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In Our Opinion . . .

Charges of "Smear" Totally Unfounded

Charges of "smear" were made against The Farmington Enterprise in literature put out by George L. Westlund, one of the candidates for state senator in the new 14th district, just prior to last Tuesday's Primary Election. They hit us pretty hard and very much by surprise.

Not wanting to answer in the heat of anger or without giving the matter a lot of thought, we have held our feelings in abeyance until now.

If the fact that we did not endorse Westlund in our editorial of August 27 but chose to endorse another Farmingtonite, Fitzhugh Prescott, instead, is a "smear" then we must plead guilty.

What we said editorially about Westlund in our August 27 editorial was this: ". . . The other three Republican nomination hopefuls are Carl Wagenschutz of Livonia, George L. Westlund of Farmington Township and Paul A. Kerns, Jr., of Orchard Lake. None of these three men has demonstrated to us a sincere enough interest or a vigorous enough campaign to indicate they really want this important state office."

Again we say, if a statement of this kind is a "smear" we are guilty. But, very frankly, we can't see how such a statement could be misconstrued as a "smear."

Perhaps Westlund did campaign vigorously as he claimed he had and was the best qualified candidate, but it just wasn't made obvious enough to us to feel that we could endorse him.

It was further implied in Westlund's literature against The Enterprise that we were "trying to control an election." This also came as much of a surprise to us for we had never felt that just because a newspaper chose to endorse candidates in an editorial (the paper's opinion column) that it was trying to control an election.

We have been charged many times with being controlled by politicians in high local offices but never before with trying to control an election. The opinions we give in our editorials can't justly be considered an attempt to control or dictate to anyone.

We would like to re-affirm that The Enterprise is an independent paper controlled by no individual or group. Neither is it a paper which has ever been or ever will be naive enough to feel it can control an election nor does it ever want to. This control should always rest with the voting citizenry.

Any newspaper has the right to express its views on candidates and endorse whomever it wishes within the confines of its editorials. It is the space reserved for comments and opinions by the editorial staff and management of any good newspaper. We are sure that forward thinking voters and politicians alike recognize editorials by newspapers as just this. The voters still make their own decisions regardless of what any editorial writers might say.

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Getting A Lot of Undeserved Abuse

Our hats are off to the Township Zoning Board these days. While we may not agree with all of their decisions, we can't help but admire the manner in which they continue to serve the community in spite of the abuse and insults heaped upon them by self-centered citizens and self-interest groups.

At a recent meeting one of the board members made the statement, "Every time the board has a public meeting, it seems that it's the audience against the board."

This, unfortunately, seems to us to be true. We wonder if it is a lack of knowledge of planning and zoning that prompts this attitude. People just naturally seem to be against those things that they don't understand.

The Township Supervisor, members of the Zoning Board, and a group of interested citizens are to be commended for arranging a recent informational meeting on zoning and planning. More citizens need to be informed on these matters. More citizens should be interested in the structure and operation of the Township governing bodies.

People have appeared repeatedly before the board to say that they moved to Farmington because they liked it the way it was and they don't want anything changed. What they don't realize is that growth itself is change. When they moved into Farmington, they themselves changed the community. Every time a home or subdivision is built, a whole chain of changes is set in motion—water, sewers, schools, police protection, fire protection, community and business services, etc. A growing community cannot possibly "stay the same."

This is where the zoning board serves. It must direct the growth changes of the community through planning and study. We think that Farmington is fortunate to have so many years of experience and so much knowledge embodied in the Zoning and Planning Board that is working for them and their future.

In our opinion, the Zoning and Planning Board does a remarkable job of fulfilling its obligations to individual petitioners as well as to the present and future community. The board practically "bends over backwards" in allowing citizens to speak. The members sit and listen while well-meaning citizens make accusations of "collusion," "cut-and-dried" decisions, "conflict of interest," and all manner of insulting remarks.

Should a mere handful of citizens be attempting to influence the decisions of a board that works for the entire community? We think not. We think that the Township Zoning Board deserves the support of an interested and informed citizenry—citizens that are interested in the whole community, not just in their own property.

