

In Our Opinion . . .

Boosting Our Book Power

In part, it will be an appeal to pure Farmingtonian pride.

In part, it will be an intellectual appeal to the IQ.

That's the way the Farmington District Library Board's campaign for a property tax boost for a 10-year development program is shaping up.

If the Library Board is successful at the first hurdle — the municipal governments — then City residents expect to see a boost in the next fiscal year's budget, and Township residents may expect to vote on a one-mill property tax increase in April.

The Library Board's pitch will go something like this:

Among libraries in the Wayne Association, Farmington ranks fourth in books circulated, which indicates a lot of activity in a community that ranks 10th in population.

But our library ranks 15th in the size of its book collection — and a low 27th in the size of its building.

In terms of books, Farmington has 25,000 volumes, but it really should have 80,000 now and 160,000 by 1980.

That's the "elusive pride" side of the argument. Its essence is: "Let's keep up."

Another part of the argument will —

or ought to be—the appeal to the person of any age who likes to read.

Knowledge, unlike a mountain or the Mackinac Bridge, is a perishable commodity. People store knowledge in their brains, and die; television presents a sometimes knowledgeable form of entertainment, and flicks off.

People store knowledge, ideas, facts, and just plain good stories, we need libraries.

The Library Board is proposing two — a North one on 12 Mile Road and a South one. The outlines of the money side of its proposal are drawn in our Page 1 news story this week.

What arguments, if any, will be presented in opposition we don't know.

The opponents, if any, will be hard-pressed to do the sort of research on library standards and sizes and costs that the Farmington board seems to have done.

And so at this point, we have only one observation to make:

If you're against libraries and books and magazines, reference works and encyclopedias and audio-visual materials, and if you're against any tax increase for any reason — don't get caught listening to the Library Board's proposal. You might be converted.

They Helped To Make The Season Bright

After a season of unequalled largesse of the spirit, we find ourselves echoing some words of school superintendent Gerald Harrison: "Farmington is full of good kids," he said recently, "and far too little is said about them."

Let's go on record, then, with a boost for the area's typical and tremendous teens.

Leafing through the holiday copies of the Enterprise, we see these youngsters staging parties for underprivileged kids from the inner city and getting a big kick out of it.

In the steamy cold of a frosty morning, they are helping the Goodfellowes to load Christmas baskets onto the delivery trucks. And let's not forget that their zealous participation in a Christmas hop added almost \$800 to the Goodfellow coffers.

They are providing toe-tapping music with the unmistakable beat of their unique generation in one spot for handicapped children; other groups at another time bring youthful cheer to the older citizens of the nearby convalescent homes.

After weeks of arduous practice, groups of teenagers carol melodiously for their friends and neighbors around the subdivisions.

Their list of good deeds could be expanded almost endlessly, and the vast majority in the age group plugs away day in and day out seeking that elusive spot on the honor roll, trying for a berth on one of the school athletic teams. Maybe they avoid the barber shop whenever possible, but they likewise manage to avoid whatever causes pain and displeasure in the family nest.

Never has there been a time when so much participation in the meaningful life of the community has been required of the very young, and they are acquitting themselves nobly.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

JANUARY 11, 1962

New Bank
Announcement of the formation of a new banking institution to serve the rapidly growing Farmington area and be known as Metropolitan Bank was made the first part of this week.

Station Sale
City Manager John Dinean was authorized by the City Council Monday evening to proceed to negotiate an agreement with Standard Oil Co. of the site at Grand River and Cass.

Tennis Courts
General Board of Education approval was expressed Monday night with the proposed construction of tennis courts at Farmington Senior High School Site.

The next new elementary school to be put under construction in the Farmington School District will be located on an already purchased site approximately a half mile west of Middleboro Rd. between 12 and 13 Mile Rds.

10 Years Ago

JANUARY 10, 1957

Style Problem
The Clarenceville School Board is expected to take action at its regular meeting Thursday evening on the style and type of clothing worn by students and the type of hair cut and hair style to be worn by students.

Driver Education
Farmington will be the next stop for the Michigan School Bus Driver Education program which is sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction in cooperation with Michigan colleges and universities.

Business Growth
Growth and business development of Farmington is reflected in statistics released by Dunn and Bradstreet last week occasioned by that firm's annual mailing of reports for financial statements to businessmen across the nation.

This year's figure represents a 68 per cent increase over the number of firms listed 10 years ago.

15 Years Ago

JANUARY 10, 1952

Fireball Plans
The Clarenceville School Board Tuesday evening toward the selection of an architect to draft plans for the proposed fire hall building to be built in the southeast section of the Township.

Meters Postponed
It is expected that parking meters will not be installed in the Farmington City business district until spring, Kenn Loomis mayor and acting city manager stated Tuesday.

Stolen Auto
Farmington City Police recovered a car stolen from a Detroit policeman and abandoned in Farmington. Police of both areas are investigating the theft.

