

On the Move - Let's Keep the Ball Rolling

Have you noticed recently the large number of new building and improvement projects going on and in various stages of completion throughout the community? We have, and we're liking more and more every day what we're seeing.

The city's new combination municipal and public safety department building is not taking shape above ground as yet but work is moving ahead and it should be a real fine addition to the community.

Landscaping and beautification work around the new Township Hall, another real community asset, is now getting underway and it will be another real beauty spot in Farmington soon.

Soon to be put under construction will be a large community hospital on a site directly to the rear of the Botsford Inn on Grand River. And this will be only the first unit of a much larger total hospital development plan.

In the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center we have the beautiful new First Farmington Savings and Loan building now opened for business and renting very lovely offices at this location.

Also relatively new in the Plaza area is the Farmington Professional Park with several doctors' offices and a modern pharmacy.

Coming back into the downtown business section you'll find Clappison and Conroy Insurance operating from a modern new building next door to Himmelspach's dining room and across the

street a little further west on the north side of Grand River some long needed changes are also beginning to take place. A new pizzeria has been opened in one of the vacant stores and extensive remodeling is going down to the long empty old Hutton building preparatory to the start of a new business activity there.

Swinging down Farmington Road just south of the public library you'll see two or three houses being torn down paving the way for the start of construction of a new modern Farmington Branch-National Bank of Detroit building. And across Farmington Road just a little further down one can't help but be impressed with the modern new First Federal Savings of Detroit building.

The new Chesley Industry plant on Eight Mile Road just a short distance east of Farmington Road, and the new Ekstrom Electric Company plant off Farmington Road at Nine Mile are also welcome new additions to the community which we need more of. We understand that there is a pretty good possibility of at least a couple of more coming in the very near future, too.

Oh yes, in case you haven't noticed, The Farmington Enterprise is also taking on a bright new look outside as well as in the office area.

Many other projects showing signs that we're becoming a really progressive, growing community are also taking place. We've still got a long way to go to make this a really ideal community but we're on the move and all we can say is "let's keep the ball rolling!"



Service Clubs Must Try to Fill Need

Now that the smoke has cleared from the election campaign of the first of the month and the majority of the voters of the Township have indicated they are not willing to pay even a little more in taxes for a year-around recreation program, we feel it is incumbent on the service clubs of the community to not only continue but broaden their efforts in the direction of recreational programs to pick up the slack.

We realize that it is easy to become disillusioned and discouraged when faced with such preponderant opposition to community recreation efforts as that demonstrated in defeat of the FARC millage proposal. But, much can be done on the part of individuals and groups who worked hard for its passage and there are still a lot in the community who would welcome more leisure time activity programs locally if they were provided.

We would urge all those who campaign and worked for creation of a year-around recreation program to channel their activities in the immediate

future to the perhaps less grandiose but nonetheless vital programs which each Farmington's service clubs sponsor. You'll be doing it in the interest of making this a better community in which to live.

Our community has a number of very fine service clubs and organizations whose efforts extend over a wide area of productive and beneficial projects. Each of these clubs, we're sure, would welcome new members who are civic minded and willing to work for community betterment.

In the Township alone there are 2,234 adult citizens, with by virtue of having their votes in favor of the FARC proposal, indicated they want and are willing to pay to provide a leisure-time local activities program. We are sure a very large number in the City also want such a program. Our hope is, therefore, that this will be a service club and organizations that a real need for recreational programs does exist and warrants their continued effort in this area of endeavor.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

APRIL 22, 1948

Roller Bank OK'd
The Farmington Township Board approved a request from the owners of a building on St. Francis Street in the southeast portion of the Township for the permit to erect skating recreation during the week, from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. and in addition, after the afternoon from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. It was the expressed hope of the Board the granting of the operating license would provide for needed recreational activities for children and young adults in this section of the Township.

Student Strike

A large number of Clarenceville High School students refused to attend classes Tuesday morning in protest to the dismissal of Lloyd Samuels, a coach and instructor whose contract was not renewed by the Clarenceville School Board on the basis of alleged non-cooperation and disaffection.

