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In Our Opinion . . .

Following Proper Procedure Important

Practically every week and sometimes several times in the same week we get calls or letters from people who want to discuss a particular matter in the community affecting them personally or their neighborhood.

We are interested in every problem in the community whether it affects a single family or a large section in the area. To the best of our ability, we try to help those seeking our assistance by directing them to the proper authorities who have jurisdiction over the area in which the problem they have falls.

It is somewhat of concern to us, however, that many of these people do not seem to want to put forth the effort to follow proper procedure in getting something done about their problem. Some seem to feel they can pour out their troubles to an individual government official at any time and place that is convenient to them and then complain to us because nothing is done. Still others don't even try to air their troubles to a responsible official first. They just call us directly and spout off their whole story with the feeling that we should immediately pick up the ball and do it alone in getting their problem solved for them.

Those who don't care to talk, often resort to a letter to the editor in which they briefly state their problem and then make a lot of charges and statements on the verge of libel without any substantiating evidence to back them up. Many don't even sign the letters.

The City Council, Farmington Township Board and School Board have all established procedures to be followed by individual citizens or groups who want to discuss a problem with officials at an official Board meeting. Generally this is that a request be made in writing

Not Adequate, But Better Than Most Have

Farmington may not have as good a public library system as most of us would like but it appears that we are a lot better off than the state as a whole.

Figures which we recently received revealed that over half of Michigan's population have no public library services at all. It is a claim which we find hard to believe but one which comes from a source we don't feel we can question.

That Farmington Township voters have seen fit to approve a special levy to support the public library system we have and that the City Council has found it possible to come up with a proportionate share out of its operating budget for the library each year is deserving of commendation.

Like local library officials, we still do not feel that our public library system is adequate. But, at least we do have an active group of local citizens working for a better public library system here. This is something which a majority of the communities in Michigan apparently do not have.

The State Library Board has been putting forth an all-out effort to get a greater share of the \$2.5 billion allocated annually for public services in Michigan. Hopes have been expressed that more

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 12, 1959

New School Site
A court battle has been going on over the Farmington School District's effort to secure a building site for a new high school to serve the north Farmington area. The school board authorized its attorney, Robert Kelly, to initiate action in Oakland County Circuit Court for condemnation of a 10-acre tract on the property between the north and south roads, east of Farmington Road. Owners of the approximately 40 acres of land sought by the School District have refused to negotiate a sale at any previously discussed price.

New School
A new grade school under construction in the Farmington School District is progressing rapidly toward completion in spite of the severe cold weather. Mostly interior work is all that remains to be done in the building which will be known as the Alameda Elementary School.

10 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 10, 1954

Debate Triumph
The Farmington High School debate team won all contests at the recent Lakes Conference Debate Tournament and earned the right to advance to the State District Elimination Debate Tournament. It marked the fifth consecutive year that the debate team has won the title. The team was led by Lloyd Smith, who has been named to the first team for the last three years in the league.

School Bond Issue
Voters of the Farmington School District will go to the polls soon to decide on approval of a \$1,750,000 bond issue to finance a new school building program in the District.

Possible Judgeship
Wendell Brown, Detroit attorney, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for the new Federal Judgeship in the Eastern Michigan District.

15 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 10, 1949

Final Tribute
Citizens of Farmington paid their final respects this week to Edward A. Knickerbocker, President of the Farmington State Bank, who died Thursday morning, February 3, in Detroit's Harper Hospital. He was 67 years old. Mr. Knickerbocker came to Farmington in 1931 as the Receiver for the Farmington State Savings Bank and was instrumental in the formation of the present Farmington State Bank in 1934.

Wing D.A.R. Award
Lore Leids has been chosen by her senior classmates and the faculty at Farmington High School to be the recipient of this year's A.D. Good Citizenship Award. The honor is bestowed each year on the most outstanding senior girl for her leadership, service, leadership and patriotism.

German Pupil Gives Opinions Of America

Unlike most exchange students, Almut Walker, exchange from West Germany, found very few differences in American and the American way of life from Germany and the German way of life.

Almut, who came to the United States on the Michigan Council of Churches program, states that the only thing that irritates her about Americans is that they are too complacent and they are rarely sincere in the things they say.

Though there are television in Germany, Almut's family doesn't have so. She believes that in the home of Joyce Ray, with whom Almut is staying, is a comparatively new experience. For her, and other visitors, it is a new experience, though she claims that television is "cray dumb."

In Germany the schools are a lot different from American schools. In Germany they teach practically everything. During a given week, Almut studies German, English, Latin, chemistry, physics, biology, math, history, religion, a gym. At Farmington she studies sociology, chemistry, English, American history, a gym.

But classes and teachers—unlike other exchange students—Almut says that the teacher in Germany has to decide whether the use of his own club

Karen Walker 'Co-ed' Writer

Karen Walker, 15, of 2105 Laurelwood, has been named "Co-ed" Correspondent for the 1963-64 school year, according to an announcement by Margaret Hauser, editor of Co-ed Magazine.