SUCCESSFUL PRIMARY candidates on the Democratic Ticket for the November 3 General Election were present at a rally held in the Democratic Headquarters in Farmington last Saturday, September 5. The candidates are (L to R): Aldo Vagnozzi, seeking election as Farmington Township Supervisor; Billie S. Farnum, Democrat for U.S. Congress from the new 19th Congressional District; Jim McCarthy, Democratic candidate for State Senator, 14th District; John Bain of Farmington, Democratic candidate for State Representative, 64th District; Stanley Dunn, Democratic candidate for Oakland County Drain Commissioner; and Ruel McPherson, Democratic candidate for Oakland County Sheriff.

This Is Kimberley

By JUDY BURNS

School bells are ringing again not only for Kimberley children but for teachers living in the subdivision. Teachers in Kimberley include Merlene and Dick Angelo, Doris Phillips, Rae McDade and Bob Clark, Clark, son of Eileen and Leigh LaChapelle of Greythorne, is Kimberley's latest contribution to the school room. Bob has just finished at Central College, and is teaching seventh and eighth grade math and science at Farmington Junior High.

Congratulations this week to Clacy and Polly Day of Westmeath, bursting buttons over Randall Seward, born on August 20, at St. Mary Hospital. Six pound, seven ounce Randall was welcomed home by his big sister Megan, 11, and big brothers Larry, 16, and Danny, 9.

VISITORS IN the subdivision of late include Debbie Barsch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoag of Elmhurst, Illinois, who spent a recent weekend here.

A distinctly Engliss air was lent the subdivision by Dee MacKenzie's cousin and his family, Bernard and Dorothy Williams and their daughter Joy, from Newport, England. The Williams family spent two weeks as houseguests of the MacKenzies, and during that time helped Dee and Gordon celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary.

Marion Tournaud's mother, Mrs. Pauline Sheridan of Hartford, Connecticut, has just returned home after spending a month in Kimberley. Earlier in the summer Marion and the children had driven to Connecticut for a family reunion and brought Mrs. Sheridan home with them on the return trip. Marion's sister, Pauline Hamill of Calgary, Canada, was also a houseguest at the Tournaud's this summer, spending two weeks here with her two children before continuing to Hartford for the reunion.

The recuperating roster includes Margareta Hansen of Fiddlers Green, home this week after an operation for a slipped disc at Ford Hospital, and Betty Kowalski of Westmeath, limping around with a broken big toe. Bud Olson of Pipers Lane is doing fine after his heart attack of August 11, and at this writing hoped to be able to continue his recuperating at home instead of in Elliott General as of September 5.

BIRTHDAY BESTS to Karen Kowalski, 16 on August 29. Karen celebrated with a party for some 30 teen-agers at her home on Aug 28. Ice cream and cake to Joyce Bower, not telling on August 30; to Mary Bagnall, 19 on September 1; to Margie Kwyer, 9 on September 2; to Bert Barsch, 4 on September 3; to Russell Proctor, 8, and Stephen Lord, 3, on September 4; to Kendall Bosworth, 4 on September 5; to Ralph Kimbrough, Phyllis Sutton, and Omar Castaneda, 9, on September 6; to Doreen Tookey, not telling on September 7; to Donald Gully, 2 on September 8; to Betty Hawthorne, Joe Tombardi, Debra Roth, 2, and Susan Ehlers, 8, on September 10; to Doug Byers, 20 on September 11; to Marjorie Bey and Walter Frontczak on September 12; and to Cheryl Smith, 9 on September 13.

The welcome mat is out this week for two new Kimberley families. Al and Irene Koteles have moved into the home on Pipers Lane formerly owned by the Durkin family. The Koteles children are Fran, 22, an RN at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Steve, 14, Christine, 13, and Marianne, 10. Irene's mother, Mrs. Mary Brown, also makes her home with the family. Both Irene and Al are natives of Flint, Michigan, but spent many years in Livonia prior to moving to Kimberley. Al is a chemical engineer with American Motors.

Welcome, too, to Ron and Rita Lord, new neighbors in the Westmeath home formerly owned by the Elias family. The Lords moved here from Detroit with Stephen, 3; Michael, 2, and their brand-new son David, born on July 11 at New Grace. Ron is a manufacturer's representative for the G. A. Abbott Company, and is a native Detroiter, while Rita is originally from Washington, D.C. The Lords are both avid bridge fans and are looking forward to some card-table camaraderie in Kimberley.

