

In Our Opinion . . .

Ambulance Service An Area Problem

Perhaps a joint project such as this isn't feasible but we would sure feel that it should be explored thoroughly.

As we pointed out editorially recently, the problem of rubbish and garbage disposal is one that is not only becoming more and more acute in Farmington City and Township but in surrounding communities as well. Here again a joint effort by four or five neighboring communities might well make it possible to set up a good disposal plant to serve all the communities adequately. It is at least worth very serious consideration, in our opinion.

There are some areas of operation and development where neighboring communities must remain competitive with each other but we don't feel that this means that adjoining communities can still not work together in solving their common problems when it is the best interest of all communities concerned to join forces.

There are some areas of operation where it is a very distinct advantage for each community to "go it alone" and in these areas every community should do just that.

We have always been strong advocates of each and every community retaining its own personal identity and always will be but we still don't feel this makes it necessary to ignore the advantages of joint and combined efforts when it can definitely be proven that there are real benefits to be derived.

There are numerous different ways in which neighboring communities might very possibly be able to solve their mutual problems if they could only be drawn together to discuss and work on joint solutions.

At the week's regular Township Board meeting the problem of being able to retain competent ambulance services for the Township community came in for rather lengthy discussion. All indications are that the township may very likely have to assure the present ambulance company serving the township a larger amount of money if they want to continue to have them available for emergency service runs.

If our memory serves us correctly we also recall having read in the recent past about problems with adequate emergency ambulance services being experienced by a couple of neighboring communities.

It would be our feeling that there might be some real merit in four or five adjoining communities joining together to engage one good ambulance company to serve all the communities with emergency services rather than each going out and trying to engage different companies to serve their individual communities. An arrangement of paying for these services, as required over and above what is collected from those actually using the service, might be worked out on either a per-capita or per-call percentage basis.

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An Impressive Development Taking Shape

Our work duties from week to week require several trips out Old Grand River Avenue to the western boundary of Farmington Township and beyond.

With each passing of the Independence Green apartment and country club development on Grand River Avenue at Halstead Road in recent weeks we have been more and more impressed with the beauty that this development adds in this area of the township.

Last week we had an opportunity to inspect the interior of the apartment house units themselves and to go through the first building to be completed in the club house complex called for as a part of this very large total community apartment development that is planned. The furnishings and facilities on each of the three floors of the first club house building to be completed impressed us even more than the fine general appearance of the exterior view only that we had enjoyed prior to this time.

We just can't see how those who were prone to label this the "beginnings of another Herman Gardens development" or "a development that would prove a detriment to the area and the township" when the battle over re-zoning this parcel to permit the proposed

development was going on could justify such statements as these now.

An invitation is now being extended to the general public of the community to visit the Independence Green club house and apartment development and we sincerely hope that as many as possible will make it a point to get out and see this fine addition to the community. We are certain that you will be equally as impressed with what you see as we were.

While you are out in that area it might also be worth your while to swing over into the area between Halstead and Hagerty Road a short distance further to the south and take a look at the fine new industrial plants that have gone up in the township's industrial park area.

It is these kind of developments that will be a big help in improving our exceptionally low community tax base and each and every citizen of the community should be extremely interested in seeing this end accomplished. It's the industrial plants and apartment buildings with no children as well as good new community commercial buildings that help bring community taxes down and not more and more single family homes in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 price range, you know.

YMCA Announces Adult Ed. Classes For New Term

Another series of Informal Education Classes is being offered by the Farmington Area YMCA beginning the week of January 17. The following classes are being offered:

Classes In Creative Living
BEGINNING PAINTING
Thursday 10-12 noon
Instructor: Marvin Beerbohm
10 weeks, 20 hours of instruction
Basic drawing, color, and design experience and working in several media stressing oil painting.
\$12.50 (Y Members \$7.50)

BEGINNING SEWING
Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Irene MacKinnon
8 weeks, 16 hours of instruction
Basic fundamentals of cutting, laying out a pattern, fitting and dress making.
\$16.00 (Y Member \$10.00)

CREATIVE SEWING
Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Irene MacKinnon
10 weeks, 20 hours of instruction
Learn more advanced type of sewing and basic skill required.
\$18.50 (Y Members \$12.50)

FURCRAFT
Tuesday 12:30-3 p.m.
Instructor: Helen Hunter
8 weeks, 20 hours of instruction
Used pieces of fur can be transformed into a new cape, stole, or accessories, includes fur care and design.
\$18.50 (Y Members \$12.50)

GRADE SCHOOL SEWING
Monday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Instructor: Irene MacKinnon
6 weeks, 9 hours of instruction
Introduction to basic sewing skills, making 2 or 3 items to wear.
\$12.50 (Y Members \$7.50)

SKIING
Saturdays 1-4 p.m.
Begins January 15
Instructor: Mt. Brighton Ski Area
5 weeks, 10 hours of instruction
Group instruction in basic skiing skills and use of tow lines, and skiing safety.
\$45.00 per family (Y Members \$30.00)
\$18.50 per individual (Y Members \$12.50)

TEEN AUTO DRIVING
Tuesday and Thursday 6-8 p.m.
Instructor: Abe Wein
7½ weeks, 30 classroom hours, 12 observation hours, 6 driving hours.

