

Editorially Speaking

Charges are Serious, Need Investigation

Statements made by parents at the Farmington Board of Education meeting last week indicating that they felt children at the Gill elementary school were getting educational training far superior to that offered to youngsters in other schools in the district came as very much of a shock to us.

It apparently came as no more of a shock to us than it did to members of the Board of Education and even the School district's top administrators.

The implication was that this feeling exists among the majority of parents having children enrolled in the Gill school and that it has prevailed for some time. This being the case, we can't help but wonder why the matter has been so long in coming to the front to be investigated. Neither can we determine whether the situation is a by-product of the handling of parents at the Board meeting indicated it is, why so few parents turned out to bring the alleged grave situation to light at this time.

Parents not only have a right but an obligation to be concerned about the kind of educational training their children are receiving. Those not so concerned are not fit to be parents.

The claim by the parents that teachers at the school are not taking a real interest in educating their youngsters is, exceptionally hard for us to accept. We are aware that there may be a few exceptions, but the vast majority seem doing the minimum amount to get by and continue in the teaching profession. By and large, however, we are confident that most teachers are in that profession because of a sincere desire to see youngsters obtain a good education. To accept a sweeping generalization that all or many of the teachers in a particular school are not doing an adequate job or at least trying to do so we just cannot buy.

None-the-less the charges that have been made about teachers not taking an interest, principals and teachers labeling Gill school children inferior and inability of parents to communicate with teachers and the principal at the school are all very serious ones.

Even if the charges are being made without real basis, they are serious enough to warrant a thorough investigation. Even if there is only one or two teachers who are guilty of running down students in the Gill school because their parents do not have a nice home or they have been poorly educated, they should be weeded out. If there is even slight indication that teachers are not cooperating with parents to the fullest and showing giving less than the full effort to educate the children in the school, then immediate steps should be taken to correct this situation also.

Every child in the Farmington School District has a right to educational training equal to that provided every other child regardless of what section of the community he or she may come from, how wealthy the family he or she was born into may be, etc. We are confident that both the school system's administrative staff and the Board of Education feel the same way.

There is one or two points that we feel parents should keep in mind. Not

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 20, 1935
Football Opener
The Farmington High School Falcons have wound up their pre-season practice "session" and are now ready for the opening tomorrow afternoon against Plymouth.

Library Hours
Beginning October 1st at the Farmington Library will be open an additional three hours on Mondays for the greater convenience of the patrons. Many new books have been purchased recently to add to the already good selection available to readers.

Zoning Proposal
A special meeting of the Farmington City Commission was held Monday for the purpose of hearing the first and second reading on a proposed zoning change on Grand River.

New Legion Member
When Robert C. Van Every recently became a member of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post, his joining brought a new name to the club. Van Every (Bill) Van Every and his grand father, Rue Van Every, are active members of the post. All three generations of Van Every are represented in the Groves-Walker membership.

Eastern Star
Farmington Chapter 239 of the Order of Eastern Star, will celebrate its 46th birthday anniversary on Tuesday evening, September 25.

Kwanza Meeting
Farmington Kiwanis Club members enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner preceding their meeting Wednesday evening. A. C. Taggart was the program chairman for the evening.

10 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 21, 1940
New Police Officer
The Farmington Township Board is expected to meet a new police officer at a special meeting of the Board next Tuesday evening to replace William E. Edgerton, who resigned September 1. Several applications are on file and the applicants will be interviewed at the meeting.

FHS Win Opener
Farmington High's 1950 football team got off to a flying start last Friday evening by knocking Plymouth High School 12 to 0 in the season's opening game in Plymouth. The Falcons will meet Rochester this Friday.

Red Cross Courses
The Red Cross will sponsor some nursing and first aid classes to begin the first week in October at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Mrs. E. C. Imoen will conduct.

School Buildings
Members of the Farmington Township School District Board of Education visited two new school buildings this Sunday as part of their continuing work for a proposed school building program in Farmington.

Adult Education
O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of the Farmington schools, announced this week that efforts are being made to seek approval for an expansion of Adult Education in the Farmington area.

Lift Rent Controls
Rent controls within the city of Farmington were lifted as of September 1. The lifting of the approval of a resolution passed by the City Commission at its regular meeting last Wednesday.

5 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 22, 1945
New Building Code
The City Council at its regular meeting Monday night took initial steps toward adoption by reference of the 1935 edition of the Abridged Building Code as prepared by the Builders Conference of America. Considerable discussion centering around the inadequacy of the present code preceded the initial approval of the new code.

