

A Building for Community Organizations

The destiny of the old Town Hall and the site it is located on at the main intersection in downtown Farmington is now in the hands of being decided.

It is somewhat discouraging to note that only a handful of citizens have expressed a real concern with what decision will be made. We cannot help but be fearful that real community interest is near death here because of lack of concern in this matter shown by community clubs and organizations.

Only a few individual voices have been heard in protest to tearing down the Town Hall and re-zoning the property it is located on to commercial.

Whether or not the Town Hall is structurally sound enough to renovate and put to some good community use has not been clearly established. Neither has it been determined whether there are enough local clubs and organizations that could make good use of the building and would be willing to pay for its use and upkeep.

For some time now, however, we have heard about the troubles that local service clubs and other organizations have had in finding good places to hold meetings or put on programs at prices they feel are reasonable. We would like to propose, therefore, that the various clubs and organizations of Farmington City and Township get together to see what can be done with the building to make it usable for them for meetings and the various programs they sponsor. Some collective effort now could prove highly beneficial for the clubs and organizations

of the community in years to come.

renovation or maintenance of the old Town Hall is found to be too costly, tearing it down and developing a nice community park at this location sounds like the next best move to us.

This building was erected at a very low cost and the remodeling that has been done to the building by the Township and the Masonic Lodge has not been overly costly. We feel safe in saying that the Township, City of Farmington and Farmington Masonic Lodge have all gotten more than their money's worth out of this building over the past several years.

We are not sentimental enough to feel that the building should be left standing, just for the sake of preserving an old landmark. If it is left standing, it must be kept in good repair and put to some good community use. Otherwise it should be torn down.

If the building is torn down and then it is found that a park that is a community attribute rather than an eyesore cannot be maintained this should be soon enough to put forth efforts to get some type of business at this location.

The City Planning Commission's recommendation to the Council on the proposed re-zoning will not be forthcoming for at least three weeks yet. If their recommendation is in favor of re-zoning, a hearing before the Council itself must still be held before any action can be taken. This should give local service clubs and organizations time to decide whether they want to band together and determine whether they can make good use of the building.

If there are community groups that are interested, we would appreciate hearing from them.

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Decision on Salary Schedule A Wise One

Some teachers in the Farmington public school system are more than likely a little unhappy right now over the fact that the Board of Education decided against adopting a new salary schedule proposed by the Farmington Education Association and making it retroactive to the start of the current school year.

They should get some satisfaction in knowing, however, that the Board is now on record publicly as favoring the plan in principle and has given assurance that the plan proposed or one similar to it will be adopted for the 1963-64 school year.

As stated editorially earlier, we are in favor of the new FEA salary plan which provides for higher yearly pay in increments to the experienced teachers and also for additional pay for those teachers who go on to take more advanced training beyond minimum requirements for bachelor and masters degrees.

While we favor the proposed FEA plan in principle, however, glad to see that the Board decided upon adoption at this time.

First of all, it appears to us that it would have created quite an additional

bookkeeping job to call in and rewrite new contracts as well as to do all the figuring that would have been necessary to take care of back pay due many.

Secondly, it would not have been very logical for the Board to approve a new pay schedule which will take more money to satisfy when it is still uncertain how much operating money will be available in years to come. If the full-scale proposal is voted on this coming Monday is disproved, some sharp curtailments in the present operations of the school system will be necessary.

This does not mean that a new type of salary schedule cannot be adopted regardless of what voters decide at the polls on December 10, but it is certain that the experience would be necessary if the decision is against approving continuation of the present operating tax levy.

Haste in adopting changes in practice as broad in scope as this proposed change can often prove disastrous later.

In our opinion, it was wrong for the Board to even indicate to the FEA salary committee that there was any possibility of the new salary plan being put into effect for the current school year.

Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to The Editor for publication must be signed and addressed to the Editor. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the views of the Farmington Enterprise. The deadline for letters is 1:00 p.m.

