. Some general time allocations might also be specified for each item of business at the time this is being done.

Far too many times have we been at meetings where business of little importance or business requiring no immediate attention has taken up a substantial amount of time during the early part of a meeting. Then, with the clock hands rolling into the late evening and occasionally even early morning hours, a race has been on to get all the business on the agenda requiring immediate action out of the way.

Many very important items of business we have seen acted upon by a very tired group of board members and in a somewhat hurried fashion. Tired ourselves, we may not have felt that the matter was acted on too hastily that same night. But, the next day when a little sleep behind us, it would then begin to sink in just how important an item of business taken up in the late part of a meeting really was and how little time was spent in analyzing all phases of the matter before action was taken.

A recommendation that we feel deserves some consideration by our governing bodies is the spending of a little time at the beginning of each meeting to determine what business actually is on the agenda; how important each item is and the urgency of action on it; how many public officials are present to speak on a particular subject matter, etc.

With this information, it would then be possible to place the items of business in the order of their importance on the agenda and assume that those given most important nature were given most fully aware of the fact that

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
July 5, 1935
Bond Drive
The most recent figures available on the sale of war bonds during the seventh war loan drive shows that \$120,000 has been invested so far in series E bonds. This total set for Farmington was \$150,000 which means that at the present time the community faces a deficit of \$30,000 with only a few days remaining in the drive.

Kiwans Meet
The Farmington Kiwanians have planned an inter-club next week for the evening, July 11. Richard Taylor will be in charge of the program. All Farmington Kiwanians are urged to be on hand to welcome the group from South Lyon.

Band Concert
A band concert will be presented Tuesday evening, July 10, to 10 members of the summer band. All students in the area who wish may try out with the band may do so during the first week of classes. 82 youngsters participated.

Tin Can Collection
A collection of tin cans has been set up for July 1. These cans will be used by the government.

Star Mother's Benefit
On Wednesday, July 11 the Blue Star Mothers will hold a benefit dinner at the Clarenceville with proceeds going toward the purchase of a collapsible wheel chair for one of the permanently disabled soldiers at Percy Air Hospital.

Day Camp
The Farmington Council of girl scouts will hold day camp at Shawwassee Park July 1. The camp is designed to provide summer fun for the girls.

10 Years Ago
July 6, 1940
Township Population
Unofficial census reports that the population of Farmington Township at 10:00 a. m. This figure shows a population gain of 2,786 since a special census taken in 1947. It may be noted that the 1940 population figure of 4,478.

Cville Half Days
Louis Schmitt, superintendent of Clarenceville schools, and

nounced this week that the first grades at both Central and Edgewood schools will begin their half day sessions beginning this fall.

Under the new system the two first grade classes will be conducted at the two schools. The reason for the change is attributed to the large enrollment and shortage of classroom space.

Playground
The Red Cross swimming program will begin next week for youngsters of both Farmington and Clarenceville summer recreation areas, according to an announcement this week by the township board. The program will be conducted at Kent Leland at Kensington Park.

Cville Wins
Clarenceville's White Division baseball team came to the city Sunday to take their second consecutive victory by whipping the Polish National Americanists at Napa Hills.

Township Survey
The Farmington Township Zoning Board is nearly finished with its planning and surveying of the township. Completion of the inventory will be the first step toward the proposed zoning ordinance.

5 Years Ago
July 7, 1945
Water Contracts
Contracts for the purchase and installation of water mains and pumping facilities for the improvements and expansion of the city water system were awarded by the council at its meeting Monday night.

School Enrollment
It may be noted that for the boys and girls of the Farmington Township School District but as far as the administration is concerned it is work as usual and plenty of it.

The biggest job ahead is securing 22 new teachers by the time school opens in September. Twenty percent jump in enrollment.

Sixteen Hart
A total of 16 persons were held in custody at the city jail during the holiday weekend, nine of whom were swimmers who were arrested when they were hurt in a one car accident on Grand River.



WILLIAM E. MONTGOMERY, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Montgomery, Sr., of 3132 1/2 Marquette Drive, was recently commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. A graduate of St. Gregory's High School, Montgomery received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Detroit June 15. A cadet major in the U. of D. ROTC, Montgomery was also a member of the Society of American Engineers, operations officer of the Arnold Air Society, co-chairman of the 1938 Bond Drive, and advisor to Angel Flight, national military club.

Timely Tips on

GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

SUMMER SCENE... Road-sides are abloom with summer wild flowers. Bits of field, daisies being blue chrysanthemums, orange daisies, and tall, airy clumps of white and yellow meliopsis.

In Farmington gardens, perennial beds are gay, although they have not yet reached the height of their summer glory. Gladiolus, white chrysanthemums, blue balloon flowers, dainty pinks, and vivid red monarda have started blooming. Early varieties of day-lilies are glowing in the garden. A splash of orange, and tall spikes of blue delphinium dominate the scene.

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West Point Park News

MISS L. A. AULT
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At her home on Mayfield Ave. Wednesday Mrs. Charles A. Armstrong gave a delightful luncheon. Guests were the ladies of her Friendly Workers group. Specially honored was Mrs. William Fisher, a former Mayfield Ave. resident now residing in Gulfport, Florida. Places were laid for twelve.

It was noted that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were celebrating their wedding anniversary. Congratulations were extended them.

