

# The Farmington Enterprise

Official Publication for Farmington City and Township

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1966

SIXTEEN PAGES

10 CENTS

## School Supt. G. V. Harrison Resigns

### Decade Of Service In Top Post To End

People attending Monday evening's meeting of the Board of Education were surprised to hear read a letter of resignation from Gerald V. Harrison, Superintendent of the Farmington School District. The resignation will take effect on June 30, 1967.

His letter, directed to Mrs. Barbara Brown, secretary of the Board, stated: "This letter is to inform the Board of Education officially that I plan to retire on June 30, 1967. At that time I will have completed thirty-nine years in education—twenty-one of which have been in Farmington. So you must be aware that my decision to retire was not an easy one, nor was it arrived at hastily."

He wished to express my appreciation to the Board of Education for the confidence this body has shown me publicly and privately throughout the years. I am appreciative of the unceasing dedication of the Board to the task of providing the best possible educational program for the school district.

In my opinion you have been able to build a staff both teaching and non-teaching that is second to none in the State of Michigan. This has not just happened. It came to

pass because school board members and the community as a whole over the years have wanted a high quality instructional program and the physical facilities to implement it. This can only be accomplished through a high quality staff.

May you continue your efforts in this direction and may the community at large continue to support and undergird your efforts!

My personal best wishes to

will be established and clearly stated. They will include such obvious criteria as professional preparation and administrative experience with demonstrated success in areas of curriculum, personnel, finance, public relations and school construction.

The educator we will seek must be capable of providing creative and aggressive leadership while implementing the philosophy of the Farmington Public School System. Fore-



SUPT. G. V. HARRISON

each member of the Board. Most sincerely, Gerald V. Harrison.

Richard Peters, president of the Board of Education, read the following reply:

"Choosing a superintendent is perhaps the single most important function a Board of Education can undertake. No board faces this responsibility lightly. Our search for a top administrator will be thorough, and conducted on a high professional level. In this way we can express, through our actions, a sincere tribute to Gerald V. Harrison who has served this district faithfully and vigorously, and responsibly in meeting the complex challenges of a rapidly expanding educational system."

In selecting Mr. Harrison's replacement, the Board of Education will receive the assistance of such professional personnel as Mr. Ewart Ardis of the University of Michigan, Mr. George Peterson of Michigan State University, and Mr. Roy Robinson of Wayne State University. These men will work with the Board in screening applicants, checking credentials, and reviewing candidates.

The notice of the vacancy and a prospectus describing the nature of the school district and community will be circulated locally and at state and national levels. Qualified candidates from both within and outside the school district will be urged to apply. Standards and qualifications

Such people are rare. Farmington has been fortunate to be guided by such a superintendent for the past decade. We intend to locate a replacement of equally high caliber.

Superintendent Harrison was born in Mount Pleasant, Michigan and is a graduate of the University of Michigan with an A.B. in education received in 1928 and an M.A. from that institution awarded in 1935.

He served as a high school principal in Northville and a mathematics teacher in Farmington and at the Detroit Institute of Technology. In 1940, Mr. Harrison became principal of Farmington's combined junior and senior high school on Thomas Street. In 1956, he was appointed assistant superintendent and in 1957, he became superintendent, succeeding Orville E. Dunkel.

During his years in the superintendency, the school district met the challenge of a critical shortage of classrooms. Harrison and his staff worked with Board members and citizens' groups to meet expansion needs and avoid a prolonged period of half-day sessions. A long-range building program is now under way.

See HARRISON Page 8A

### Replacement Committee

Appointed to screen the 15 or so possibilities for the Township Board Trusteeship at Monday's meeting were Township Clerk Floyd Cairns, and Trustees Earl Oppenheuser and Thomas Nolan.

The action came under new business on the agenda with Oppenheuser stating that he thought three members of the Board would be sufficient to screen the candidates.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall noted that Aldo Vagnozzi, his Democratic opponent for Supervisor, had requested to speak on the matter.

Vagnozzi thanked Hall for the opportunity to speak and said that he was happy to see the Board moving on the question and called for members of the committee from outside the Township Board. The Democrat also added that he would like to have the names of all those considered for the posts be made public at that time.