75% Were Missed

To the Editor:

We attended the open house at the Farmington High School November 13. The open house was a very successful one for the school year for all parents to visit the school and follow through their teenagers' class day. Each class is ten minutes long and the teachers were this time to explain to the parents the aims and objectives of their classes. Any questions raised by the parents are answered. This year at the end of the class visiting period, a fine musical program was presented by the school choir and the Falconettes.

The attendance at this open house was both depressing and encouraging. One class had only two out of 26 students represented. We generously estimated the audience for the musical program at 80 people.

Most of the faces seen at the Senior High Open House were also seen at the Junior High Open House at most P.T.A. and Scout activities, and at the Farmington Sports programs for boys.

We sincerely hope our parents, have for your teenagers' educational and artistic development? We sincerely hope our parents take the time next year to attend the open houses presented by our Farmington schools and see what is being attempted by the school staff to make young adults out of the so-called "problem teenagers" whom so many disinterested and prejudiced adults continually complain about.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis

False Prestige

To the Editor:

Shame on trucks:

In the past few weeks the City of Farmington has really showed us truck owners they mean business. With the timely help of the Police Department the results have been devastating. It is a proven fact that in our society a small segment must make our living with the horrendous vehicles. Agreed that a dump truck or stake bedded truck can and does create a hazard when parked in a residential section. But what harm can a small pickup or panel cause properly parked in a private driveway? No more than one car!

Trucks helped to build our homes, moved you into them, deliver your bread and milk, and perform many other menial chores for you and your neighbors. Then when they have performed these tasks, you no longer want them around. It is very sad and states of affairs when one thinks he is so proud and civic minded that truck in the next door driveway lowers his prestige.

The city council could not have given this too much thought when they passed favor on it.

Frank Barber

Firm Opens Local Office

Orlo Johns and Harold Young have announced the opening of the firm of Johns-Young and Associates with offices at 3333 Grand River, Farmington.

The new firm provides the residences of the Farmington and greater Detroit area with a complete financial planning service which includes: estate, life insurance, mutual fund investments, and an Advisory Service for the use of these investment vehicles in tax exempt profit sharing, pension, and thrift plans for corporations as well as for partnerships and individuals under the new Keogh Bill which becomes law January 1, 1963.

MR. JOHNS has recently been appointed Branch Manager of Advisors Fund Management Corporation, a national securities firm representing the leading mutual funds and related investment securities. In addition Mr. Johns brings to the firm many years of experience in the field of life insurance.

Mr. Young contributes his years of experience in the casualty insurance field.

A complete Advisory Trust Service is available through the new firm.

The electronics in aircraft parking, which fire an average 3,100 times per minute at the cruising speed of a piston-engine airplane, are made of platinum.

MICHIGAN'S PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION

New St. Constitution Plans Sound Senate Apportionment

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series of articles prepared by a group of writers for the Michigan State Constitution. The purpose is to provide information and to stimulate discussion on the proposed new constitution. The views expressed are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent the views of the Farmington Enterprise. The deadline for letters is 1:00 p.m.)

The new constitution keeps the term of office of the house at two years; but that of the senate is increased to four beginning in 1965. Senators will be elected at the same time as the governor from single member districts. The number of senators is increased from the present 31 to 38.

The present senate districts, which reflect both population and area, were frozen into the constitution in 1962 and have remained on a rational basis other than history. The new constitution provides a logical way of considering both area and population, and of reapportioning the senate four times as heavily as area.

The percentage of the state's population in each county is multiplied by four and the result is added to the percentage of the state's land area in that county. The result is the number of "apportionment factors" possessed by that county. A county must have 13 or more factors to get its own senate seat. There are now five such counties: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, and Kent.

These five big counties comprise one "class" of county, and the smaller counties comprise another "class."

The total number of apportionment factors for the whole state is 1,000.

Made Director Of Editorial Dept. at WXYZ

WXYZ Radio and Television News Director, Dick Femmel, will become Editorial Director for the WXYZ Stations, it was announced by John F. Pival, President of WXYZ, Inc. and John O. Gilbert, Vice President and General Manager of WXYZ Radio.