THE "LITTLEST Fair in Town" was held on the afternoon of August 24 in the backyard of the Barry home on Kiltartan. A delight for all the neighborhood small-fry, the fair included games, raffles, prizes, popcorn and kool-aid, all with penny-price tags. Paula Barry, 11, engineered the entire project, and received able assistance from her sister Sandy, 16, and several other girls. The enterprising young ladies made and delivered the invitations to the fair.

A number of Kimberley gals will bowl this year on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at Country Lanes. Five Kimberley teams are prepared to begin competition on September 10 in the 12 team house leagues, but the subdivision list is sorely in need of additional names. Betty Kowalski, 474-1918, would like to hear from you if you're interested in subbing in this league.

Beechview Swim Club held their Intra-Club meet on Saturday, August 29, with blue ribbons awarded to the following: for the family relay, the Acostas of Barwell; for the 14 and under mixed relay, the team of Colleen Kowalski, Lynn Smith, Ron Flutur, and Neil Bolf; for girls 16 and under, 1 width, Carolyn Such; for boys, Greg Young; for girls 7 and 8, 1 width, Tona Lanee; for boys, Paul Bey; for girls 9 and 10, 1 length free-style, Ann Flakne; for boys, Jim Heinzen; for girls 11 and 12, 1 length free-style, Carolyn Sevin; for boys, Drew Fezzey; for girls 13 and 14, 2 lengths free-style, Colleen Kowalski; for boys, Rod May; for girls 15 and 16, 2 lengths free-style, Jan Witmer; for boys, Brian MacKenzie; for boys 17 to 19, 2 lengths free-style, Randy Hernandez; for girls 11 and 12, 1 length backstroke, Sue Flakne; for boys, David Carroll; for girls 13 and 14, 1 length backstroke, Lynn Smith; for boys, Ron Flutur; for boys 15 and 16, 2 lengths backstroke, Brian MacKenzie; for boys 13 and 14, 1 length breast-stroke, Bruce Longfield; for girls, Lynn Smith; for girls 15 and 16, 1 length breast-stroke, Jan Witmer; for boys, Pete Sevin; for the men's relay, the team of Hendries, Hernandez, Wheeler and Hurtoon; for the mixed free relay, 10 and under, the team of Ann Flakne, Nancy Such, Ken Smith and Tom Wheeler; for adult female, 1 length free-style, Claire Such; and for adult male, 1 length free-style, Dick Flakne.

Congratulations to John Kelsey of Pipers Lane, recently promoted to executive assistant to the group vice-president in the automotive manufacturing division of Chrysler. John has been with Chrysler for 8 years, and before his new appointment was manager of product planning.

If you want to be original, be yourself. God never made two people exactly alike.

Twin Valley Views

HELEN CAMPBELL
474-3782

August 23 we saw several Farmington artists at the Farmington High School parking lot with their paintings on display. Twin Valley was honored to have Mrs. Irene Szczeniowski of St. Mary Court showing her paintings including "Study in Blue" and "Bird in a Cage."

City Manager and Mrs. John Dinan of St. Mary Court have returned from ten days in New York with their four children Dennie, Cindy, Kathy and John. The New York World's Fair was a highlight of their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle of Elizabeth Court and their children Mike, Susan, Kathy, Peggy, Tom, Bryan, and Sammy are back from a few days at East Tawas, Michigan.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK Bednarczyk and their three daughters Monica, Anita, and Rita of Elizabeth Court are home again after spending a week at a resort area near Caseville, Michigan.

Miss Carol Ann Rossow of St. Mary Court and three girl friends left Farmington on Monday, August 24, by car headed for New York City. They saw the World's Fair and toured the big city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schulze and Mr. and Mrs. John Watzke, both of St. Mary Court, have returned home from a beautiful week's vacation. Both couples took the Paul Henry Saguenay Cruise up the St. Lawrence River with stop-offs at Montreal and Quebec.

