

Festival Helps To Build For Tomorrow

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In an area growing as rapidly as Farmington many of the residents are not familiar with the annual Farmington Founders Festival. With this in mind, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer publishes this capsule view of the Festival and its activities.)

A century of progress and more to come. That's the idea behind the annual Farmington Founders Festival. Sponsored by the Farmington Board of Commerce, the Third Annual Festival is scheduled for July 27, 28 and 29.

THEME OF this year's celebration is "Farmington On Parade." Last year Farmington honored "Its Own" and the year before that the Festival traced the history of the community back to the founders from Farmington, New York.

Tied in with the 1967 event is the observance of the Centennial of the incorporation of the City of Farmington.

The Board of Commerce sponsors the Festival as a community project which involves govern-

mental officials from both the city and township, business and industry along with local organizations and service clubs.

THE FARMINGTON Elks stage a beard growing contest, while the Jaycees will conduct a "Duck the Jaycee" game of skill during this year's festival.

Food abounds during the Festival as the Masons host a dinner, the Jaycees a chicken barbecue, and the Elks an ox roast during the three day event.

A finale to the Festival is Saturday's parade which is one of the largest in the area. Queens, bands, floats and dignitaries all participate in the parade which concludes with speeches in the center of the City.

With something for every age level, the Festival features a teen dance, band concerts, a square dance, the formal crowning of Miss Founders Festival and the judging of the beard-growing contest entries.

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City, Township Gain Funds



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Roderick J. Smith (right) confers with Board members, from left, Sanford Bloomberg, Leland Clifford, Herb Neal and John Washburn III. Smith assumed his duties as Superintendent this week and

the organizational meeting of the Board Wednesday night was his first public Board session. Neal was elected president of the Board of Education for the coming year during the session.

Rebate Is \$2.40 A Head

Few people in Farmington will be happy with the provisions of the new state income tax when they go into effect Oct. 1.

Designed to exempt low income families, the income tax will take money from most people in Farmington.

Happiest about the new tax should be the two municipalities.

UNDER A provision, cities and townships get one-eighth of one per cent rebate. In simple terms, that means the City and Township will get \$2.40 per person, according to the 1960 census.

That'll mean about \$10,500 based on a 1960 population of 6,881. City Manager John Dinan said.

In the Township a much larger population—25,694 in 1960—will provide a little more than \$67,000 in rebates.

But while the City and the Township governments enjoy a minor windfall, wage earners will be sure to see a further dent in their take-home pay.

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THE SPIRIT OF '76 — That's the idea portrayed by these Kendallwood youngsters during that subdivision's Fourth of July celebration. From left, they are, Mary Catherine Koltz, Christopher Koltz, Clayton Campbell (with flag) and Doug Campbell.

License Bureau To Close

The City of Farmington will close down its drivers' licensing bureau Oct. 1.

That was the decision of the Farmington City Council Wednesday night when it learned that the city would lose an estimated \$4,000 on the operation.

Added to this is the fact that the city just isn't equipped to issue the 18,000 licenses a year that the volume has reached.

City Manager John Dinan told the Council that the service was no longer a "public relations" gesture, but just the opposite, as residents were upset about the length of time taken to process for a license.

There are three basic reasons why the city is closing down the bureau: the cost and lack of facilities; the time taken away from regular police duties; and the fact that the number of licenses issued only 10 per cent go to city residents.

The Oct. 1 date was to give the Secretary of State 90 days' notice of the City's intention.

Presently the Secretary of State is operating driver license bureaus at Farmington Rd. and Five Mile in Livonia, Ten Mile and Greenfield in Southfield, and Southfield and Grand River in Detroit.

Police Chief Robert F. Deadman told the Council that this was the time to get out of the business so that the secretary of state would locate another office in this immediate area.

Deadman told the Council that he thought there was "a pretty good chance of having a licensing office around here."