On the lawn of their home on Mayfield Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vance gave a most pleasant and delicious hot dog and hamburger supper Thursday evening. Guests were from nearby homes.

SUNSHINE SISTERS held a well-attended meeting in Neighborhood Church Wednesday afternoon. After a devotional service, there was a long social hour, thus giving plenty of time for the ladies to talk with two visitors, Mrs. Louis Jennings, from Lambertville, Mich., and Mrs. William Fisher, from Florida. Refreshments were served.

George Welsh of Mayfield Ave. celebrated his 84th birthday July 4th. Visitors, gifts and congratulatory cards enlivened the occasion.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke, Shady Side Ave., were the former's mother, Mrs. Nancy Cooke, and his sister, Mrs. Kruger and her family from New London, Ohio.

Mrs. Thomas Roberts and her four children from Monroe were Monday guests of Mrs. Edwin L. Johnson on Clarita Ave.

Mrs. Louis Jennings and her daughter, Cynthia, from Lambertville, were overnight guests Wednesday of Mrs. Robert Kellogg on Shady Side Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Padot and their children from Monroe were Wednesday evening guests of Mrs. Marie Roberts on Mayfield Ave. The Padots had just returned from a vacation trip to Florida.

Mrs. Robert's eldest daughter, Mrs. Edward Koehnek and her family, from down in Livonia, also spent a recent evening with her. They, too, had just returned from a Florida vacation.

Pat Reddy, Shady Side Ave., laid this weekend for a two week visit at a Boy Scout camp in Canada.

DEATH OF AN AUNT called Mrs. Kenneth Skow and her family of Mayfield Avenue, to Wyandotte for a day recently.

Mrs. Arthur W. Shady Side Ave., attended a birthday celebration honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sherman, near Wayne Wednesday afternoon.

The Misses Elizabeth and Ruth Sherman, Mayfield Ave., have returned home from a most interesting vacation trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Willet and their daughter, Joanne, of Mayfield Ave., are at their summer cabin in northern Michigan for the Fourth weekend.

Miss Hannah Johnson of Clarita Ave. is the guest of her cousin, Miss Beth Roberts, in Monroe.

Mrs. M. Emerson Ault of Mayfield Ave. and her grandson, Nelson Meade of Hubbard Ave., visited the Johnson Porters in New London, Ohio, last Monday.

Mrs. Forrest Ault and her daughter, Heather, who had been guests of the Porters for a week, returned home with them in an unfortunate accident several days ago. Mrs. John Varhol, of Shady Side Ave., is badly injured a foot and is staying with her family.

MRS. AUSTIN AULT, Brentwood Ave., has returned home from Redford Community Hospital, where, for a week, she was a patient. Mrs. Ault is still ill and will be confined to her home for yet some time.

During the week boys and girls of the community were especially until 12 and Sundays until 9 p.m.

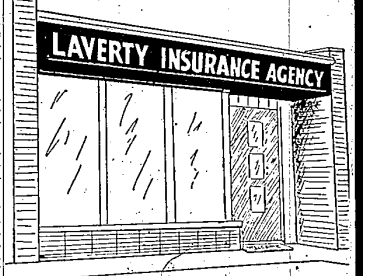
Attends Convention

Edith J. Powers, Farmington school teacher, attended the National Education Association convention in Los Angeles during the last week of June. She plans to return home about July 20.

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Scouts Plan Celebration

Farmington area Boy Scouts and Explorers will participate in the Clinton Valley Boy Scout Council's Jubilee Camporee which will be celebrated on the anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

John W. Hunt, chairman of Jubilee committee, announced that the gigantic weekend event will mean the creation of a miniature "tent city" near Rochester on Great Oaks stock farm, M-69 at John R. road.

Hunt said that only 22,000 hundreds of Scouts from all parts of Oakland and Macomb Counties will participate in Scouting's competition, see a pageant, camp together in four districts and have fun.

He pointed out that on this week end throughout the country all Boy Scouts in the nation will be camping out in council campfires. In addition, the weekend is during the National Jubilee Jamboree at Colwell Springs, Colo., where more than 50,000 Scouts will be camping.

Special demonstrations will include conservation and troop skills such as first-aid, citizenship and signmaking. Contests are scheduled between patrols, as well.

Bill Conroy Does Tool Phone GR. 4-5151

Makes MSUO Honor List

Janet Clark from Farmington was among the sixty-one on the Honor List at Michigan State University Oakland for the Spring quarter. This brings to ninety-one the number who have achieved this distinction in at least one quarter, or nearly one-fifth of the student body.

In addition, nearly one-third of all the grades given this quarter were A's and B's.

One student made all A's this quarter, joining eight others who made this select group in one or both of the preceding quarters.

He is Fred Korzon, 1960 W. Bend Ct., Orchard Lake.

Sixteen others had one or two B's on their grade cards and forty-four more, had no grade below a B.

Name Hammiel To Dean's List

Philip Hammiel, 25897 Ridge-wood, Farmington, was among the students at Ohio University named to the Dean's List for the second semester.

Upperclassmen must attain a 3.3 or B+ average to earn this honor.

About 17 million families in the U. S. own dogs as pets. In 1949, it is estimated that the number of dogs owned in the U. S. will be \$247 million business.

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