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THREE FARMINGTON BOYS were presented prizes by Bill Root Chevrolet for their accomplishments in the Soap Box Derby held recently in Detroit. Rodney Katzer, left, displays the camera set he won for winning the first heat. Twelve-year-old Rodney of Dunckel Junior High was involved in a smash-up and failed to finish the second heat. Jim MacIntyre in the center is 13 and a student at Farmington Junior High. He was presented a complete set of fishing equipment for winning the first heat and finishing the second. Bob Hollis, also 13, and a Dunckel Junior High student, was awarded the first prize for winning two heats and finishing the third. Looking on are Dick Houston, left, and Ken Wheaton of Bill Root Chevrolet who were co-managers of the program, taking over for Tom Gerish who was called out of town.

News from Brook Hill

The grass is not always greener on the other side. Many of our neighbors vacationed in Michigan water wonderland. This state with its rolling countryside, and numerous lakes was the background of many Brookhill vacationers.

Don and Bernice Nelson with their children, Don, Scott and Janice, spent their time at Long Lake near Traverse City swimming and fishing.

Fred and Ruth Friedrich with their girls, Janice and Lee, are week-ending at a cottage near Saginaw Bay with friends. Tony and Marcella Reda with Richard and Ellen sunned, swam and fished at Hubbard Lake just outside of the city of Alpena.

Before the Reda's vacation ended, they visited their old home in Cleveland, Ohio. They all spent a nostalgic weekend. Richard and Ellen looked up their former playmates, mother visited with old neighbors, and father couldn't be pryed away from his "ole Channel 5 cronies" at WEWS.

OUT OF STATE vacationers included the Spencer and Bennett families. Jean Spencer and her children, Craig, Billy and Ginny Lynne drove to Bristol, Tennessee to visit her father, Lester Greene. They stayed there a few days then went on to Charlotte, North Carolina to visit Jean's aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Farbow. Jean and the children returned to home base in time to celebrate her and Bill's third wedding anniversary.

The Bennetts, Harvey, Jackie, Paul and Ron, split their vacation by going to Niagara Falls, Albany, New York, Atlantic City and ending up at Cap May. They will not soon forget their experiences while at Niagara Falls. They were there while the seven year old boy fell over the Falls and survived. On their return to Brookhill, they were visited by Jackie's mother and sister.

Three tables of bridge were filled at Jean Spencer's bridge party last Wednesday. Among the guests were Curt and Alexandra Engelbrecht, Mary and John Behler, Leo and Christine Costello, Marcella and Tony Reda and Melvin and Fran Todd. Curt Engelbrecht came out with top honors winning the first prize. Fran Todd nosed out Marcella Reda for the booby prize.

CRAIG SPENCER and Richard Reda pleaded with their respective parents to let them camp out. After much discussion, the parents relented and Bill Spencer told the boys they could spend the night anywhere in the back yard. In the morning it was discovered that the boys had pitched their tent in the middle of Bill Spencer's squash patch.

Charlotte Todd invited the following boys and girls to her thirteenth birthday party. The boys: Tony Colane, Harry Foster, John George, Giles Galleher, and Paul Meyers, and the girls: Judy Langolf, Chris Brocker, Diane McGrath, and Sue Johnson. The order of the day for the birthday well-wishers was playing minature golf in the morning and bowling in the afternoon. These activities were planned to arouse the appetite for the evening's refreshments.

Last Friday Craig Spencer became the proud owner of a brand new racer bike. He was the envy of the neighborhood. But his joy was short lived because as he was trying out his new bike he ran into a stone, lost control and fell. His father rushed Craig to the hospital where he was treated for his bruises. And it took three stitches to close the wound on his chin. In spite of his mishap, Craig's happy disposition was not dampened.

We wish to welcome a new family into the Brookhill Estates Subdivision. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Magee, 28208 Statler Lane.

MARY AND RALPH Wilson have had the pleasure of a visit from Mary's mother, Mrs. Mary Bullock from Lakeworth, Florida. Accompanying Mrs. Bullock on this trip were three adorable children, Sylvia, Pam, and Joey. While they were here they took a side trip with Mary and Ralph to Silver Lake where they enjoyed sunning and swimming.

Mrs. Bullock plans to stay in Brookhill with her daughter and son-in-law for several more weeks before returning to sunny Florida.

Business News

Car Wash Being Built in City

The new building going up between Mooney St. and Orchard Lake Road at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center will be a car wash and automatic laundry.

The car wash will feature the latest of car washing equipment, capable of handling a car in three minutes. The laundry will also have the latest of modern, coin operated washers and driers in it and will be open 24 hours a day.

Entrance to the car wash will be from Mooney Street.

Handling construction of the 46x150' foot building is Martin Hoover of Beverly Hills. The car wash and laundry will both be managed by Addison Kelley of 33728 Harlan Drive, Farmington.

Vet Shoe Man At Kendallwood

Louis H. Gabe has resigned his position as manager of the Hack Shoe Company, children's branch on East Warren Avenue, Detroit, to enter business for himself.

Gabe will operate the shoe department in Hepner's Children's Wear, in the new Kendallwood Shopping Center at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads. A veteran with 23 years in the shoe business, the last 10 of which were spent with the Hack organization, he is well versed in the art of fitting both regular and prescription shoes. In his new venture, Mr. Gabe will carry mostly shoes of normal conection, with a few supportive types and dress shoes to balance his offerings.

His lines will include Curtis Stevens-Emery's "Trip-Tek-Tiy", Genberich, and Gerwin, Red Ball Jets, Ball Band, Swan Slippers and rubber footwear.