MRS. EMMA CAMPBELL from Albany, Indiana, is here visiting her son and his family, the Carl Campbell's of St. Mary Court. Her younger son, James, and his wife, Linda, from Redkey, Indiana, joined her here to spend the holiday.

Mrs. Alexander DeMay and her daughter Mrs. Charles Rossow of St. Mary Court wish to express their thanks for the many kindnesses shown them by their neighbors in Twin Valley at the time of the death of Mrs. Rossow's father, Mr. DeMay.

Robert E. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of 22660 Middlebelt Road in Farmington, will attend Concordia Lutheran College at Ann Arbor this fall. He is a June graduate of Lutheran West High School and plans to become a minister in Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. He also attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 10, 1959

Shopping Center

Farmington's newest shopping center has opened for business at the corner of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Township. The new Westbrooke Shopping Center is on the southwest corner of the intersection. It is indicated that A & P will build a store near the center in the near future.

Adult Education

A variety of adult education courses are being offered to residents in the Farmington area this year. A total of ten classes are planned, ranging from beginning square dance lessons to a class in stocks and bonds.

Quiet Labor Day

Once again this summer a long holiday weekend brought no traffic tragedies to the community of Farmington.

Fred L. Cook Dies

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Fred L. Cook, 87, a lifelong Farmington resident and businessman for nearly 50 years prior to his retirement.

10 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 9, 1954

Holiday Traffic

The Labor Day weekend ended tragically for some who ventured out onto Farmington area roads as Farmington Township Police reported one person killed and seven others injured seriously in traffic accidents which occurred

To Drill Wells

The City of Farmington will begin the drilling of test wells on City-owned land in an attempt to find an added source of water for the City's hard-pressed water supply requirements in the hot and dry summer months.

Trees Condemned

The State Conservation Department has condemned 33 elm trees in and around the City of Farmington. The trees are tagged and must be removed at the expense of the property owner.

Football Fortunes

Farmington High School senior Jerry Rice will quarterback the Falcons this fall in their bid to recover from last year's miserable gridiron showing when FHS only managed a 0-7-1 record.

15 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 8, 1949

High Sunflower

A sunflower in the back yard of the Max Hulett residence on Shiawassee Avenue is probably the highest sunflower in the nation, or if not that, surely the only sunflower boasting an elm tree as a dependent. The Hulletts, who raise sunflower seeds to feed the birds, explained that a bird probably carried a seed to the empty branch socket in the elm where it took root and with a little aid soon flourished. Some 15 feet up in the tree, the sunflower is watered with a garden hose and now has grown an additional nine feet, higher up the tree.

Falcon Gridders

The Farmington High School football team will open its eight-game 1949 season with a game September 16 on the Falcon gridiron against Plymouth's eleven.

Our Lady of Sorrows

The Our Lady of Sorrows School will open September 8 when the Farmington Public Schools open for fall classes. OLS School officials expect an enrollment of some 400 students.

Forest Park News

ARLENE WOLFMAN
GR. 6-1154

Don't forget the General Membership meeting tonight (Thursday, September 10) at 8 p.m. at the pool. There are many things to discuss and you are urged to be present so that your thoughts, views and opinions may be voiced in connection with matters relating to the welfare of the subdivision.

With the pool's closing, an expression of thanks is in order for those who contributed so much to the summer enjoyment of the members. Thanks go to Barry Swiss, pool director, and Miss Nancy Dozier, his assistant; to Bob Allen, chairman of the pool committee; and all his able and hard-working committee men (and women); to Grace Holappa for her help with the Aqua Antics; to Murph Freeman, for his knowledge, time and efforts in keeping things in working order throughout the season; to Joe Phillips, Dan Stewart, Greg Zuchowski and Jim Soltis, for their competency in running the concession stand; and to Dale Diehl and John Dembecki for their general assistance in and around the pool.

George and Jeanette Greiner of Ontaga had their trip to Chicago cut short by the news of the ill health of Jeanette's father. Mr. McDonald passed away after a short stay in Providence Hospital. George Greiner, President of the River Rouge Federation of Teachers, was attending the A.F.T. convention in Chicago at the time.

MARGE KEUPING and daughters, Brenda and Linda, flew to New York for a two-week visit with her family, taking in the New York World's Fair. Brenda, 7, was most impressed with the Pepsi-Cola and Coca-Cola exhibits, while Linda, almost 5, liked the fountain best.