Palace Visits Opened

The Farmington High School baseball team opened their 1963 season with a convincing 6-3 victory over neighborhood rival, Clarenceville High. The Friday afternoon contest opened the schedules for both the Falcons and the Trojans. Fred McLean was the winning pitcher for Farmington.

10 Years Ago

APRIL 23, 1953

New Ordinances

A proposed ordinance prohibiting the removal of top soil and one setting up provisions for the care of culverts on private property were introduced at their regular meeting this week of the City Council.

5 Years Ago

APRIL 17, 1958

Record Budget

A record tentative operating budget was approved by the Farmington Township Board for the fiscal year ending at their Monday night meeting. The total operating budget figure has been set at \$2,890,214.25 which is nearly \$100,000 higher than last year's budget.

Good Citizenship

Dr. Joseph Gadawar received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Good Citizenship award along with a Citation for his efforts on behalf of the Harry Foster family, who lost their home in a fire this year which was caused by the fire of Dr. Gadawar's inspired leadership.

Building Declines

New home construction in Farmington Township declined nearly 31 percent over what it was in the first quarter of 1957 compared to the figures just released on building activity during the first three months of this year. A total of 63 new home permits were issued in the Township during the first quarter of 1958.

Re-Named Chairman

An unprecedented move, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors unanimously elected DeLoe Hamlin of Farmington

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Thinclads Ready

The first league competition between the Farmington and Brockton teams is slated for this afternoon as the Falcon thinclads travel to Van Dyke High for a meet.

Plan Birthday Party for Bill Broomfield

Over 400 people are expected to gather on Thursday, April 25, to honor Congressman William Broomfield (R-48) on his 51st birthday.

Sculpture Exhibit

Sculpture ranging from a 17 piece Christmas crib set to a 10 piece "The Birth of Christ" by Jolly Paton will be included in the April 20 to April 25 exhibit at Religious Sculpture at the University of Detroit.

Wood Creek Farms Village

ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA. 6-4333

WOOD CREEK FARMS s.h.

Charlie and Betty Brown left here March 16 and drove leisurely to Florida. They went first to Ft. Pierce where a retired aunt and uncle of Betty's now live. They stayed at a motel right on the ocean and visited with them a couple of days before going on to Pompano. Here they stayed ten days for another aunt and uncle, who retired in January, who have made their home here and they had numerous friends wintering nearby.

Next they drove across the state to Treasure Island. They had been there but a couple of days when a drove Art and Dr. Thurston with their three grand children. Last Wednesday they started home and they were in time for a party given at a restaurant.

MAC AND PAT TENNEY flew to New York City last week to attend a dinner held Thursday night in the new Hotel Americana at which Gov. Romney was the speaker.

The annual clean-up campaign will run this year from April 27 thru May 4, which is our regular rubbish pickup day.

Each resident is requested to clean up his own property and keep all burnable material separated from the non-burnable, and all put in a convenient place for pick up.

Trucks promised, but volunteer manpower is needed. Many hands make light work, so Eddie Gorden is hoping to have many more people help at Mt. A.

The burning of the trash - our wonderful yearly bonfire - will be at 4 p.m. May 4 at the corner of Valley and Village Glens. Everyone, including children, are invited. Refreshments will be served.

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In reply to his letter you cite the fact that the township officials are trying to do the best they can with the funds available. Isn't this the root of our problems?

In the past the township has kept most forms of industry out of farm by turning it into a "risky little game."

The adopted policy of bringing more industry into the township in order to collect extra revenue enabling us to supply our citizens with proper police protection.

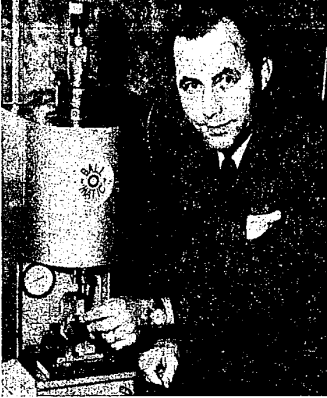
I am sure there are many legitimate arguments against heavy industry in Farmington but these would be best left to the people who are now organizing to bring more industry into the township.

