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## In Our Opinion . . .

### A Study That's Needed Right Now

The substantially accelerated rate at which requests are being made and approval is being given in the township for the re-zoning of more and more land to permit more and more apartment building and construction keeps cropping up as one of our real serious concerns for Farmington.

It's a concern we have expressed before but we can't help but feel that we must repeat our views. The township should be calling a halt to much more re-zoning of property for apartment building until it has had time to make a thorough study of the need for apartments in this general area, is not only now, but some 10 to 20 years hence.

We are fully aware of the fact that there is a sharply increasing trend in apartment construction. Presently to move into apartment developments. The luxurious type of apartments being built in many areas today surely couldn't be considered to be anything anyone should feel ashamed to say they live in.

But, we still can't help but feel that some definite master plan for apartment development is going to have to be worked out to assure the homeowners of our community that apartment

construction is not going to be allowed to go too far to permit community-wide deterioration of property values in years to come.

If, in the opinion of authorities, there is a need for, say, 2,000, 4,000 or even 6,000 apartments in Farmington when the community is totally developed then we feel that the governing boards should proceed to re-zone land at suitable locations throughout the community to permit this number of apartments to be built.

We are not opposed to apartment building living as a way of life. In fact, our attitude is presently that we'll be giving some very serious consideration ourselves to moving into an apartment unit when we get a little older and the family is all grown up and away from home.

A thorough study of apartment needs, both short and long range, is needed in Farmington Township right now. Our governing officials owe it to all who have and will in the future be investing substantial sums of money in property and homes in the township.

Such a study of apartment needs has been made by the City of Farmington and we feel that Farmington Township should follow suit immediately.

### A Number of Community Projects Needed

What makes a community tick and really function as a united community?

Well, it seems that just about everyone has their own opinions on this one but we can't help but feel that it's a number of community projects which have a lot of appeal to young and old alike and to all segments of people in a community.

This is why we were real pleased to see and be a part of the gala Sidewalk Sale staged in the Downtown Farmington business section last weekend which featured for the first time this year an attention-getting Ox Roast put on by the Farmington Elks Club.

These are the kinds of projects that get people out in big numbers and get them mixing and conversing with their friends and neighbors in a gala and friendly atmosphere.

It is our sincere belief that every community needs a goodly number of these kind of community projects going every year to really mold the community together.

Coming up later this month will be another community-wide project that we feel you will also want to turn your attention to. We're talking about the big combination chicken barbecue, band concert and all-star baseball game program being planned by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce at the City Park.

It sounds to us like it should be an afternoon and evening of real fun and interest for the whole family to enjoy and again allow everyone to get better

acquainted with their friends and neighbors.

We need some more annual community affairs of this kind in the years to come which will take in the whole community and get us all not only working together for the community more but also bringing everyone in the community more closely together.

We recall that some years back there was a real effort being put forth to raise funds for a community house in Farmington and a program called "A Day in the Country" was staged for two or three years during this time. All the service clubs and many subdivision groups and individual business establishments took part.

These days were a real big success and attracted a lot of interest, not only from the local area but also from surrounding areas. For what community benefit such programs might be started up again we really care not but we sure would like to see such a "Day in the Country" or festival type of program be reactivated again.

There has also been talk about trying to promote a Thanksgiving Day or late fall benefit rivalry football contest between Farmington High and North Farmington High teams. This is another community program or project that would be of real interest community-wide and one I feel we should try to develop into an annual Farmington event.

Got any other suggestions?

## Looking Back in the Files

**5 Years Ago**  
 AUGUST 6, 1959  
 Quilting Noises  
 What the city can or cannot do about the complaints of neighbors regarding the noise nuisance at the Quilting Maternity Home on Grand River Avenue awaits a decision from the Farmington City Attorney.

**Parking Plans**  
 A large area south of Grand River and east of Farmington road has been mapped for the proposed municipal parking lot. The area extends south to Orchard Street and east to Grove Street. Ingress and egress routes are planned on Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue.

**St. Mary Hospital**  
 The new St. Mary Hospital in Livonia which will service the Farmington area is expected to be completed by the end of the week. The hospital administrators announced this week.

**Building Permits**  
 The building permits issued by the City of Farmington amounted this summer to bring the total for the first seven months of 1959 to a record for the period of 178. The new housing development approach City of Farmington was begun here was a whole crop of 21 that recorded five years ago when Bel-Aire Subdivision was put under construction.

**10 Years Ago**  
 AUGUST 5, 1954  
 20 Per Cent Vote  
 Only 20 per cent of registered voters turned out for the primary election on Tuesday. In the township, a total of 1,062 votes were cast. There are 5,700 registered voters in the township which means 18.6 per cent voted in the Biennial Primary Election. In the city, 422 ballot votes were cast from a total of 2,701 registered voters or 24.1 per cent of those registered.

**Road Surfacing**  
 Work began this week on the re-surfacing of Orchard Lake Road from 11th Mile Road south to Grand River Avenue.

**Water Ban**  
 City officials announced this week that the water situation is continuing to improve, although not sufficiently to lift the restrictions on outside usage.

**New Water Mains**  
 Installation of the water mains for the new Bel-Aire subdivision was begun last week. Storm sewer lines also scheduled to be laid to service the new subdivision.

**15 Years Ago**  
 AUGUST 4, 1949  
 Traffic Fatality  
 Frank Roberts, 52, of 21300 Frank Street in Farmington was fatally injured Monday night when the car he was driving collided with another at the intersection of Nine Mile and Middlebelt roads in the township.

**Plan Gala Days**  
 The Groves-Walker Post 346 Gala Days program will be highlighted Sunday with the American Legion sponsored "pet and dolls" parade in which youngsters from throughout the community are expected to take part.