Oppenheuser replied to this by saying that the Board had met many times in an ex-offi-

cio capacity to consider this question and that he didn't think making the names public would be a good idea or proper procedure as with the number of names being considered and with only one appointment to make, there would be many "misunderstood and disappointed people" when the final decision was reached.

He added that the purpose of this committee would be to narrow the choice of names down to three, four or five and to report back to the full Board.

Hall remarked that it had always been the policy of the Township "even when ballots were counted at the table" to announce only the name of the winner. He also stated that a committee has always been appointed in the past to help fill such vacancies.

Nolan pointed out to Vagnozzi that the committee was open to any suggestions for appointments to the post and that all nominations including those that Vagnozzi had made would be considered.

### GOP Answers Charges Hurlled By Opponents

Thomas S. McMillan, Director of the Farmington Township Republican Committee issued the following: Republicans in Farmington Township condemn the cheap headline grabbing tactics of the local Democrat candidates as outright hypocrisy and an insult to the intelligence of township voters. Their recent "frenzied charges of something called a 'conspiracy of silence' contrast sharply with Democratic conduct at the September 28 meeting of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) at Cobo Hall.

There, the Democrats not only refused to allow Republican U.S. Senator Robert P. Griffin answer a long and bitter attack against him, but abused the Senator as he waited to hear if State AFL-CIO President August (Gus) Scholle would talk to him. Detroit News writer Richard A.

Ryan reported, physically pushed and criticized by labor delegates. And that, "Griffin and several newsmen with him were ordered to go outside the hall, where Griffin continued to talk to several labor delegates who surrounded him and his wife."

Ryan added, "Finally, Aldo Vagnozzi, editor of the Michigan AFL-CIO News, said that Scholle had commissioned him to tell Griffin he could not leave the podium and would be unable to meet with the senator. Thus, a conspiracy of silence and abuse was used against Senator Griffin to keep the audience from hearing his views."

Is this the type of special-interest government that the labor candidate, Mr. Vagnozzi, envisions for Farmington Township if he held the position of Township Supervisor while on leave of absence from the AFL-CIO? The voters of Farmington can learn far more from this Democrat hypocrisy in action than they could from "joint appearances" that would only be an excuse for the challenger to hurl more distortions and inaccuracies.

### New Plants To Enlarge Industrial Pk.

Farmington Township is in the midst of an industrial expansion.

Since the establishment of the Industrial Park along Freeway, four new plants have been erected and at least seven more are in the process of being built or will be within the next six months.

Those already built and doing business, according to William Bowman of the Board of Commerce, include the Diamond Automation plant, Paccut, a cutting tool concern, and Futurmill, another cutting tool firm.

Among those planning construction by the turn of the year are: The Boensch Co., Omni Spectra, an electronics firm, Lockhart Mon, urban planning, Co., H.M.L. Industries, Gancica-Cote, Howell-Pencraft, Johnson Die and Engineering, and another plastics company.

All told these firms will use 77,000 square feet of space. In the entire Industrial Park project 15 sites have been sold.

With the new firms that are expected to be in operation it is anticipated that close to \$2,000,000 will be added to the tax base.

### Group Hears City Experts

The Pre-Study Steering Committee for the Development of the Greater Farmington Community (formerly the Unification Committee) met October 7 in East Lansing with the staff of the Institute for Community Development at Michigan State University.

Possibilities for future development of the Greater Farmington community were discussed with experts in the areas of transportation, population, urban planning, political science, sociology and education.

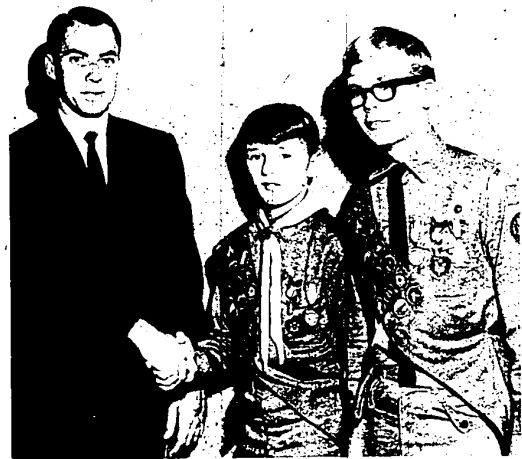
Decision was reached that would eliminate "the present slipshod manner in which health problems are handled in Farmington Township" has been proposed by Democratic candidates for Township offices in the November 8 election.

