

Dems. Outline Improvements

Democratic candidates for Farmington Township officials — Aldo Vagnozzi for Supervisor, Elizabeth O'Connor for Clerk, Joyce Hangerford for Treasurer, and Harris Berger and Harold Spiece for Trustees, have offered a program to improve business in the area.

The program was outlined by Vagnozzi last week in an appearance before the directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce. It included the following suggestions:

- New residents should be made aware of all shopping facilities in the community through a visit by Township officials.
- Governmental units in the area should be urged to step up efforts to buy from local firms.
- Governmental units to honor firms serving the community for long periods (25 to 30 years) by resolution and ceremony, possibly during Founder's Day Festival. Welcoming of new firms by appropriate action.
- Governmental units to set aside a small fund to promote the Farmington community as a good place in which to live and to shop.
- Encourage visits of school and other youth groups to local businesses.
- Encourage builders and others doing business in Farmington to use local firms.
- Use of entrance and exit signs at the boundaries to promote shop in Farmington theme.
- Careful consideration of proposed zoning changes to avoid creation of obsolete business enterprises such as is the present case with gas stations.

Vagnozzi praised the Board of Commerce and such groups as the Jaycees, Welcome Wagon and others for doing much to promote Farmington business. He said that if elected, he would recommend setting up a permanent Township committee to promote Farmington business.

Candidate Vagnozzi also said that last week's personal attack on him and his running mates by Republican Chairman Thomas McMillan explains why the local GOP refused to go along with his proposal setting up a Farmington fair election practices committee.

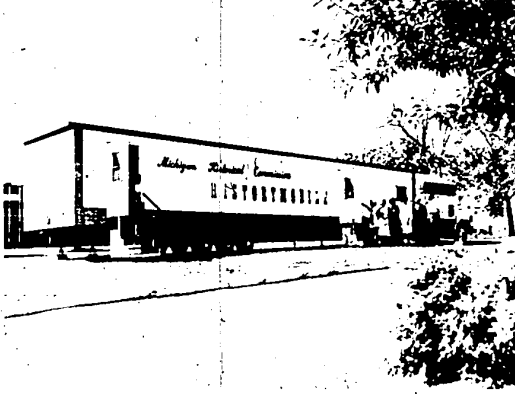
"It has become obvious that GOP Township Chairman McMillan did not want a committee of local clergy and other respected community leaders as a watchdog to insure that the Township election campaign is conducted on the issues and not on personal attacks," Vagnozzi said.

"MR. McMILLAN has apparently been picked to fill the void created by the silent Township Republican candidates. It is interesting to note that Mr. McMillan was probably chosen because he does not have to answer to the voters or to other Township Republicans since his job as GOP chairman is an appointive one.

"This leaves him free to take part in the type of attack he launched last week. I think full well that citizens resentful of such an approach cannot vote him out of office.

"Not only did Mr. McMillan's attack deal with issues far removed from the Township election but it also included several instances with gas stations.

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EXTERIOR VIEW of the Michigan Historical Society's Historymobile which will appear at the Downtown Shopping Center November 8 through 10. Hours on the above days will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. There is no charge.



INTERIOR VIEW of the Historymobile whose visit to the local scene will be sponsored by the Farmington Historical Society. School children are particularly urged to visit this treasure trove of history.

Historymobile To Open Historical Soc.

A veteran newsmen and a history book "on wheels" will kick off the fall season of the Farmington Historical Society, Lee Smith, WXYZ radio commentator for 15 years and now on the community relations staff of Michigan Consolidated Gas, will speak at the opening session of the Society October 26.

And two weeks later the Society will sponsor one of its most significant projects to date—the Michigan Historical Commission's Historymobile.

The opening meeting at the Farmington High School Library at 8 p.m. the Historymobile will, of course, be open to the public without charge.

Smith has titled his talk: "Personality Famous and Infamous." He is referring to Michigan personalities, but he will devote major emphasis to characters in Detroit and the surrounding area.