Lots For Sale
Plats and portions of lots in Macomb and Oakland Counties will be offered at public auction by the conservation department January 23 at Pontiac.



TIM RICHARD
Editor

New Editor Named For Enterprise

Tim Richard has been appointed editor of the Farmington Enterprise by Publisher Philip H. Power.

Richard, 31, was previously business editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette where he also covered municipal and political affairs from 1962-66.

A native of Northwest Detroit, he graduated from Redford High School and received bachelor of arts and master of business administration degrees from the University of Michigan.

From 1959-62 he was a reporter and then assistant news editor of the St. Joseph (Mich.) Herald-Free Press.

Richard has earned six prizes—three first places, second and two thirds—in the annual newspapering contests of the Michigan Associated Press Editorial Association. Topics ranged from county government, congressional campaigning and "new math" to an interview with a professional abolitionist.

He also received a distinguished writing award from the American Political Science Association.

He and his wife, Nancy, will move soon to the Farmington area.

"Besides having a sense of history and pride," Richard said, "Farmington is destined for a rapid growth rate. As part of one of its oldest institutions, the Enterprise, I'll be delighted to be part of Farmington's history and dynamism."

Local Student Works on Plans

Rich Pierce, of Farmington, is a member of the Blue Key committee which is busy planning this year's Winter Carnival at Michigan Technological University.

Winter Carnival is Michigan Tech's mid-winter extravaganza, scheduled for season Jan. 31-Feb. 4. It features huge snow statues, queens, skunk, ice skating, novelty events, a stage revue, ice hockey, basketball, wrestling, music and dancing.

Blue Key is a national honor or fraternity composed of juniors and seniors who have distinguished themselves in scholarship and campus leadership.

Business administration major, Pierce is the son of Robert Pierce, of 2408 Bay Tree. He is chairman of the local student committee.

Dear Sir: I have recently had a bad experience with the owners of a local meat market. I think that people like these should be exposed for what they are.

My husband purchased a rib of beef, cut into three steaks. I returned the last three steaks, because we were hardly able to eat the first ones. The

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Friday, the 16th, Paul and I flew to Tampa where we rented a car and drove down to Lido Beach, Sarasota, and there we stayed until Monday noon, January 2. We have friends and classmates on the west coast with whom we visited; we enjoyed the sun, with some swimming, tremendously.

The sun was shining as we drove up the coast. Monday, we lunched with a classmate of Paul's, his wife and an aunt, and then drove to the Tampa Airport and checked in our luggage.

We then went to a movie to kill the time 'til plane take-off. But, when we came out of the movie, we were pleasantly fogged in — no planes arriving or leaving. Two bus loads of us were driven to the Orlando Airport where we expected a plane was waiting for us. But no, then 4 a.m. which became 6:30 a.m. and finally, at 8:30 we were airborne. It was afternoon when we drove into Wood Creek glad to be home after a fine vacation.

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PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

To the Editor:

With church attendance dropping each year, I would think that our state carrying and draft dodge helping ministers should try and concern themselves with the conditions around their own parishes and leave government affairs to the government.

Each year a approximately 300,000 teenagers and young adults are infected with syphilis, gonorrhea, or both. We have 5 to 6,000,000 alcoholics in this country. We are being plagued by radical youth who think they have the right to dictate how the colleges should be run — yet most of them are not away of the dress or have any discipline whatsoever, thanks to their parents.

On our country highways this year 43,000 people have died and for what reason? Is this too small a problem for the Church to be concerned with?

Our losses in Vietnam up to November of 1965 were 1,085, up to November of 1966, 5,944 killed. These men have died in an attempt to prevent a disease which is worse than cancer from spreading across the face of the earth. God bless all of them.

I sincerely hope that the countless men and women who have died since the beginning of our nation to give us the right to the freedom which we now take for granted and abuse so freely may forgive us that we can't stand with others—This Great American Heritage—Freedom.

Very truly yours,
James C. Edmiston

To the Editor:
Christmas is sharing! And as we enter the New Year, members of our state are aware of the thoughtfulness and generosity of your readers. We wish to express to them, in behalf of our patients, our appreciation of their interest and concern. Gifts for specific patients and helpful cash donations, which assist us in providing efficient care and treatment—for these we thank.

We welcomed the Caroleers from churches, high schools, and clubs who sang throughout our halls and wards. And sponsors of regular monthly ward parties played extras in treats and programs. Here at Northville we knew this was Christendom's season of sharing!

Sincerely,
Louis J. Schuld, Director
Of Community Relations
Northville State Hospital

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treatment I received was incredible.

First, one man denied that the meat was there. Second, the owner said a lot of rude things indicating that I was stupid to think I could return the meat and said I didn't know what I was talking about. Third, a woman said I just treated me, he may very well be in great need of \$25 before very long. In case he is not aware that there are other meat markets in Farmington, someone should tell him.