15, 16, 17 year olds will be taught by certified instructors.
\$54.00 (Y Members \$49.00)
Classes are also available in: Bridge Instruction, Interior Design, Understanding Insurance, New Math, Income Tax Clinic, Yoga, Adult Judo, Women's Self Defense, and Great Decisions.

Call the Farmington Area YMCA at 474-3232 for further information on any of these classes.

SPECIAL NOTE
1. Pre Registration is a must, classes are limited. Mail or bring the attached blank to the YMCA. Classes will operate only if there is sufficient enrollment.
2. All classes begin the week of January 17 unless otherwise specified.
3. Nursery care will be provided for the classes at the YMCA. A fee of \$1 per family per week will be charged for this service. A highly qualified person who has had nursery school experience will work with the children in a meaning-

ful program.
4. A YMCA Membership has been included in the course fee except where the Y Member fee is shown. This is an annual membership in the Farmington Area YMCA.

YMCA REGISTRATION BLANK

MAIL TODAY TO: YMCA, BOX 334 - Farmington

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Newsboy of Week

The Farmington Enterprise Newspaper Carrier of the Week is 14-year-old Richard Misiak son of Mr. and Mrs. Calsmer Misiak of 32314 Loomis Road in Bel-Aire Subdivision.

A ninth grade at Farmington Junior High School, Richard Misiak delivers the Farmington Enterprise to customers on Leaside, Marlehead, Beacon, Folkestone and Ten Mile roads.

RICHARD'S HOBBIES include coin collecting, woodworking and chess. His favorite sports are football, volleyball and baseball.

What Richard likes to do best

in his leisure time is play the violin and his guitars. He also enjoys taking bike hikes and playing with the family dog, a German Shepherd.

The Misiak family has made their home in Farmington for the past 11 years. Richard's ambition is to someday be a lawyer. He might work his way through college as a musician.

Receives Degree At Mich. Tech.

David M. Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman A. Bush, 21544 Randall, Farmington, received a Bachelor of Science degree in metallurgical engineering at Michigan Technological University's first December commencement on December 18.

At Tech, Bush was a member of the American Society for Metals, vice president of the Society of American Military Engineers, a reporter for the university paper, the LODGE, and a member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers. He also won the Presbyterian Church Service Award for 1965.

After graduation, Bush plans to work for U.S. Steel in Gary, Indiana, until April when he begins active duty with the U.S. Army as an officer.



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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

JANUARY 5, 1961
Village President
Alger Clark, President of the Wood Creek Village Council since the Village's incorporation four years ago, announced he would not seek re-election this March.

New High School
Construction of the new North Farmington High School is moving ahead rapidly. The new school is expected to be ready for the opening of classes this fall.

Twp. Hunting
Farmington Township Police arrested two Detroit men for hunting in the Township which is closed to hunting. Another group of three men were arrested for road hunting which is illegal anywhere in Michigan.

Twp. Election
A total of six candidates have filed nominating petitions and will seek election to two available Trusteeships on the Farmington Township Board to be decided this spring.

10 Years Ago

JANUARY 5, 1956
Emory O. Hatton Dies
A life-long resident, Emory O. Hatton died at the age of 70. He had been a businessman for the past 36 years operating the Hatton's Hardware Store and had also served at various times during that period on the Farmington City Commission.

New Police Officer
The third Farmington Township Police officer, John Polder, was sworn into service.

Heads Businessmen
Norman Lawton was elected President of the Farmington business and professional men's Exchange Club.

Lighting Contest
In the Christmas Lighting contest conducted over the holidays by the Farmington Jaycees, Harry Pricer, of Warner Farms took first place with Ivan Hulet of 23020 Manning earning Honorable Mention. Other winners were Glen McGill and Anthony Fletcher.

15 Years Ago

JANUARY 4, 1951
City Election
Tracy Conroy led the field of 15 candidates vying for seats on the Farmington City Charter Commission in balloting this Monday. Nine candidates were elected to the Commission whose job it will be to revise the Charter for the City.

New Hockey Rink
The newly constructed hockey rink on the Farmington City skating pond drew many youngsters into the sport over the holidays just past. There were only brief moments when teams were not contesting for the puck on the new rink.

Falcons Bow
The Farmington High School basketball team bowed to power, River Rouge, 45-37, on the Falcon hardwoods. The visitors had to come from behind in the closing minutes of play to defeat the stubborn Falcons. Jim Bates was high scorer for Farmington.

Holiday Fires
Farmington's volunteer firemen were routed out of bed three times during the New Year's weekend to fight blazes in Farmington Township.

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