During election week, November 8-10, the 10 x 54 foot museum on wheels will be located in the Downtown Shopping Center in the heart of Farmington.

The times will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily on each of the three days.

"The uniqueness of the Michigan Historymobile was nationally recognized last year when the American Association for state and local history voted the Michigan Historical Commission an award of merit," according to Mr. Solan Weeks, director of the Museum.

The 19 displays in the mobile units are arranged chronologically. They cover topics such as prehistoric man in Michigan, French exploration and the fur trade, the British era, Michigan becomes American, the territorial period, migration to Michigan, Michigan becomes a state, development of mining resources, water transportation, railroad transportation, the state's role in the Civil War, the white pine era, and development of agriculture.

Others include early Michigan industries, the auto industry, Michigan in War I, the 1920's and the depression, and War II.

"We are very excited about the event," said Mrs. Kathryn Briggs, president of the local History Society. "It will be a great opportunity for the entire community to see some of Michigan's history in exhibit form. We hope hundreds of school youth, especially, will be able to attend."

No advance bookings for groups, large or small, will be necessary. Visitors will simply arrive at the Historymobile and be ushered in.

This year, the museum will visit 54 communities in all sections of Michigan including the Upper Peninsula where it was from Memorial through Labor Days.

Last year, the mobile traveled 15,000 miles, visiting 59 Michigan communities, and 120,000 persons visited the exhibits during its 220-day season.

According to Secretary of State James M. Hare, the Historymobile is valued at more than \$50,000.

The Farmington Historical Society is beginning its fifth year. Founded in 1962 through efforts particularly of Mrs. Vayle Lorion, present curator, and other interested local persons, the organization has been instrumental in saving the old Town Hall, sponsoring a drive to rejuvenate the old Quaker Cemetery on G 111 Road, and spearheading the campaign to establish Farmington as the first site of a Quaker settlement in the state of Michigan.

Property Owners Debate Rezoning

At their Monday meeting, the City Council discussed the public hearing held by the Planning Commission on October 10. It was concerned with the proposed rezoning of four lots in Ebenezer Stewart's plat which would make the south 25 feet of each lot available for offstreet parking at the option of the owners. The change would make available space for 27 cars.

Two of the affected property owners were against the rezoning: two in favor. Mrs. L. Lambert, 3321 Oakland, stated that she wanted her property to remain residential. Mrs. H. Kolakowski, owner of Clay Way Bar, 3338 Grand River, said that she was in favor of the rezoning because off street parking is critical on the north side of Grand River and she would be willing to purchase additional parking space.

Mrs. L. Irving of 3305 Oakland was against the rezoning. The Irvings have a garage in the affected area and do not contemplate using the space for offstreet parking.

Jack Cotton of 3338 Oakland questioned the need for rezoning the portion on the north side of Thomas St. as he had never seen the parking lot full and did not like to see any encroachment on the residential area.

R. Potter of 3321 Oakland said he considered this type of spot zoning and piecemeal was in favor of a more complete plan for the whole area. Commissioner Burke pointed out that the property on the south side of Oakland has been designated for public parking on the Master Plan and this would be one phase in achieving the goal.

Neil McGors, owner of the Hutton Building, stated that he had an agreement with L. Smith, owner of Lot 6, to lease space at the rezoning taking place. The lot would be used for employee parking only. The Commission will make a decision on this matter at its next regular meeting.

Sam Begian, president of the Alta Loma Homeowners Association, presented the City Council with a \$2,000 check to cover his organization's share of the improvements to his subdivision's roads. It was collected from 100 families at \$20 per family.

Begian asked for a progress report on the road program and was told by City Manager John Dinan that new bids are being taken as the original ones were too high.

Great Scott Market requested assistance from the City to supplement their private contractor service of removing trash from the supermarket area of Bell-Aire Shopping Centre. The Council did not feel that this could be granted as it would set a precedent for the other super markets which have somehow managed to solve their own pick-up problems.