**Makes Fortune**  
 A small girl with the group from Farmington on the recent Bob-Lo Island excursion trip sponsored by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, borrowed a dime and tried her luck on one of the boat's one-armed bandits. The girl returned a few minutes later and repaid the dime she had borrowed, meanwhile trying to win some more. The girl checked for one of the machine's



Shown in front of the gateway which marks their campsite at the Sixth National Jamboree at Valley Forge are the following Boy Scouts from Farmington (left to right, front row): Brian Pollins, Brad Harper, Daniel Reickson, Michael Martin and Norman Anderson; and (left to right, back row): Randall Sirko, Kim DeCoursey, Eric Johnson, Kenneth Rickey, Norman DeCoursey, Terrence Tait and George DeCoursey, scoutmaster.

## Farmington Boy Scouts Report From Valley Forge Jamboree

(Editor's note: This is another series of articles on the National Boy Scout Jamboree, written by Farmington scouts Randy Sirko, Kim and Norman DeCoursey.)

The Sixth National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, became a reality for Friday, July 17, with the official flag-raising ceremony. The eleven Scouts and one adult leader from Farmington were eager participants in the Jamboree.

Setting up camp was an easy task thanks to our Pre-Jamboree training. Besides setting up the tents and dining files, each patrol had to build their own dining table.

**THE THEME** for the opening night campfire was "Profiles in Heritage" which was witnessed in the gigantic arena by 52,000 Scouts and thousands of spectators. Highlighting the evening was the President of Boy Scouts, Thomas A. Watson Jr., and Chief Scout Executive Joseph Burton Jr. who in turn introduced Lady Baden-Powell of England, whose late husband was the founder of the Boy Scouts.

In keeping with Jamboree tradition, the first meal consisted of turkey, peanut butter and sardine sandwiches. To accommodate the needy appetites of 52,000 Scouts, thirty-three miles of hot dogs, 181,000 hamburgers, and thirteen tons of steak will be consumed. Also, a flock of 25,000 dedicated chickens will sacrifice their lives to satisfy the hungry Jamboree participants.

**ACTIVITIES** OF the Jamboree consisted of things such as archery, 22 caliber shotgun, juggling, orienteering, conservation, hiking, physical fitness courses, and skill-arama events.

Each Scout had an opportunity to earn the Jamboree Adventure Award by participating in the many Scoutcraft activities. Many of the Farmington Scouts achieved this award.

Many celebrities were also on hand to entertain the Scouts at Regional campfires. Lorne (Pa) Green, Dan (Hoss) Blacker of "Bonanza," 52-year-old Anita Bryant, Recording Star Lanny Ross, Mt. Everest Climber James Whitaker, and Gemini Astronaut Edward White headed the celebrity list.

**HOT AND HEAVY** trading is a tradition of the Jamboree. Several large tents have been set up at various sites for "trading" of patches, neckerchiefs and neckerchief slides. The prime catch seems to be Region Slides which are well worth their value.

Boys with be boys and Ken Rickey is no exception. He met the sister of a fellow Scout in his patrol and every other word was Linda Harper. Good Luck Ken!

The final highlight of the Jamboree was the closing

Area Show. With the entire attendance on hand President Lyndon B. Johnson arrived by helicopter to the cheers of the 52,000 Scouts and thousands of onlookers.

**PRESIDENT JOHNSON**, Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America, received Scoutings Highest award, The Silver Buffalo for his work with Scouting and youth.

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### Driver Hurt in Twp. As Truck Overturns

Theodore Elliot, 57, of 15128 Wabash in Detroit was seriously injured Saturday, July 25, when the truck he was driving overturned at the intersection of Freedom and Orchard Township.

Elliot told Farmington Township Police the brakes on his truck failed when he approached the intersection heading east on Freedom and. He was pinned in the cab of the truck for more than 30 minutes until rescue workers were able to get him out of the wreckage. He was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

### Expert Deplores Lack of Park Area

At the Township Zoning Board meeting last Thursday evening Robert Dills, park planning consultant, presented plans for the preservation and beautification of land along both sides of a stream which runs through Canterbury Commons One and Two, subdivisions proposed by the Thompson-Brown Company.

Dills stated that he had been particularly pleased to have been asked to work on this project because he was glad to see someone setting aside at least a part of the land for park use.

He said that "open space" is fast disappearing, not only in other parts of the country, but also in Farmington. If something isn't done soon to set aside some land, one day there won't be a spot where people can take a quiet walk, enjoy a picnic, or sit under a tree, he predicted.

### Local Soldier Is Promoted

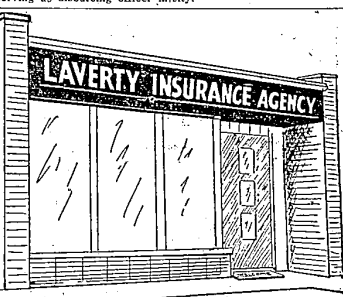
John G. Herd, 20, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick N. Colley, live at 21929 Middlebelt Road, Farmington, was promoted to specialist four July 20, while assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Tex.

**SPECIALIST HERD** is a mechanic in Company B, 2nd Battalion of the division's 68th Armor. He entered the Army in May 1962 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

The former Farmington High School student was employed by the Grand River Drive-in Theater before entering the Army.

### Philip Hargrave Now A Navy-Lieutenant

Navy Lieutenant junior grade, the supply department aboard Philip N. Hargrave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal L. Hargrave of USS Boxer, operating out of 3885 Orchard Lake Road, Norfolk, Va. Farmington, was promoted to Lt. Jg. Hargrave is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently serving as disbursing officer in Italy.



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