Sewer Cost
City and Township officials were advised this week in a letter from Ralph Main, Oak and County Drain Commissioner, that a formula has been established on the use of outside water on the basis of the proportionate cost of the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor. On the basis of the figures presented the cost per lot in both the city and the township would be approximately \$60.

Water Usage
Increased restrictions on water usage have been imposed by Mayor Robert Lindbergh, it was announced during the regular meeting of the City Council Monday night. The restrictions on the use of outside water were brought about by the low level now in the reservoir as a result of extremely heavy consumption over the past week-end.

New Mail Route
The rapid increase in population in the Farmington area has necessitated the establishment of a new mail route, it was announced by post master Henry Trembley this week.

Approve Bel-Aire Zoning
Farmington City Council Monday evening approving the rezoning of Bel-Aire subdivision from suburban to commercial 1.

Service People Can Mail Vote Registrations

Michigan citizens, temporarily stationed in other states or overseas on governmental missions or bases, are eligible to register for and vote in the November presidential elections.

Secretary of State James M. Hare has urged service men and women to take advantage of the opportunity to register for and vote in the November presidential elections.

Many soldiers and sailors who have turned 21 during the past year do not realize that they can register by mail," Hare said. "Families of all servicemen and civilians on overseas assignments should write to let them that their being absent from Michigan does not cause them to lose their vote, if they act at once."

HARE RECOMMENDED that persons currently away from their home community write to their local election clerk to ask for their absentee voter ballot, and, if they have never voted before, or have not voted in the past four years, to request a registration card.

On September 27, is the deadline for county clerks to deliver general election absentee ballots to local election officials. If persons on foreign assignments write for their ballots now, there will be less danger that the voted ballots will not be returned from Asia, Africa, Europe, or elsewhere in the world by the November 5, 1950 deadline for absentee voting.

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 7, the traditional "first Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

What's New at the LIBRARY

The reading lists for course 6 and course 7 of the Michigan General Education Program are on file at the library. The library already owns a fair percentage of these books and several are on order and will be available in the near future. These courses cover "Religions of the World" and "Our Cities in the Sixties."

Program Chairmen of local civic, social and recreational activities are reminded of the Suburban Film service that is available through our local library. Any resident of Farmington may select a film from the lists on file at the library, and have 30 minutes of film time program for the nominal fee of \$2.50.

After-School Story Hours start Tuesday, September 27th, at 10:30 a.m.

Registrations for the Great Books Discussion Groups (Year 1 and Year 5) are still open. To date, the registration is insufficient to warrant the formation of either group. Both groups offer exciting and challenging reading for informal discussion.

THE FIRST YEAR reading includes: Plato, Aristotle, Politics, Sophocles, Aeschylus, Gospel according to St. Matthew, The Little Flowers, Dante, Prince, Shakespeare, Macbeth, Marx, Manifesto, Smith, Wealth of Nations, Tocqueville, Democracy in America, plus other readings.

The fifth year offers: Euripides, Medea, Hippolytus and The Trojan Women; Virgil, The Aeneid, St. Francis of Assisi, The Little Flowers, Dante, Divine Comedy; Boswell, Life of Johnson; Woolman, Journals; Einstein, Relativity; Miranda, The Dignity of Man, plus other readings.

CD Aux. Police Class Planned

The Farmington Township Civil Defense organization has announced that an auxiliary police course for both men and women will begin within the next few weeks.

This two-week course will be taught by the State Police of the Detroit Post and by Irv Yakes, Farmington Township chief of police. Classes will be held one a week at the Wheeler Street Fire Station with CD police chief Bob Witt presiding. Dates of the classes will be announced by the course.

There is no fee required for these classes nor is there any obligation for uniforms or for duty. Some former graduates are being used by the State Police department and as guards at Eagle School. For further details contact Mrs. Schumaker, GR 4-2688.

Auto Radios are Repaired at Edward's TV Service, GR. 4-3124.

Oak Pharmacy

Meet Your Merchants

Dave Leach took over the operation of Oak Pharmacy last April and already has made many improvements in the appearance of the building. His future plans call for re-modeling the entire store.

One of the outstanding service features offered by the drug store located at Grand River and Farmington Road is a 24-hour emergency service. Many residents of the area have taken advantage of this special service which is offered at no extra charge and even includes free delivery.