Other decisions made at the meeting included:

- Setting up of two meetings on November 2 and 3 for consideration of the proposed annexation.
- Re-appointment of two city assessors, George Clement and William Brinkman to replace the retiring Walter Keating. They will work on Tuesday on a part-time basis, one being a specialist in building construction, the other in land assessment.
- Abandonment of Grand River Avenue through the City by the Michigan State Highway Dept. with a takeover by the Oakland County Road Commission.
- Authorization for the City Manager to negotiate with the Enterprise (Observer) for a new advertising contract, to take bids for fencing of Ten Mile Magic Square, and to renew the City's lease at the parking lot adjacent to Wellsby Music Store.

Zoning Petitions To Be Considered By Commission

At its regular meeting at 8 p.m. October 27, the Farmington Township Planning Commission will consider two rezoning requests.

Additional information has been asked from owner C. J. Thorpe on a piece of property at 3303 Freedom Drive between Ruth Street and Orchard Lake Road.

Thorpe has requested a zoning change from general business to multiple dwelling apartment usage.

Another rezoning request is from the BPO Elks Lodge for a change on the east side of Orchard Lake Road between Westhill and Lamar Streets.

The petitioner wants to provide lodge rooms.

Determination will be made on drive entrances to outlot C on LaMoura Drive, per request of the Township Board which has also asked the Appeals Board for consideration on this matter.

Owner Floyd Lux, of Oak Park, has been requested to be present on this matter.

Continued consideration will be given the preliminary plat for Independence Commons, located on the west side of Drake Road, south of 11 Mile, presently so zoned RA-1.

There will be a public hearing on the amendment to the Township ordinance concerning garages.

As it stands, the ordinance states that no detached accessory building can be closer than two feet to the side or rear lot line.

The Commission has published notice concerning annexation of certain Township areas by the city of Farmington.

Qualified electors within the areas involved are the only ones who can vote on the proposal in the general election, November 8.

Dems Ask Advisory Vote

Farmington Democrats proposed this week that citizens be allowed to express their choice on filling the vacant Trustee post on the Township Board through an advisory vote to be held in conjunction with the scheduled November 8 election.

The Township Board has been stalling in filling the vacancies. It was created four months ago," said Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington Democratic Club Chairman.

"They have refused to appoint a by-law-base citizens committee to screen the candidates nominated for the post. At the last Board meeting it was revealed that the question of filling the vacancy has been discussed in secret executive session.

"It's about time to take this question out of the secret meeting rooms and let the voters have a chance to do what the Township Board has refused or has been unable to do.

Nov. 5 Deadline

Deadline for application for absentee ballots for the general election Nov. 8 is 2 p.m. November 5.

For information on emergency absentee ballots, contact Farmington City Clerk Trena Quinn at 474-5500.

Township Announces Rubbish Pickup Plan

Action has been taken by the Farmington Township Board to relieve the rubbish pickup problems that have been plaguing residents.

But residents are going to have to bear with the contract company, Tringali Co., until it becomes familiar with the territory it has to cover before rubbish can be picked up at night as over 1,500 of them wish it to be done.

On the plus side, however, is the fact that the eight days of pick-up will virtually double the amount of service provided to Township residents.

There are some rules as to what type of rubbish will be collected:

- Not acceptable is garbage, or bulky items such as mattresses, springs or refrigerators.
- Rubbish must be stored in containers not over 20 gallons in size.
- No leaves or burnable rubbish will be picked up.
- Here is the schedule to follow:

• **FIRST MONDAY** — Eight Mile Road to Grand River; Inkster Road to Farmington Road.

• **Tuesday** following first Monday — Eight Mile Road to Inkster Road; Farmington Road to Hagerty Road.

• **Wednesday** following first Monday — Grand River and Inkster to Nine Mile Road.

• **Thursday** following first Monday — Nine Mile Road to 10 Mile Road; Inkster Road to Orchard Lake Road.

• **FRIDAY MONDAY** — 10 Mile Road to 11 Mile Road; Inkster Road to Hagerty Road.

• **Tuesday** following second Monday — 11 Mile Road to 12 Mile Road; Inkster Road to Hagerty Road.