Will Take Bids on Fencing at School

A request from Mrs. Frances Brown of 33818 Grand River for the erection of a fence between properties she owns and Farmington Junior High site property was acted on by the Board of Education Monday night.

The administration was instructed to obtain bids for erection of both a chain-link and farm type fence.

The fencing along this property line was taken down when the school district's bus parking lot was moved from the similar site prior to the district's purchase of the combination building site on Shiawassee.

Sewer Arms

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may never materialize and that they will lose any money paid in for it.

Gluckstein acknowledged that Oakland County appeared to have the upper hand in the forthcoming court action regarding Detroit's acceptance of effluent from the county but he added that there was still some uncertainty on the matter.

The appearance of the Kendallwood-Westbrooke residents at the meeting precipitated considerable discussion on the procedure for establishing an agenda for a township meeting.

Norman Liebert of Kendallwood had written a letter requesting to be on the agenda to discuss the Kendallwood sewer arm. Since the subject didn't pertain to any item already on the agenda the request was denied. However, it was pointed out that Liebert could be heard in the question and answer session which appears as the last item on each agenda.

Anyone can be heard at that particular segment of the meeting. Hall pointed out, and if the matter is deemed important by members of the Board it can be formally placed on the agenda at a future meeting, he added.

WHEN LIEBERT did get the floor he yielded to Gluckstein, the appointed spokesman for the group.

After considerable discussion on the agenda procedure by Board members and residents at the meeting during the question and answer session, a motion was passed to insert on future agendas a provision calling for approval of the agenda as established the preceding Friday. All requests considered reasonable by Township officials which are received by the Thursday before the regular meeting will be placed on the agenda.

Plan Talk on Automation

"Push Buttons and People" is the topic chosen by Paul Dawson of Inkster for his talk at the Farmington Universalist Church Sunday, August 14, at 10 a.m.

Dawson, a member of the church, will deal with the history and development of automation and its impact on industrial workers and society in general.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, the speaker is a former newspaperman having worked on the Detroit Times, Los Angeles Daily News, and International News Service. He currently is a claims adjuster with American States Insurance Co.

Mrs. Pierce Van Camp will lead a program for young people from nine to 15, and Mrs. Al Smith will have stories for the children four to eight. A nursery for toddlers also will be provided.

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Urban Renewal Not the Answer - - -

Dear Sir,

In a recent editorial in the Farmington Enterprise you inferred that any of the residents of our city opposed to the Urban Renewal plan were opposed to "progress" in all of our opposition is directed toward this particular plan. We are not willing to buy this plan as the best answer to that which we recognize as our common problem.

What advantages will the expenditure of millions bring to our city? Will it add beauty? Hardly, unless you find shopping centers and parking lots to be beautiful. Will it remove the blight? Admittedly, no! The old store fronts and vacant stores are to be left with the "hope" that their owners might do something to improve them. Will the tax structure be improved? There are no figures to support it. The sole advantage of this plan lies in the introduction of access roads to a shopping area which will, admittedly, be small and so inadequate that it will attract no big name store. This "improvement" will require the demolition of some 40 percent of the property in the area specified — mostly residential.

You also inferred that if this plan is not approved we can expect an increase in our tax rates. How do you know? In a recent meeting with the City Council they volunteered that they did not have facts which would indicate that the proposed small and limited shopping center would provide the taxable valuation which would beef-up the cities income. We suggest that the City Council and you are both premature in your support of the plan for this reason.

In your issue of July 29, you quoted me as saying in effect, "This is the merchant's problem, they ought to solve it." This was said, but, by someone else. I did, however, suggest that I questioned the judgment of spending millions to benefit only the persons who have been unwilling to keep their own house in order. At this time I suggested that we might consider making a park of the downtown area.

Let's look ahead ten years. Will downtown Farmington be the best location for the merchant? Will the new expressways inhance the present location? I am not so sure that it will. In fact, the closed stores indicate that a transition has already taken place. Nothing has been presented other than "hope" to convince us that this transition will be reversed.

Your editorial tells us that this expanded commercial area is needed for the present and future population of our city. What parks have we planned for this increase in population? What open spaces will there be in ten years? We seem to be doing a self-study of the problems of our city, so, why not broaden its base? I mention this with the hope that our city fathers have taken time to consider the whole picture.

It has always been immoral for one party to obtain something at the expense of another, yet, this is what the Urban Renewal plan suggests. We are told, in effect, "look at what you can get, and you don't even have to pay for it." Who is kidding us? It is just this sort of reasoning that has made our federal taxes go up year after year. The basis for applying for federal funds should be that of need rather than that of whether or not they are available. We are not yet convinced that Farmington cannot pull itself up by it's boot straps and hold its head high while doing it.

For this plan you are asking us to give up our right to live in an old, quaint, but well kept section of our city. You want us to give up our homes and our neighbors. We represent a considerable investment in terms of time, money and friendship, for a dream which we do not share. At present we say no, for we are suspicious that this plan is not in the best interests of the residents of the City of Farmington.

Sincerely yours,
John V. Beam

Air Conditioning

Plans and specifications for an air conditioning unit for the Farmington School District service and administration building were given final approval by the Board of Education Monday night.

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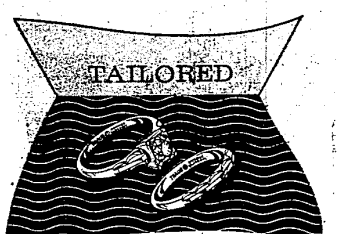

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