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DAVID EDWARDS, JR.

Newly Elected Fort Council TPA President

David Edwards, Jr., 2814 Parker, Farmington, is the newly elected president of the Fort Council, Telephone Pioneers of America.

A TPA repairman for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Edwards will be with the group within the chapter, the statewide organization.

THE TELEPHONE Pioneers of America is an international organization of 214,000 working and retired men and women who have spent 21 or more years in telephone work.

Edwards and other officers will be guiding the activities of more than 1,500 active and retired members in Michigan.

Plans for next year's operations will center on an expanded community service activities program.

Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to The Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of the newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Chance to Speak

To the Editor:

Sir: Thank you for publishing my letter of June 28, and for your reply in this week's issue of the Enterprise.

My quarrel was not with the entire story on the proposed Dump Operation, however, but with those specific statements quoted from the article, and the conclusion that I drew from reading those statements. Judging from the telephone calls and comments I have received in the last two days the point of my letter has been made, and the letter has apparently served its purpose. As a resident deeply concerned with this subject I appreciate the opportunity given, through your newspaper, to speak publicly on the matter.

Sincerely yours,
(Mr.) Thomas E. Coffield
3742 Carson Road

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
JULY 10, 1958

School Taxes
The issue being debated by the Farmington School District Board of Education now is whether citizens will be willing to stand a hike in the school tax to allow the District to maintain its present level of operational expenses. The board currently favors a 38-cent per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation.

Excursion Trip
The Farmington Area Summer Recreation Program this week sponsored a trip to the Detroit Zoo for children in the School District. All the kids needed to bring was a packed lunch and 20 cents for the show on the Zoo train. A "Chimp" ride was also included for the 20 cents.

ROAD BIDS
The Oakland County Road Commission will open the bidding on construction work for the proposed Farmington Road from Ten Mile to 12 Mile Road August 11.

Hire Experts
Two municipal government experts from Wayne State University were hired by action of the Farmington Township Board to conduct an impartial survey of the proposed Farmington Road from Ten Mile to 12 Mile Road.

Torah Is Given To Farmington District Library
The Farmington District Library was one of 177 libraries throughout Michigan, which recently received a copy of the Torah — the revised translation of the Five Books of Moses just published by the Jewish Publication Society of America.

The Torah, which according to Mrs. Mildred Droege is now ready for circulation, was given by William Hordas to the library in Detroit, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Mr. Hordas, for more than 40 years an active participant in Jewish movements here, has as his objectives; to be of service to his fellow men, to advance Jewish cultural activities and to assist in the upbuilding of Israel.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED this week from the Jerusalem office of the Keren Kayemeth, Jewish National Fund in which he is known as "Mister JNF" that a sports arena and a playground will be established in Israel in the names of Bella (his wife) and William Hordas. Also, Hordas' name is being inscribed through Hadassah on the Wall of Healing of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem.

Hordas came to the United States in 1914 and entered the insurance business in 1919. He and his wife have two sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren all of whom share his interest in Jewish movements.

Negauze has the largest underground iron mine in the world.

10 Years Ago
JULY 9, 1953

Heavy Traffic
The Fourth of July brought a steady stream of motorists pouring into the City along Grand River. Cars were blocked up at the traffic signal at Grand River and Farmington Road all the way east to Orchard Lake Road for much of the morning.

All-Star Team
The Farmington Little League All-Star Team this year consists of Dave Wood, Bob Uley, Bern Chaisson, Tom Grimshaw, Ed Fulton, Allen LeSage, Ross Byron, Chuck Thompson, Robert Hug, Harold Taylor, Charles Grenville John Clark, Fred Buessler, Cliff Simons and Harvey Chapman.

Street Bids
The City of Farmington is now receiving construction bids on curb and gutter work for a stretch of Oakland Avenue between Farmington Road and Grand River. It is the first step in a long range program of street improvement for the City.

Safe Weekend
There were no major accidents involving injuries to persons reported by either the Township or City Police Departments this week despite a record number of motorists who crowded through the community on main roads.

15 Years Ago
JULY 8, 1948

Home Delivery
A welcomed sight in the City of Farmington these days is the postman delivering mail to every home. The new postal service was put into effect on the first of July and also includes the Floral Park Subdivision.

Junior Legion Team
The Groves-Walker Post 348 America Legion team chalked up two victories in action this past week to hit the 500 mark for the season. The Junior Legion nine took the measure of Northville 8-3 on Wednesday and followed up with their third victory of the season on Sunday with a 10-3 trouncing of Southfield.

