

# Why Ferency Favors Partisan Township Votes

Snow was falling Wednesday evening, and whoever was supposed to open the City National Bank Building for the Farmington Township Democratic Club meeting didn't show up. So the Enterprise invited the guest speaker, State Chairman Zelton Ferency, the 1966 gubernatorial candidate, to sit down in a car and talk about suburban township government and the role of minority Democrats.

The talk ranged from social philosophy to income taxes and finally to de facto racial segregation. Here are the questions and his answers.

**Q.** Is a township like Farmington, where the vote is so overwhelmingly Republican, what can a Democratic organization like this club do?

**Ferency:** "Well, hope springs eternal in the Democratic breast. There's always the challenge of turning a Republican area into a Democratic one. It's happened — both ways."

"But even when it's predominantly Republican, an active, energetic, vocal Democratic group can make a major contribution to the government. To use a well-known phrase, they can keep government honest; sort of a watchdog."

"They can make suggestions as well as criticize and comment on activities."

**Q.** Is there any point to having partisan township government? Is there such a thing as a Republican or Democratic sewer, or a Republican or Democratic position on zoning?

**Ferency:** "There's a distinct difference in the philosophy of the two major parties. That philosophy can be extended into the grassroots."

"You hear the argument that there's no Republican or Democratic way to pick up the garbage. That may very well be true. But there is a Democratic or Republican way to raise the money to pick up the garbage."

"And township government may have a role to play in politically-sponsored programs — for example, the war on poverty. It requires a philosophical approach in many cases, and there are differences between the two parties on that kind of an issue. Or in parks and recreation and water pollution."

"I for one have raised the question of why it's permissible for a city to pay an income tax and a township can't do likewise."

He also cited Republican and Democratic differences as such school issues as state and federal aid to local districts.

**Q.** Are local units of government making any ordinances and building codes to build such a financially high-class community that you wind up with de facto racial segregation?

**Ferency:** "The two — economic and racial segregation — go hand-in-hand. Whether we like it or not, the Negroes in our communities are on the lower economic levels generally."

This serious problem came to the fore after World War

on occasion — justifiably, in my judgment — that there has been a concerted effort on the part of the powers that be in some of these areas to adopt zoning and building restrictions specifically to exclude a certain class, so to speak, out of the area.

"Where can be shown that that was the design — that zoning ordinance or building restriction can be stricken. And it should be, because it doesn't bear any relation to the value of the property or the right of the owner to use his property as he sees fit."

"There's been an assertion

PEOPLE GAVE UP—1996 at the Orchard Lake Road overpass was deserted of life and cars at 5 p.m.

on Friday the 27th, first day of one of the most hazardous snows in history. Drivers either stayed home or left work early that day.

## OBITUARIES

**MRS. MARGIE CASTERLINE** Born in Columbus, Ohio, he attended school in Columbus and on Dec. 1, 1910 married Bertha Beckham. Gaines was a retired geologist and had lived in Farmington Township for the past year coming here from Port Huron.

Funeral services took place on Feb. 2 in the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. William D. Mercer of Nardin Park Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Surviving besides his wife, Bertha, are two daughters, Walter T. two sons, Robert D. Dingman of Farmington Township and Richard P. Dingman of Traverse City, a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Doris) Fritz of Romulus; three brothers, George Timerson of Larchmont, Fla. (formerly of Bedford), Wallace Syers and Wilbur Syers of Hesperia; and 11 grandchildren.

**ELIZABETH H. BORCHART** Services were held Jan. 28 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, for Elizabeth H. Borchart, nee Rev. Herbert C. Brubaker of the First Methodist Church, Plymouth, officiating.

Mrs. Borchart, the widow of the late William B. Borchart, died of a heart attack January 26. She was born Jan. 3, 1882 in Farmington Township.

Mrs. Borchart made her home in a farm in Novi from 1909 to 1955 when she moved with her husband to Plymouth. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth, Grange Lodge 387 of Plymouth and the Plymouth 50 Plus Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Spicer, of Linden, Mich.; a sister, Miss Minnie Smith, of Farmington; and two grandchildren.

**RUSTY MARTEN** Funeral services for Rusty Lee Marten, 6, of 2072 Woodbrook, were held Feb. 3 in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, the Rev. Carl E. Mehl officiating.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Winfield, Kans. Heene Sundquist Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto W. Marten, the boy died Jan. 31 in Children's Hospital, Detroit, after a lengthy illness. He was born Aug. 10, 1960 in Winfield, Kans.

Surviving besides his parents are his grandparents, Mrs. Otto Marten of Winfield, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. George Westfeldt of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; three brothers, Ronald D. of Detroit, Robert and Richard, at home; two sisters, Charlotte and Nancy, also at home.

**SCOTT D. CANNON** Funeral services for Scott D. Cannon, 18, were held Feb. 2 in Heene Sundquist Funeral Home with LeRoy S. Haynie of Brightmore Christian Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Cannon, 18290 Myron, Livonia, died Jan. 31 in Wayne County General Hospital Jan. 31 of injuries suffered 18 days earlier in an auto accident.

A Bentley High School student, he also worked as a landscaper for Queen's Gardens, Livonia. He was born Jan. 28, 1949 in Detroit.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ida Cannon; five sisters, Mrs. Elva Heslop of Manchester, Mrs. Imogene Finney of Antioch, Tenn., Mrs. Irene Schult of Novi, Mrs. Julia Rowley of Westland, and Miss Gail Cannon of Livonia.

