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In the True Spirit



Farmington

Rolls Out Welcome Mat

People do a great deal of talking about self help and the responsibility of the local community to do things. Most of the time this is more talk than action.

For this reason The Observer takes pride in recognizing the efforts of the Greater Farmington Board of Commerce.

A parade, a beauty queen contest, a beard growing contest, games, dances, band concerts, an art show, all kinds of special meals and all kinds of merchants' bargains will be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Farmington.

While the event is only two years old—the Board of Commerce isn't much older, having been organized only four years ago. To take on such an event at such an early age takes fortitude.

We especially like the theme of this year's Festival "Farmington Honors Its

Own." A total of 12 residents of the community and one of local athletes will be honored for achievement in a variety of fields.

Last year the community honored its Founders.

In the bustle of day to day life it is easy to forget the things that are really true in communities such as Farmington where there are two different units of government—the Township and the City.

The Board of Commerce doesn't want and now the rest is up to the residents of the community and the area.

Even though the Farmington Founders Festival is designed for the Farmington community, people from throughout the area are welcome. Farmington is friendly to you, so won't you find the outfit for yourself, whether you have lived in Farmington for years, have just moved in or reside in one of the neighboring areas?

SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Camp Is All Around You

(Karla Davis is from Plymouth, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Herbold. She is also the Editor of the Winnetka Talk, a paper of the Hollister Newspaper chain. Karla is a former employee of The Observer Newspapers.)

If you think "camp" is a term describing a place with a tent for Scouts and Boy Scouts, Daddy, your age is showing.

Camp is the latest word to describe the latest. Among the younger generation, that is. It has filtered down to Chicago and the North Shore from the jet set discotheques, and what it means is: something so far out that it's in. Got it? No? Well, we'll try to explain it.

Batman comics are camp for adults, but

Right to Know

Access to information is absolutely essential to maintaining an effective, democratic type of government.

Everyone, therefore, should be delighted with a new federal law which says citizens will have the right to see records of every government transaction. If any federal agency disputes this privilege the aggrieved individual may take his cause to the U.S. District Courts.

But this is the rub! Each of us cannot go running to the courts for a writ of mandamus every time he wants some information. Nor do we want to.

The actual secret to obtaining information is for citizens to build a bridge of understanding with public officials from whom they would like to obtain records.

Experience has shown that this is a never-ending job on the part of each. Public officials, in many instances, feel that release of certain records is not in the public interest because the public does not have all the pertinent facts and background and is, therefore, not capable of sound judgment.

However, in many cases, the reason the public is not well versed because information has been withheld all along. This is why newspapers, run by citizens for citizens, become perturbed when writers cannot see records which they feel they should see to bring a complete and accurate account of some event.

Michigan's law stipulates that any officer having the custody of any county, city or township records must "furnish proper and reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of the records and files in his office and for making memoranda of transcripts therefrom during the usual business hours, which shall not be less than four hours per day, to any person having occasion to make examination of them for any lawful purpose."

Attorney Stratton S. Brown advised the Garden City School Board last year he felt this provision would also include school districts, as well.

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Readers Speak Up

Senator Roberts Denies Rumors

Editor: It has been brought to my attention that some public statements have been made in the primary contest for the State Senate seat that I now occupy.

I have tried to stay out of this race because as a candidate for Circuit Court of Oakland County I am not supposed to take a public position in a partisan contest.

Workers for Carl Pursell have complained to me that one of the other candidates has stated at meetings that he has my support. This is not true.

Since Carl was my campaign manager in the last election and since all of his volunteer workers aided me in the last election, I would certainly not support anyone else if I were able to do so publicly.

FARRELL E. ROBERTS
State Senator 14th Dist.

Conservative Union Open Letter to Bruce

Duke of Farmington: As a member of ACU, I know you will be interested in the endorsement of our organization of Richard Kuhn for Congressman in the 19th District of Michigan. Our research and field work has shown us that Mr. Kuhn possesses the finest credentials and would make an excellent public servant for the people of Michigan.

Our research also turned up one very interesting fact which has led to some difficulty for the Kuhn campaign. Mr. Kuhn's opponent, Jack MacDonald, has somehow been billed as conservative in spite of directed action groups outside of Michigan. This has resulted in fewer contributions than were anticipated in promised areas.

Mr. MacDonald is not a conservative and in spite of directed action groups outside of Michigan. This has resulted in fewer contributions than were anticipated in promised areas.

Which man represents?

HIMSELF AS HE REALLY IS? This man is RICHARD KUHN and he needs your help. He needs workers and financial help immediately. There are a great many congressional districts in this nation that are demanding the attention of national ACU, but I can say to you without hesitation that the 19th District of Michigan is one of the most important. I know we can count on you to do your part.

WAINWRIGHT DAWSON,
Jr., American Conservative Union

Councilman Approves: Please accept this note as an expression of my appreciation for the excellent coverage given to my appointment to the Livonia City Council by The Observer newspapers.

I accepted this honor with the hope that I might make some contribution to solving some of the problems of this fine city. Livonia has been good to the Raymonds. It has offered the environment from which our children have grown to adulthood, enjoying the good life. Now I have been asked to help and to the best of my ability I shall serve.

JERRY RAYMOND
Councilman
Livonia

No Truth to Rumor

Editor: Supporters of my Pontiac opponent have begun a vicious whispering campaign in the 19th District concerning my candidacy for Congress. In order to clear the record once and for all, I wish to state the following:

I have not received any support from any labor organization — financial or otherwise — in my campaign for Congress. As a matter of fact the largest single donation to my campaign is an amount only 1/10th as large as the amount received by Mr. Kuhn from an ultra-conservative organization with its headquarters hundreds of miles from Michigan and the 19th District.