Wading Pool
The Farmington City Park wading pool was filled for the first time this year to allow area youngsters to take their first cool dip under the Farmington Area Summer Recreation program sponsorship.

Traffic Injuries
Six persons were injured in traffic accidents over the Fourth of July weekend in Farmington City and Township. Police reported the heaviest flow of traffic in recent years over the Fourth.

School Census
There is a total of 3,650 children up to 19 years of age in the Farmington Township School District according to the latest census figures.

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Time to Get All the Meters Removed

We can't help but feel that right now is the time that our city fathers should be giving some really serious thought to the elimination of all parking meters in the downtown business section.

There used to be a time not so many years ago when everybody carried pennies and nickels around in their pockets whenever they were going shopping or anywhere where they knew they were going to have to park in a business section. People made sure they had change in their pockets when they were going anywhere.

But the advent of shopping centers has changed all of this. A big selling point used wisely by stores in shopping centers has been "plenty of free parking." Many older communities have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to counter this shopping center advantage by providing free off-street parking.

Some semblance of this sort of move has been taken by the City of Farmington but the meter hasn't gone far enough.

We say all the meters should come out as soon as possible and for some very good reasons.

First of all it is our feeling that just the fact that meters are still in at some locations has an adverse effect on getting people to shop in these areas when they know they can go just a short distance further and park for free. Public attitude is strongly against spending money to park even though it may be only a penny or a nickel. They just plain don't like to be bothered anymore.

At the present time only about half the meters in the city seem to work and very frankly we don't think too much of

an effort is being put forth to keep them fixed up. Neither does it seem that many cars are getting ticketed for over parking at expired meters. We've noted a lot of cars parked at meters with the red flag showing in recent months.

We don't have an exact figure on how much the city is making off its meters but we are reasonably certain that when the time spent fooling around with them is taken into consideration, they're not proving to be much of a money maker. A few months back the city removed the meters that were in on Grand River Ave. from Farmington Road west and on Farmington Road from Grand River south to beyond State Street. Making first hand observations from our vantage point, we haven't seen any real adverse effects result and very frankly it has been beneficial to the business establishments along these stretches of the main roadway.

You never seem to see more than six or eight cars in the metered lot in the southwest quadrant downtown and some of these cars are parked at expired meters.

Taking the meters out and setting a one hour or two hour parking limit where meters now are may require a little extra foot patrolling by our policemen for awhile but we think we have a force large enough to do this.

After a short time we are reasonably certain even this wouldn't be necessary.

It sure isn't the answer to making downtown Farmington a buzzing business district but it would be another first step in the right direction, in our opinion.

A Real Addition to the Community

If you haven't yet been down to the new First Farmington Savings and Loan Association building east of Farmington Plaza Shopping Center to look over their modern banking facilities, you owe it to yourself to drop in and take a look very soon now.

In addition to the savings and loan facilities themselves there are also some really lovely office suites in the new building and nice areas for community meetings and other activities.

From the outside we don't feel there are many who would not agree with us when we say it's one of the most modern and beautiful buildings in this size classification not only in the Farmington area but in the entire Detroit metropolitan area.

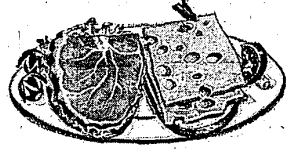
People like Arthur Primin, president of the board of directors and manager

of the savings and loan organization, recognize the great potential that our community has to offer progressive business people and are taking the right steps to serve our ever increasing population in the manner in which it should be served and with the proper kind of facilities for doing so.

Several other local business establishments have either constructed nice new buildings in recent years or done major remodeling work to their older buildings. There are many who must see the light and do the same in the near future but we can't help but be proud of the tremendous strides that have been made in the past few years.

We are really hopeful we'll be seeing a lot more of the same in the next three or four years.

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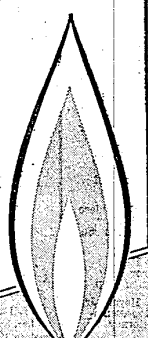
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threat to the eyesight of every person, both adults and children, who watch it directly. Children are particularly susceptible to vision damage. THERE IS NO SAFE WAY TO LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE ECLIPSE! Smoked glass, exposed photography film, and dark glasses are not sufficient protection for watching the eclipse. Many who have tried them in past eclipses have suffered eye injuries. DURING AN ECLIPSE, even though the dazzling visible rays of the sun are blocked, dangerous infra-red rays are nevertheless emitted. These rays, when focused on the eye, can cause harmful burns much the same as a magnifying glass can focus the sun's rays on a piece of paper and burn it. Because the retina is not sensitive to pain, the victim never realizes he has been harmed until too late.