**JOHN C. GAINES** John C. Gaines, 86, of 28215 West Twelve Mile Road, died Jan. 31 following an extended illness.

**MARY JO ORRICO**

Graveside services for Mary Jo Orrico, two-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Orrico of 24185 Twin Valley Court, were held Jan. 31 in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, the Rev. Robert Luchi of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish officiating. Heene Sundquist Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The child died Jan. 29 in Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, where she was born Jan. 27.

Surviving besides her parents are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Orrico of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Courtney of Detroit; three brothers, Richard E. Jr., John R. and Thomas P., and a sister, Susan Marie, all at home.

**MARK FARRELL SR.** Funeral services for attorney Mark Farrell Sr., 72, of 21842 Wittington, were held Feb. 1 in Heene Sundquist Funeral Home, the Rev. Walter F. Rutkowski of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Farrell practiced law in Detroit from 1917-37 and was with the agency now known as the Michigan Employment Security Commission from 1937-54, when he retired.

He died suddenly Jan. 27 in Novi, Mich.

Born April 5, 1883 in Sedalia, Mo., he was a 1917 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War I. He had been a Farmington resident 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; two sons, Mark Jr. of Farmington Township and Patrick of Livonia; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Boring of Southfield; two brothers, Howard of Whittier, Calif., and Lester, Mr. of Central Lake; a sister, Mrs. Mabel W. Chatterton of Winter Haven, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

**WANHAPIA**, 56, of 22025 Springbrook, died suddenly Jan. 27 in his home.

Born May 5, 1910 in Calumet, he graduated from DeForest Technical Institute in Chicago and was a member of the Apostolic Lutheran Church here. He had been a Farmington Township resident one year.

Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; four daughters, Mrs. Daniel (Marie) Crocker of Menominee, Mrs. Roger (Virginia) Anderson of Hubbard, Miss Beatrice Wanhapia of Flint, and Mrs. Lewis (Barbara) Camp of Farmington; three sisters, Mrs. Elvie Kangas of Calumet and Mrs. Anna Maki of Farmington; and seven grandchildren.

## Isle Royale's Future: Wild On Honky-Tonk?

BY GORDON CHARLES MUCC Columbian

Isle Royale National Park is still pretty much the way nature made it, but there is a question of how long it can retain its wilderness quality.

With human pressures bearing down hard on all public agencies to develop recreation for as many people as possible, Isle Royale is threatened.

Here, indeed, is a vicious cycle. A lovely area is set aside with the intent of keeping it in a natural state. The public is attracted by the beauty and asks that an increasing number of conveniences be provided so more and more people can enjoy the attraction.

Soon, so many concessions are made to provide comfort and convenience for the visiting public that the wilderness aspect is destroyed. Some of our other national parks amount to little more than honky-tonks now.

The National Park Service is now casting an eye at Isle Royale to see what can be done about greater development there to provide the public with more convenience.

Conservation groups have sounded the alarm. While realizing that some development is necessary, they want to see most of the island park retained as wilderness.

On the national front, this plea is made by the National Wilderness Society, long active in such watching capacity. On the homefront, Michigan United Conservation Clubs is supporting the wilderness aspect for Isle Royale.

At a public hearing scheduled for Jan. 31 at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, the value of wilderness will be discussed in detail. Conservation groups will urge the National Park Service to retain 120,000 acres of Isle Royale in its natural state of wilderness. This will ex-

clude five shoreline areas already in use as harbors, camping sites, resorts with lodges operated by the park service, a powerline corridor to Mount Ojibway, all of Blake Point and Passage Island on the northeast end.

Isle Royale is now a virtual wilderness containing numerous small inland lakes lying between ridges and the remains of prehistoric copper mines once worked by an unknown people. A herd of moose is kept in almost perfect balance by a pack of timber wolves, themselves a wilderness symbol.

The only practical way to reach Isle Royale is by boat from Houghton, Copper Harbor and Minnesota during the summer months. Once there, no automobiles are available for there are no roads. Transportation is by hiking, which means crowded conditions are unknown.

While the cost of living has gone up 31 per cent during the past 15 years, the average cost of household electricity has gone down 18 per cent, according to a Detroit Edison publication.

Thomas Edison's early steam power plants required 10 pounds of coal to produce a kilowatt-hour of electric power. Today's most efficient power plants, like Detroit Edison's St. Clair Power Plant, need less than two-thirds of a pound to produce a kilowatt-hour.

"We didn't have a pass, so we couldn't let her in," was the witty explanation given by Sergeant Howard Beaudou of the security guard at Detroit Edison's St. Clair Power Plant as he restrained a pony from trotting about the plant grounds. The pony was later claimed by its owner.

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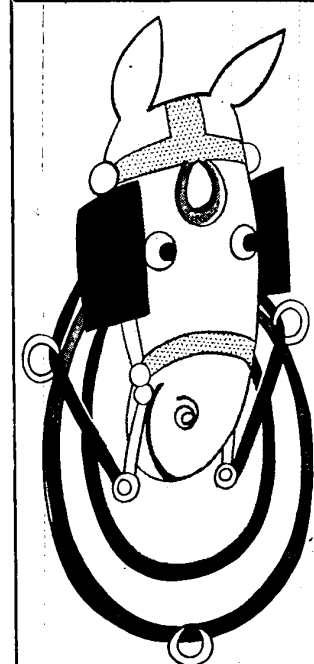
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