The plan was proposed by candidates Aldo Vagnozzi for Supervisor, Elizabeth O'Connor for Clerk, Joyce Hungerford for Treasurer, and Harris Berger and Harold Shippee for Trustees.

The health plan is in line with a pledge made by Democratic candidates to speak out on major problems faced in the Township. Vagnozzi noted the Democratic approach was in sharp contrast to that of the Republicans "who are hiding their shortcomings behind a wall of silence."

"The plan calls for formation of an advisory committee on health needs of the Farmington community to be made up of medical and health personnel," the candidates declared.

"This committee would be asked to look into and offer solutions to such problems as the infectious diseases—plague, war, athlete's foot, ear infections, etc., that are con-



MILT PLUM, Detroit Lions quarterback, congratulates Paul Rickey and Frank Poblenn as they receive their Eagle Awards.

the highest recognition of the Boy Scout program. The boys are members of Troop 162.

### Eagle Scouts Rewarded At Troop Court Of Honor

The awarding of the rank of Eagle Scout to Frank Poblenn and Paul Rickey was the highlight of Farmington Troop 162's Court of Honor and polo supper held Tuesday, October 4.

Attaining scouting's highest award is a hard won achievement and the Area District Commissioner, Fred Monroy, was present to honor the first two boys in the history of the troop to reach Eagle rank.

Having Milt Plum of the Detroit Lions as speaker for the evening was a special treat for the boys and their parents. Other guests included Mr. Klamman, PTA President of Shiawassee School who sponsored the troop, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Abid (Mr. Abid is principal of Wm. Grace School and Boy Scout counselor), Mr. and Mrs. L. Rickey, Mr. and Mrs. M. Maxon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Moorehouse, Mr. and Mrs. F. Poblenn Sr., and Mrs. Ellen.

Invested as Tenderfeet are Alan Bamford, Craig Conner and Dean Wild. Second Class Awards went to Ralph Burch, Tom Poblenn and Ed Wild. Jim Heumann received the Star Rank.

A gift from the troop was given to Mr. Fred Bladder, retiring Scoutmaster, whose time and efforts given to guiding the boys are deeply appreciated.

"The Farmington Enterprise has devoted itself to these two concepts of service for more than 75 years. The sole concern has always been, and will continue to be, service to the community. In order more fully to serve the Farmington community, we have under taken an extensive program to expand and improve the Enterprise."

"As part of these improvements, we are delighted to announce that as of Sunday, October 23, the Farmington Enterprise will move to a new Sunday publication day. The proven acceptance, readership and selling power of weekend newspapers throughout the country has prompted this change."

"On the weekend, families have to go to a circulation chart which answers almost any question a parent could have about what is required of a child in the realm of pre-college education."

Last year's brochure won national recognition from the National School Public Relations Association at its annual meeting in Miami, Fla., and the excellence of the current one deserves an equal accolade.

Individually, some copies of the Enterprise were distributed minus this valuable feature. Anyone who did not receive a copy is cordially invited to stop by the School Administration Building at 32500 Shiloh Road or the Enterprise office to pick one up.

"The committee would also be asked to look into and offer solutions to such health menaces as septic tank failures which have been plaguing areas of the Township."

"Another job for the committee would be to look into the advisability of restoring the local health officer. We think it would be beneficial to have someone in the community to look after immediate health needs."

"The failure of the present system followed by Township officials is pointed up in the recent septic tank failures in Woodbrook subdivision, reports of unsanitary conditions in several areas of the township and the current problems at the Botsford Place Apts."

"The same is true at Botsford Place Apts. where residents have long complained of violations of health standards."

The Democrats again chided their Republican opponents for hiding from the voters during the current campaign.

"Their refusal to appear jointly with us before community groups can only be interpreted as fear."