School is back in session and many a mother wiped a tear from her eyes while sending her kindergartener off to school for the first time. Some of the youngsters in the subdivision embarking for school for the first time as kindergarteners are Laura Anselmi, John Brady, Elissa Avrin, Robert Cleary, Mark Amboyan, Michelle Desser, Ruthie Bone, Pat Cook, Margaret Rodewig, Mary Pat Barth, Chuckie Williams, Mike Beck, Kathy Bishop, Greg Hampton, Mike Turner, Suzanne Mason, Teresa Brady, Larry Sovel, Marilyn Millman, Lynn Olivito, Damian Crudele, Jimmy Kopins, Mark Patterson, Cindy Berardi, Jeff Feldstein, Patricia Schmidt, Jill Allen, Paul Basal, Allan Ash, Danny Fine, Linda Keuping and Carol Wolfman.

SANDY WEISS' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swartzbeck, and brother Jay, of Peoria, Illinois, spent two days visiting with the family, and then joined Sandy, Jerry and the Weiss children, Jerry Lee, Buttons and Diane, on a motor trip (in two cars) to Niagara Falls, where they all enjoyed a ride on the Maid of the Mist.

On the mend are Chuck Kin, 12, who, while building a tree house, fell and ripped his left leg on a nail, requiring 14 stitches; his sister, Sandy, who burned her hand, leaving a scar, when her steam iron "erupted"; and twelve-year-old Jim Heumann who hit the board while diving and wound up with a mighty bruised and swollen face and two stitches on his forehead.

Carol and Jerry Freedman of Tredwell returned from a pleasant weekend at the Elmwood Casino Motel in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, which they spent with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gabrrman. Mr. Gaberman is an attorney for Marathon Oil.

Jack and Jane Oslund gave a party for friends and neighbors at the home of Jack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Oslund, who are the possessors of a 20 x 40 foot built-in swimming pool. There were ten couples, including the following residents of the subdivision: Bill and Marja Hoeft, Cora and Joe Zuchowski, Fran and Ernie Ash, Pink and Joe Phillips and Jan and Norm Kish.

OUR BIRTHDAY BOOK is more complete at this time and we hope not to miss too many in the months to come. By way of catching up, here's a "few" noted during August: Paul Rickey, 11, and Greg Zuchowski, 15, on August 4; Howi Brady, 7, on the 6th; Laura Mason, 8, and Dawn Jaggers, 9, on the 8th; John Dembecki, 15, on the 12th; LaRee Hawley, 4, and Augie Oliveri, 8, on the 13th; Mary Ann Collins, 3, on the 17th; Teresa Bradbury, 5, David Kral, 7, and Larry Sovel, 5, on the 20th; Leslie Strang, 3, on the 22nd; Bill Burry, 17, and Ronnie Mason, 8, on the 25th; Shelly Bishop, 3, on the 25th; Marilyn Millman, 5, on the 27th; Edmond Hagopian, 3, and Lynn Oliveto, 5, on the 28th; and Rickie Poblenz, on the 30th.

And, into September: Birthday greetings to Grace Oliveri, 11, on the 1st; Chris Hampton, 4, and Jimmy Phillips, 10, on the 2nd; Ken, Rickey, 15, on the 5th; Sandra Esveld, 13, on the 7th; Richie Freedman, 6, on the 8th; Damian Crudele, 5, Chuck Negohosian, 14, and Jeff Oslund, 6, on the 10th.

There are still some openings for couples (and a few singles) in the Forest Park Bowling League which is scheduled to start Sunday, September 20. Please call Bob Douglas at GR. 6-3199 and arrange to spend every other Sunday evening bowling with your neighbors at Farmington Lanes.

Our Fall Dance will be a costume affair on Friday, November 6. Mark your calendars and don't make any other plans for that evening. More about the dance later.

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—Sappho

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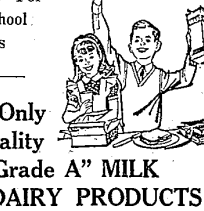

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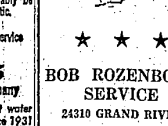

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