Editorial Director for the WXYZ Stations, Mr. Femmel will head up a new department completely independent of the news department. His divisions: This will enable our stations to devote specific time and effort to editorial issues while continuing to serve the public interest in the areas of news reporting and community action programming," said Mr. Pival.

MR. FEMMEL CAME TO WXYZ in 1949 as radio news writer. In 1952, he was made news director for the WXYZ Stations, and since 1954 has appeared on daily WXYZ Television's news broadcasts. He recently moderated one of the news television debates between Michigan Governor John B. Swainson and Candidate George Romney.

As Bureau Chief for ABC News in Detroit, Femmel covered the Michigan area for the ABC Television Network's national election coverage. He has led many other important news items to the network.

A GRADUATE OF Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, Femmel is also a member of the faculty of Wayne State University where he has taught radio-television news writing for the past seven years. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the Radio-Television Correspondents' Association, the Radio-Television News Directors' Association and the Detroit Press Club.

Femmel, his wife, the former Phyllis G. Jones of Windsor, Canada, and daughter, Catherine, are living in Birmingham, Michigan.

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factors possessed by each class of counties will be figured. That class will be given the per cent of the total 38 senators to which its per cent of the total apportionment factors for the whole state entitles it.

For example, the big counties now have 67 percent of the total number of apportionment factors and will receive, as a class, 47 percent (18) of the senators. The smaller counties will then be grouped into districts "compact, convenient, and contiguous by land" and as nearly equal as possible in population. The 18 senators will be allocated among the big counties on the equal proportion formula.

The advantage of this system is that big counties will be competing among themselves for senators, and small counties among themselves. There will be no competition of big against little counties.

There are several reasons for considering area in the senate apportionment. Others in a two-house legislature, the two houses to act as a check and balance on each other.

Another is to keep senatorial districts in the upper part of the state to a manageable size. Michigan is about 350 miles long. Very large districts would make running for senator a very difficult and expensive job.

Also, a citizen who has to depend on senator living 200 miles from him, might with reason wonder whether the views of his part of the state were being adequately represented in the senate.

Out-St. Agents Outside the Law On Sweepstakes

Reports from prosecutors and from state agencies such as the Insurance Commission, indicate that an insurance company located outside Michigan and not authorized to do business here is soliciting Michigan residents to participate in a sweepstakes drawing which is described as offering winners the "opportunity of winning \$50,000."

Our law says that if they have not had an automobile accident within the past twelve months, they are eligible, of course, to participate in a sweepstakes drawing which is described as offering winners the "opportunity of winning \$50,000."

Such a seller is beyond the state line, and therefore is not easy for state law enforcement officers to reach. Your best protection, therefore, is to check with the Commissioner of Insurance to assure yourself that any outside insurance company you do business with meets the requirements for doing business in Michigan.

If you have received offers to purchase such "chance" in connection with an insurance contract, the Commissioner of Insurance or this office is interested in receiving information about such contracts.

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25 Yrs. in Farmington

At Home in Old Homestead

JACQUELINE DAVIS
GR. 4-1230

The deer hunters have been returning with various degrees of luck. Mr. Wadensoster of Drake Rd. proudly displayed his skill by bringing home a beautiful buck the day before Thanksgiving. They did not have venison for dinner, however, because Mr. Wadensoster had been one of the many people who won turkeys in the drawing in Farmington. Hers weighed 21 pounds.

Several weeks ago, Bob and Betty Bohme moved their family, Laurie, Craig, and Robbie, down 11 Mile Road into the home of Mrs. Floyd Sharpley, Betty's mother.

SHORTLY AFTER that, Howard and Ruth Short moved into the Bohme's former home at 26300 W. 11 Mile Rd. They and their youngsters, Janice, 16, and Gary, 12, have come to Old Homestead from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Shorts are from Cincinnati originally. Jan and Gary were both active in scouting prior to their move and want to continue in troops here. Jan has the doubtful distinction of being the only teenager in Old Homestead who is attending North Farmington High School. This is made somewhat difficult for her to meet with others in a group living in the subdivision.