### Date Change At Enterprise

Residents of the Farmington community, including the City and Township, will get their community weekly newspaper twice weekly beginning October 23 when the Farmington Enterprise will move to a new Sunday publication day.

That was the announcement Monday by Philip Power, publisher of the Farmington Enterprise.

The Enterprise previously has been published on Wednesday.

"The only real function of a newspaper is to serve the community," Power said in announcing the change in publication day. "Readers are served by informative, thoughtful reporting of the news of the community. Advertisers are served by effective, original and hard-hitting ads which bring the product to the direct attention of each reader."

"The Farmington Enterprise has devoted itself to these two concepts of service for more than 75 years. The sole concern has always been, and will continue to be, service to the community. In order more fully to serve the Farmington community, we have under taken an extensive program to expand and improve the Enterprise."

"As part of these improvements, we are delighted to announce that as of Sunday, October 23, the Farmington Enterprise will move to a new Sunday publication day. The proven acceptance, readership and selling power of weekend newspapers throughout the country has prompted this change."

"On the weekend, families have to go to a circulation chart which answers almost any question a parent could have about what is required of a child in the realm of pre-college education."

Last year's brochure won national recognition from the National School Public Relations Association at its annual meeting in Miami, Fla., and the excellence of the current one deserves an equal accolade.

Individually, some copies of the Enterprise were distributed minus this valuable feature. Anyone who did not receive a copy is cordially invited to stop by the School Administration Building at 32500 Shiloh Road or the Enterprise office to pick one up.

Twp. Detectives Close 9 Cases

Farmington Township Detectives have announced that a total of nine breaking and entering cases have been closed with the arrest of five subjects.

Two were arrested in conjunction with B&E's at the Franklin Drugs and the Thompson residence at 2798 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Township.

Three were arrested in relation to B&E's of seven different residences in the Township during August, July and October.

Farmington Township Detectives have announced that a total of nine breaking and entering cases have been closed with the arrest of five subjects.

Two were arrested in conjunction with B&E's at the Franklin Drugs and the Thompson residence at 2798 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Township.

Three were arrested in relation to B&E's of seven different residences in the Township during August, July and October.

### around the block

AROUND THE BLOCK CAME George Daglian bearing a large branch of a fig tree which he grew on his property at 21200 Orin. He has three, in fact, which have grown up from seedlings in this climate. Examination reveals why Eve stitched the leaves into that original Bikini: they are lovely and graceful, resembling an enlarged oak leaf.

THIS LITTLE MISS WAS WAITING for some clouds to show up at Saturday's parade so she'd have something to smile about. Her name was written in the photographer's notebook which unfortunately was lost in the confusion. Anyone finding a light brown lostcat with all sorts of notations therein, please notify the City Police or the Enterprise Office, and snapshooter Fran Evert will be most grateful.

LAST WEEK-END IN FARMINGTON was certainly one for circled calendars, with the Friday night opening of "Othello" at the Barn (superlatives needed here) the Saturday parade and Fire Prevention drills (fun for the whole family) and Hill and Dale's stunning flower show. Great citizens live here!

IN LINE WITH THAT REMARK, Lois Hendrickson, daughter of the John Hendricksons of Orchard Lake Rd. has completed her Peace Corps training in Texas and will be leaving for duty in Afghanistan.

TWO HUMANS AS ORANGE AS AN ORANGE have been reported in what is considered a medical "first." Doctors advised them to stop dining so heavily on orange and red pigment foods and they soon paled again. Ladies, doesn't this open up new fashion vistas? For green costume accents, dine exclusively on cucumber skins etc.

IN WOLVERHAMPTON (ENGLAND AGAIN) a policeman stopped a bus for a spot check and 124 people climbed out of a vehicle designed for 60. We've heard it called a "right little island" but this borders on the ridiculous.

SIGN IN DRUGSTORE: Try our cough syrup. You'll never get any better.

by Shirley Berger



STEADY STREAMS of under-the-wire voter registrants were in line at City and Township Halls Monday, October 10, the final day for registration. This was the scene at the Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. with the 8 p.m. zero hour approaching.