Also, a high amount of money that the taxpayer made mention to, would be cut by the added police protection made possible by the added income to the township.

Sincerely,
David Hug

Farmington Cadet Rates Academically

Cadet John Quay of Farmington has been cited for his superior scholastic work during the past year. He is a member of the Military Academy Junior High School, Mexico.



GEORGE GAZAN, President of French Enterprises, Inc. in Farmington, was cited recently for the contribution his new machine, "Ball-O-Matic," promises to make in industry. The Farmington inventor and his new machine innovation featured on the McVey's WEEKLY newsstand recently following its debut at a manufacturer's exhibition in Detroit. The "Ball-O-Matic" has attracted international attention for its effectiveness in processing holes where close dimensional tolerances and superfine surface finishes are required.

Major Changes in Services Proposed by Michigan Bell

Telephone customers in this area will be asked to accept their choice of a series of alternative plans that would greatly expand their present calling privileges.

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Alameda Music And Art Depts. Stage Program

The parents of Alameda Elementary School recently enjoyed two performances presented by the combined music and art departments.

The primary grades presented their program Monday, April 8. High points of the concert were the first grade's "The Little White Duck," the second grade's "Bear Song" and "The Goat," the third grade's "Frozen Logger" and "Paul Bunyan."

PRIOR TO the lower elementary concert, the upper elementary students performed before a captive audience. The intention of the program was to show the achievements of the Fine Arts Curriculum.

The creative art and display from kindergarten through sixth grade was the result of the combined efforts of the children, the teachers, and art consultant, Mrs. Jean Scott.

Larry Freedman, the instrumental teacher, conducted the school orchestra in several selections.

Following the orchestra, the vocal music consultant, David Saari, directed each grade in a varied and interesting program. In addition, a select choir composed of students from the three grades sang five numbers, and to close the program, all of the students joined in singing, "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Tours in Alma College Band

William Hall son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hall, 34002 Skyview, will be touring with the Alma College Concert Band April 8 through 11.

Under the direction of Dr. Edward L. Kotick, the band will give up part of their spring vacation for a concert tour. Beginning with a concert Monday morning at Breckenridge, the band will continue a circuit of several Michigan high schools.

Other stops on the tour are Uicea, Livonia, Ypsilanti, New Haven, St. Clair Shores and Muskegon.

THIS IS THE FIRST time that the band has gone on tour, says Kotick. He also expressed the hope that it may become an annual tour.

Concerts will include music from some of the following selections: Bach's Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major, selections from Loewe's My Fair Lady, American Folk Rhapsody by Grundman, When the Saints go Marching In, and March from the "Love of Three Oranges" by Prokofiev.

Other appearances of the band scheduled for this year are concerts on Parents' Day May 5 and Commencement Day June 1.

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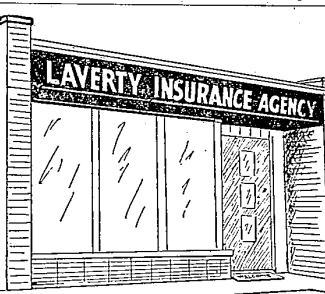
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Local Officer Is Tops in Army Exercise

2nd Lt. David M. Burke, son out of a possible 1000 in winning of Mrs. Myra Burke of 22402 Hayes in Farmington, was presented with a desk set by Brig. Gen. Royal Reynolds, Jr., assistant commandant of the Fort Benning Infantry School for winning the Military Skates Competition.

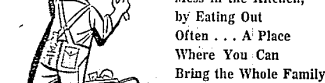
Lt. Burke scored 925 points. Save 10c but travel 10 miles ... where's the saving?



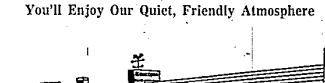
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