Our sympathies are extended to Ken and Kay Humm and their daughters who were saddened this week by the death of Ken's brother-in-law, Marvin Kasenow.

Bob and Barbara Leidein's youngest son, Eric, reached the important age of one week ago Tuesday.

MARY ELLEN ORVIS blew out ten candles on her birthday cake last Friday with the help of Janie Wiedman, Lorrie and Susie Zerbe, and Vivian Vliet, Mary Kay Dale, Rita Marie Gibes, Susie Marsden, and Michele Berg, who lives in Westbrook. The girls also shared her birthday supper and enjoyed themselves with games to top off the party. Mary Ellen's birthday was actually on Sunday but early one enjoyed celebrating it with her.

The highlight of Johnny Davis' fourth birthday on Monday was to hear "D'wanna D' mention his name on the early morning show.

Lee North's mother just ended a three week visit with the Norths. Mrs. Lee North, Sr. is now staying with Lee's sister in Birmingham, Mich.

The Applesd's will meet on Saturday for the December Square Dance at the home of Don and Mariellen Greenery. As always please take your folding chair, plate, cup, and cover to lighten the load on the hostesses. The girls planning the goodies this time are Irene Barth, GR-4843 and Kay Humm, GR-4965. Please call one of them if you plan to join the dancers. All residents are

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Welcome to take part in the Square Dances, don't worry about being new to the calls and steps. Everyone has been a beginner at one time or another.

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Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

DECEMBER 4, 1947

School Election

A heavy vote, is expected in the special Farmington Township School District election to be held on Saturday, December 6, at the Farmington High School, Gymnasium Building. Based on the record number of newly-registered voters in the School District, and the increased interest exhibited by the public in past weeks, a record turnout for the election is anticipated.

Falcon Cagers

The Farmington High School basketball team will open its 1947-48 cage season against Wayne (High School) Tuesday evening, December 9, at 6:45 p.m. on the Wayne hardwoods.

Trojan Five

Clarecville (High School's) 1947-48 basketball team will journey to Walled Lake Friday evening, December 6, to open the season with the Viking Five.

License Plates

Michigan automobile license plates for 1948 are now on sale at the Farmington branch of the Secretary of State's office, according to an announcement made this week by branch manager Curt Hall.

Goodfellow Paper

The Annual Goodfellow Paper, sale has been set for next Saturday in Farmington. At that time the area businessmen will gather street corners throughout the downtown area and "peddle their papers" to raise funds so that no kiddieville will be without a Christmas. Organization.

10 Years Ago

DECEMBER 4, 1932

OK Fund Transfer

Tentative approval has been granted to the Farmington Township School District by the Municipal Finance Commission for the transfer of \$48,865 surplus in the 1948 Debt Retirement Fund to the present Building and Site Fund.

School Additions

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Re-Elected

Harvey Chapman has been re-elected president of the Farmington Little League Baseball Association.

5 Years Ago

DECEMBER 5, 1957

To Dedicate Hwy.

Friday, December 13, should be a lucky day for Farmington residents. It will mark the formal opening of the Farmington-Brighton Expressway. State and local officials are planning to join in the ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the new 17-mile divided highway.

Honored by JCs

A special gold plaque was presented to James Tagg by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce in appreciation and esteem for his fine leadership and promotion of civic activities. Tagg was instrumental in organizing the local Jaycee Club and served as its first president.

Industry Zone

A proposed industrial zone area as presented by the Township Planning Board did not pass the final vote of the Board at its meeting. Last week. The Town Board decided to strike off a portion of the industrial zone and turn it over to the planners for further study.

Shopping Center

The Farmington City Council approved the rezoning of property north of the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center and thereby paved the way for a shopping development in the southwest corner of Skoony and Shawneese Streets.

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