Although Dave is one of the younger registered pharmacists in the Farmington area, he has had considerable experience in the drug store field having worked for seven years in a Pontiac store while attending Wayne State University. He completed studies in January of last year and worked as a pharmacist in the Pontiac store until April when he took over the reins of the Farmington store from Edward Mosure who had operated the establishment for nearly 20 years.

DAVE IS MARRIED to the former Mildred Sparlock and the couple have four children and are expecting number five any time now. Crullin, 8, and Kenneth, 6 attend the Longacre School while Sheryl, 4, and David, 2, hold down the fort with mother. The Leachs' live at 2305 Grand River.

A former Waterford High School baseball and basketball player, Dave still keeps active in sports playing baseball and golf with a little bowling mixed in. Mildred also enjoys bowling.

Dave moved to the Farmington area because he felt there was a good potential for future greater prospects for the future. He commented that the people he comes in contact with in Farmington are far more friendly than those encountered in the Pontiac area.

Thomas Leach, Dave's dad, often lends a helping hand around the store and Albert J. Taylor, who plans to study pharmacy at Wayne State, and Marion J. Neut round out the staff at Oak Pharmacy.

AT THE PRESENT time the drug store is featuring a special sale on school supplies with everything in this category at a 25 per cent discount. The other extremely good buy can be had on the Phar-Med and Oak Pharmacy line of vitamins. In the very near future plans will be completed for a program offering a full year's free prescription service to some customers of the store.

For more details on this special sale or on the drop in to Oak Drugs and get the information first hand from Dave Leach.



DAVE LEACH, Taking a Prescription

Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

MUMS
Chrysanthemums are now beginning to dominate the garden scene. Some small flowered, cushion types began blooming in early August, but most of the larger flowered varieties are just now coming into bloom. Flowering on these hardy perennials will continue long after frost has spoiled other garden bloom.

Mums are available in an extensive array of colors and color schemes can be worked out in delicate pastel shades, in clear vibrant tones, or in burnished autumnal hues. Sizes range from foot high mums to plants two and one half to three feet tall, and flowers range in size from tiny button-size pompons to large frilled and ruffled flowers six inches or more in diameter.

Imported mums are available from England and Japan. Japanese mums have large, exotic, quilled flowers. English mums are noteworthy because of the early date they begin blooming. Their drawback is that they do not thrive in our hot summer. However, hybridizers in the United States have used English mums as one parent in producing some of their most satisfactory new plants.

Michigan is one of the centers of American mum development. Harvest mums are a popular new type developed in Michigan and available at local nurseries. These mums are adapted to our particular climate conditions. The flowers are large and flat petalled, and are produced in continuous abundance once flowering commences. Most are in bloom by mid-September. A dozen or more different colors are available.

OTHER BEAUTIFUL, large flowered mums developed by Detroit hybridizer De Petris are also available in a wide range of colors. These don't begin blooming until early October and benefit from a protective covering on frosty nights.

Mums are the delight of gardeners at this season because of the glorious color they provide for the garden and for flower arrangements. Not the least of their attributes is the ease with which they can be

AD FACTS

Local advertisers invest an estimated \$2.4 billion a year in local newspapers—six times more than in radio, nine times more than in TV.

Goodwill Pickup Set for Tuesday

The next visit of Goodwill Industries pickup trucks to Farmington is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27. Goodwill trucks collect household items, cards of clothing, shoes, hats, toys, most types of furniture and other household discards.

To arrange for a Goodwill Industries truck pickup, call the local Goodwill representative, Miss Lora Auld, telephone number GR 4-2494 or call the operator for toll-free Enterprise 7002.

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Emerson Ends Carrier Cruise

Robert J. Emerson, interior communications electrician first apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Emerson of 3030 W. Eight Mile Rd., Wagon Wheel Trailer Park, Farmington, returned to USS night a week at the attack aircraft carrier USS Forrestal.

The carrier, winner of the Battle Efficiency "E" pennant for gunnery and engineering, completed a seven-month cruise with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Emerson was being used by the USS Forrestal visited France, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Spain, Yugoslavia, and Lebanon.

Malcolm the Milkman

YEA YEA YEA! I HAVE THE MOST DELICIOUS MILK! (NEED TO FOR MILK!)

HEE HEE! HOW SOULFULLY I CREATED A DELICIOUS MILK! (NEED TO FOR MILK!)

I HAD THE BEST PROOFLING FOR IT!

GLUG! GLUG! GLUG! GLUG! GLUG! GLUG!

ART GATES

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