Thank you for the time you have taken to read my letter. Very truly yours,
Jennetta Vasek (Mrs.)

Ed. note: The name of the meat market has been withheld this time in the hope that this will not repeat their mistake.

Dear Friends,
The month of holidays was with a turkey dinner for some wheel chair patients of the Plymouth State Home and Training School. Many people in the neighborhood saw the state bus on the driveway. It was a gift and a great treat for the children (who go out very seldom) and a pleasure to watch for the grownups.

These few paragraphs are intended to thank all my friends and people in this area who helped make this Christmas a memorable one at the home.

Santa and his helpers distributed approximately 1,000 (or more) items on Christmas day. It took a full day's work (10 hours) to perform Mr. Kris Kringle's functions.

I am looking forward to your continued support and help for this humanitarian field of endeavor.

Thanks again and "A Happy Healthy New Year" to you all. Sincerely yours,
Mrs. P. (Faye) Sills
23854 Beacon Dr., Farm.

Belles Off Diets At Holiday Party

The active T.N.T. Chapter of the Buxom Belles held its annual Christmas Party December 15 at the home of the new president, Mrs. Leroy Gooden.

Diets and calories were forgotten for this one evening as members slowly moved down the buffet table sampling the culinary accomplishments of these talented women.

However, as part of the entertainment movies were shown of the Recognition Party given the latest members who had lost 25 lbs. or more to reach the weight goal the Buxom Belles had set for them.

If you too need help to lose weight why not let the Buxom Belles show you how it can be done. Phone Mrs. Florence Krings GR. 6-0441.

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Pictured Rocks Bill Becomes Reality at Last

The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is a reality at last. President Johnson signed the bill establishing the National Lakeshore on October 15, 1966. The resulting law, P.L. 89-668, provided the first National Lakeshore in Michigan.

A similar project in Indiana, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, was also approved by the 89th Congress. Two additional projects on the Great Lakes, the proposed Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin, have not yet received final Congressional approval.

The new lakeshore is the culmination of efforts which began seven years ago when the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments recommended that the Pictured Rocks area be considered as an addition to the national park system.

In a 1959 report of the National Park Service entitled "Great Lakes Shoreline Recreation Area Survey" the Pictured Rocks site was described as displaying "some of the most varied and picturesque scenery to be found on the Great Lakes."

These natural features were also rated as one of five areas on the Great Lakes of national significance.

Special credit must be given to the principal property owner in the lakeshore area, the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, which has consistently demonstrated a deep appreciation of the long-term public interest involved and has worked diligently to develop a workable program for the Michigan Conservation

Department also played a prominent role in paving the way for this important legislative accomplishment. Strong endorsement of the Pictured Rocks bill was given in conjunction with hearings held in Esca, a b a, Marquette and Washington, D.C. Department efforts at the local level were also effective in solidifying the support of private and public interests.

The lands to be included in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore lie in Alger County and will border Lake Superior; for the approximately 39 miles between Munising and Grand Marais. The project will vary in depth from 2 to 5 miles and will include 67,000 acres of land and 6,320 acres of water surface within its boundaries.

The lakeshore will include two distinct zones: a shoreline zone of 27,000 acres and a buffer zone of 39,500 acres. It is expected that the entire shoreline zone will be acquired by the National Park Service and will be devoted primarily to the preservation of its scenery and outstanding natural features and to outdoor recreation activities.

While very little development will be given, plans call for the construction of a scenic drive within the shoreline zone near Munising and Marais. Plans also include a hiking trail the full length of the lakeshore with small campgrounds at intervals along it. A visitor center will probably be constructed near Munising.

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOLS MENU

Monday, January 9
Chuck Wagon Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Peas
fruit
Roll and Butter
Milk

Tuesday, January 10
Hamburger on Bun
Relishes
Tomato and Macaroni
Buttered Wax Beans
Pineapple Up-Down
Down Cake
Milk

Wednesday, January 11
Spaghetti with Meat
and Cheese
Buttered Green Beans
Apple Sauce
Rolls and Butter
Milk

Thursday, January 12
Hot Dog in Canoe
Relishes
Hash Browned Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Unbaked Peas
Butter Cookie
Milk

Friday, January 13
Hamburger on Bun
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Peas
Peach Half
Rolls and Butter
Milk

January 9
Chili and Crackers
Celery Stick
Peanut Butter Sandwich
Pineapple Up-Down
Cake
Milk

January 10
Chicken Pot Pie
Buttered Peas
Bread and Butter
Baked Peach
Milk

January 11
Paul Bunyon Burger
French Fries
Mixed Bean Salad
Cake with Fruit
Milk

January 12
Pizzas with Meat & Cheese
Buttered Peas
Peach Half
Milk

January 13
Tuna Noodle Casserole
Buttered Vegetable
Peanut Butter
Peanut Butter
Milk

January 14
Cheese Biscuit & Butter
Applesauce
Milk

January 15
Peanut Butter
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