• **Wednesday** following second Monday — 12 Mile Road to 13 Mile Road; Inkster Road to Hagerty Road.

• **Thursday** following second Monday — 13 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road; Inkster Road to Hagerty Road.

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Men Will Answer Clinic Questions

On Saturday, October 22, and Sunday, October 23, men who wish to have more information about the mass immunization can call Civil Defense headquarters at UN-41802. Special volunteers will make telephone calls to give information, including clinic sites, to parents who call.

Not So Safe

The safe at Farmington East Junior High was broken into during the night of Oct. 9 and an undetermined amount of money was taken. Farmington Township police said that entry to the building was gained through an open window.

Letters Urge 'No' Vote On Proposal

Three letters have been mailed to Farmington Township residents from a "non-partisan" Committee Against Annexation urging a "no" vote on this matter in the November 8 election.

Letters have gone to Woodcroft Subdivision residents, people in the industrial park area and citizens in Independence Green.

Calling the city's annexation plans "cannibalistic annexation" the letters make three general points:

- City taxes are higher than Township taxes.
- The city waited until water and sewer lines were installed, obligating Township residents over a period of years, before it made its move to annex.
- There is no guarantee the city will not levy an income tax. Township governments cannot levy such a tax.
- Letters to Independence Green indicate that it is a "superly planned community with comprehensive zoning" with lower taxes than city taxes.
- Woodcroft was asked where it would be if it went with the city. The residents were told that Detroit water is right at their doors already being pumped into the city and that each has a fire hydrant less than 1,000 feet from his home. They also are reminded that they have a new fire station at Star Court.
- The Committee Against Annexation lists its address as 2180 Ontario Court, One letter is signed by "Tommy" a greater township; the other two "Yours for fair play."

around the block

FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S HIGHWAY 401 over to London, Ontario last week-end, we were amazed by the omnipresence of the minicar. They made the odd Volkswagen which made an appearance look like a veritable Gargantua.

ONE CAR WITH A FASTBACK LOOK to it and an unrecognizable name had a TV set facing its back seat. The reception along that stretch of highway must have been superb, because it wasn't turned on and the scowling little boy occupying the seat alone was forced to stare out the window at the brilliant spectrum of the autumn landscape, poor kid.

CANADA IS GOING TO PRINT its 1967 coins with a wildlife theme. Spotting about on their silver will be such subjects as the wolf, the dove, a fish, a bobcat and a Canada goose. Our money flies away fast enough now without being given the benefit of wings. Did all that matter? You can bet they won't be as lively ever, do anything for the American bison?

ONE OF OUR BELOVED RELATIVES on the other side of the border was recounting her recent experiences at the hands of the medics. They gave her test after test to track down some errant corpuscles, even a "homeobolin" test, she confided.

ANOTHER DEAR OLD COUSIN showed us a letter from a missionary daughter in Bolivia containing her recipe for how to cook lizard. We could hardly wait to get home to the pressure cooker until the realization hit that we didn't have the most vital ingredient, the lizard.

COUNCILMAN JOHN ALLEN and his good neighbor, Robert McGulre, have recently returned from a camping trip in Wyoming with a deer and the antelope plot. The antelope population is one less since their visit. Mrs. Allen, delicately wrinkling her nose to indicate the reason, says they don't have the hide, but she doesn't think they'll keep it, if they were.



CHIEF IRVING YAKES of the Farmington Township Police Dept. is shown presenting trophies to the three winners of the Farmington Twp. police pistol league. From left to right are Chief Yakes, Sgt. Arle Newell, first place; Patrolman Melvin D. Hall, third place; and Patrolman W.C. Spencer, second place. Assisting in the presentation is Township Clerk Floyd Cairns. Trophies are awarded annually to the three best shooters. These officers are the Number One team of the Township. There are two other teams consisting of three men each. They recently participated in the Michigan State Police Match in Jackson, Mich., and are currently participating in the South Oakland and Area police winner leagues. The officers show a great deal of interest in the various leagues and all practice and competition activities are conducted during their off duty hours.