Miss Walker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Walker, is in the 9th grade at Farmington Jr. High School. She was elected correspondent by the combined ninth grade Home Economics classes.

Selected for her qualities of leadership and her enthusiasm for home economics, Miss Walker will serve as junior editor to the editors of "Co-ed," national magazine for teen-age girls, and will keep them informed of activities at Farmington Junior High School. There are more than 3,000 Co-ed Correspondents throughout the United States and Canada.

Presentation of a special Co-ed pin and card was made to Miss Walker last month by Miss Palmer, Home Economics teacher at Farmington Jr. High.



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NFHS Field Service Chapter Elects Officers

The North Farmington High School Chapter of the American Football Federation held their monthly meeting Wednesday, February 5, in the school library.

The following slate of officers was elected: Chapter President, Mrs. Conrad R. Lam; Vice-President, Wade Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Nickels; Secretary, Mrs. Richard Andridge; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Don Noble; Members for Homes and Student-Family Admissions, Mrs. Paul Lantz; Americans Abroad Chairman, Mrs. Rudolph Sell; Projects Chairman, Mrs. A. C. Carley; and School Advisor, Mrs. Ron Treubert.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4. Anyone in the North Farmington area who is interested in this while organization is cordially invited to attend.

Carol Schultz To Be on TV

Five-year old Carol Schultz of Farmington will be able to be seen Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8:30 a.m. on WXYZ-TV on the program Jr. Sports Club.

The program will feature young figure skaters and hockey players.

On January 27 the girl figure skaters, including Carol, were filmed on the Winter Wonderland Ice Rink with their teachers, Jane Leach, Eileen Leach, and Carol's mother, Mrs. J. A. Carley.

Carol, 5, was one of the players.

February 3, Carol and five other girls from WXYZ-TV to be interviewed. Among the girls were Maria Scharrnberg of Livonia and the two daughters of Mrs. DeWolfe, professional hockey star.

The desire of knowledge, like the thirst of water, increased ever with the years.

—Lawrence Sterne

Farmington Oaks

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The past week in Farmington Oaks is probably more notable for the lack of news than for any other time. Still, there are a few items.

Susanne and Jim Ebel have moved into their new home on Birchwood with their two daughters, Linda, four years old, and Jane, ten months old. They moved here from Birmingham, and we hope they enjoy Farmington as much as the rest of us do.

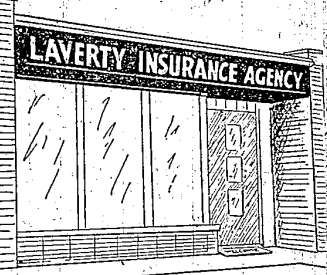
The CUB Scouts and Boy Scouts, both Troop 35 has a special service at the Methodist Church last Sunday. This church is their sponsor. Incidentally, the troop number of our Boy Scouts, which we have been reporting as No. 112 is really No. 118. Sorry.

There are some birthdays to celebrate. Dick Ruyne celebrated on the 10th. Sue Venen was four years old on the 12th. Tom Houser's birthday is today, and Tom and Annie will go out to dinner for the occasion if Vinnie works it right.

Nicky Abid and Bob Scherer were the representatives from Farmington Oaks among the musicians at the Music Festival last Saturday. They both play the drums.

Mr. I. Paul Tesorero of 33125 Maplenut in Farmington is the newly elected Treasurer of the International Institute, 111 East Kirby Avenue in Detroit.

Mr. Tesorero was elected with the new officers slate for 1964 at the International Institute's Board of Directors meeting held February 3. He is Assistant Cashier, International Department, with the National Bank of Detroit.



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Your familiar glass of beer is also a pleasant reminder that we live in a land of personal freedom—and that our right to enjoy beer and ale, if we so desire, is just one, but an important one, of those personal freedoms.



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Kappa Delta Alumnae To Meet February 17

The Northwest Suburban Alumnae Association of Kappa Delta will meet Monday, February 17, at 8:00 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Joan Dowe of Livonia. Mrs. John Reiber also of Livonia, will be the co-hostess.

Mrs. Michael Wicharak, of Detroit, will be the guest speaker for the evening. She will demonstrate the Ukrainian method of drying Easter eggs. All Kappa Delta Alumnae in the area are invited to attend. Contact Mrs. John Reiber 422-5592 for further information.



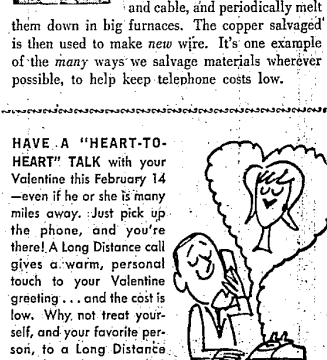
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