I do not support Title IV of the Civil Rights legislation presently being considered which would in effect take ownership rights away from property owners of this area. These vicious, last-minute verbal attacks directed toward me by ultra-conservative supporters of my opponent are typical of this group's actions in campaigns in the past, here and in other areas of the nation.

Responsible citizens voting in this primary election must make their denunciation of these tactics apparent at the polls on Aug. 2.

JACK McDONALD
Republican Candidate
U.S. Congress 19th Dist.

Agrees With Lottery

Editor: I read with interest W. W. Edgar's "Just Chaffin" of July 20 concerning the running of a Sweepstakes here in Michigan. I agree with him 100% and I'm sure a lot of others do also.

I believe there has been a movement by a group of people to try and get the machinery underway for something of this sort. But, as you say, there is a lot of opposition.

Myself, I'd like to have one penny for every Irish Sweepstakes ticket sold here in this Detroit area.

Nearly two million dollars worth of tickets were sold on New Hampshire's first event of 1966. However, there are just four \$50,000 First Prizes, and it is said almost 80% of sales are for out of New Hampshire.

INTERESTED GARDEN CITY READER

OBSERVING the Scene...

By MYRA CHANDLER

If it weren't for the Cavanagh-Williams race what a dull election this would be.

Likewise if it weren't for the Kuhn-McDonald race at the 19th Congressional level, which includes Livonia and Redford Township, local voters might let Aug. 2 go by entirely, so little contest is there at the State level. Many of our Senators and State Representatives are running without primary opposition.

This is not healthy for candidates, party of their choice, or voters.

There are two reasons for this dither, I think. Campaigning becomes more vigorous all the time and more expensive.

Congressman Billie S. Farnum (D) is watching the outcome of the 19th Congressional race with interest. He is unopposed. Kuhn (R) has the support of everybody on the conservative side — from moderate conservative to "way out." The man himself is not a kook, he is high principled and is trustworthy. Vanderholzer (R) is a dark horse and his monotonous campaigning cannot be weighed until the votes are counted. Certainly he is educated, Jack McDonald (R) is the fair haired boy of the GOP from the top down because they believe him to be a vote getter. If charm be a criteria for a Congressman he is well endowed.

In the 15th District which includes Westland and Garden City a clear cut choice for the primary is incumbent William Ford (D). He has served his district efficiently. Likewise incumbent Wes Vivian (D), which includes Plymouth in the 2nd Congressional District, has measured up to his responsibilities.

The 14th State Senatorial District which includes Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington Township and Farmington, have a race between Earl Demel and Paul Livingston, both Democrats. Paul, from Farmington, is qualified in far as educational background and civic service, however, I have personally watched Earl Demel as the battling Township attorney in Plymouth. He is knowledgeable and wise in the ways of politics and loses neither the war nor the battle.

Ed Robinson (D), the incumbent Senator from Redford Township, is one of the stars on the horizon that I would like to see climb right into the Governor's chair. He really is a statesman-like legislator.

In the Garden City-Westland Senate Seat the incumbent Terry Troutt (D), in my opinion, has let his business interest circumvent his senatorial duties and is guided too much on what is good for Troutt. We would recommend the candidacy of William Chastin (D) for the seat. He is a hard worker, proven in the field of politics and is truly interested in his entire district. He would make an excellent Senator.

There is no contest for State Representative in Livonia — the Dems have incumbent Marvin Stempion who has done a fine job improving judicial legislation and the Republicans have Louis Schmidt who hasn't begun to fight as yet. But he will.

In Redford Township John Bennett (D) is becoming legend and has no opposition but on the Republican side the shining light, and a new face we recommend is Robert J. Anderson. He is well educated, a proven businessman and solid citizen of his community. The type of citizen I wish we would see enter the arena of politics more often.

Farmington's State Representative has an uninteresting race with Raymond Baker for GOP and an attractive woman, Evelyn LaBelle squaring off against Leonard Baruch for the Dems. Nothing earth-shaking has happened to create much interest in the race.

State Representative Tierney in Garden City-Westland has no opposition but there is enough interest in City Charter and Mayor race to get the people to the polls.

There is one word of caution in case you haven't noticed. When a selection is made for United States

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OMBUDSMAN

(A new feature in The Observer Newspapers — we will do our best to be a go-between, a red-tape cutter as the name indicates. When you have exhausted all other measures on a problem write to us (keep it short, please) and we'll see if we can help. Yes, John Q. you can fight city hall — with your own Ombudsman!)

Dear Ombudsman:

Why are three men working for the City of Livonia putting up a barrier on Arthur Street? Arthur Street between Parkdale and Leon is a half paved and half dirt road.

They are putting the barrier right down the middle of the road blocking off the dirt side. This leaves a one-lane road. Where will a car go when faced by a car coming in the other direction?

This is one of two roads that has access to our home. I think the City of Livonia can find better ways to spend its money than to block off its residents.

Mrs. Colvin
Leon Street
Livonia

Dear Mrs. Colvin:
Lisa Levine, General Supervisor of Roads in Livonia says there was so much traffic from the Ford Transmission Plant taking a short cut on your street they had to put up the barrier. You see the dirt side is on private property and isn't even a road. When the vacant land is developed a road will be put in and you can enjoy the fast road. There is 1 1/2 ft. of pavement and the shoulders were left on the other side so a car can pass — making the entire roadway about 20 ft.