School Board Debates Letter 'Acknowledgement'

That School Board trustees feel they are walking a narrow tightrope in contract negotiations with the Farmington Education Association was further evidenced Wednesday night.

At the board organizational meeting, a letter was presented which Gerald V. Harrison had written to the president of local 1456 (custodians, maintenance men, bus mechanics, janitors and cafeteria workers.)

The letter stated that if any other contract group in Farmington schools receives the fringe benefit of paid hospitalization, Local 1456's contract would include it.

THE LOCAL approved its contract a week ago Friday with approval predicted in part on Harrison's letter. The contract was up for board approval Wednesday night.

The big word in Harrison's letter is "it."

Receipt of the letter by the board called for no action. But Trustee George Nahstoll remarked, "I don't see why we have to back it up. It seems this is giving a point on negotiations now being worked out."

Richard Peters said, "If we don't acknowledge the letter we're not doing ourselves any good with the teachers."

More on this came from George Otis — "If we do not approve the letter we would be the negotiation team's hands completely."

ASST. SUPT. M. Van Ameroy summed up administration opinion: "This board has always historically operated equitably on all contracts. True there are some school districts who do not work this way, but Farmington always has."

After debating for some time over the semantics of "approving," "acknowledging" or "accepting" the letter, trustees finally settled for "acknowledging its receipt and placing it on file for future reference."

Board approval of Local 1456's contract was given, subject to its being edited for appropriate continuity and correction of the wording concerning vacations.

ANOTHER stumbling block trustees have to get around is a recent Municipal Finance Commission (MFC) ruling. This will affect tax levy for debt service.

Legislators Split

EDITOR'S NOTE: Farmington's two representatives in Lansing took different positions on the recently passed state income tax. Both are Republican, but one, Senator George Kuhn, opposes the measures, and may even go to court to see that it gets on the ballot. House Representative Ray Baker voted for the measures. Here the two explain their viewpoints:

Kuhn

State Sen. George Kuhn said this week he opposed the new state income tax "because there is no limit or control by the people."

Kuhn, senator from the 14th Senatorial District, which includes Farmington and Farmington Township, was absent from the key vote on the measure. "But I would have voted no had I been there."

Kuhn was in Rhode Island taking part in a two-week Naval Reserve training exercise. He returned in time to vote on some amendments to the bill. He voted yes on giving the bill immediate effect. In an interview with The Observer & Enterprise he voiced strong opposition to the tax plan.

"My main problem with this tax bill is that it was passed in such a way to prevent the people from petitioning against the tax, I believe in our basic

right to petition a measure and the intent of a House amendment to the bill destroys that right."

Kuhn explained that the bill was passed as an appropriation measure and as such was not subject to a public referendum — similar to the one used to get daylight saving time.

He also felt Michigan will seriously suffer because of the climate created by the act. Are we disturbing the initiative of industry to locate here. Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio, three of our neighbors, do not have an income tax," Kuhn said.

"WE MAY be treating business so unfairly they may pack up their bags and leave the state," Kuhn added.

He noted that nearly three billion dollars had been spent on new facilities in the state in the past two years.

"Industry may not do this now," he said. "We're going to be searching for jobs, watch where the big three automakers locate new plants."

Kuhn said this week he would take a survey of all new taxes being considered. Also before the Michigan legislature is a bill that would increase the cost of license plates more than 50 per cent and a three cent hike in cigarette taxes.

"We are going to tax the people right out of the state," he said.

"And," he continued, "we still haven't solved education's problems...that was the highlight...that was the great crisis."

Senator Kuhn pointed out that no austerity budget was really needed.

"Actually state revenues are more this year than last. Some of us in the Senate came up with a good austerity budget that took a good hard look at economy...the way big corporations have to — and we cut out the fat."

"If I had my way we would have a special election to air this matter. The program we just passed was not Republican oriented, yet we are supposed to control state government. We just passed a Democratic bill with a lot of goodies and handouts. People who man-

Baker

Farmington's representative in the lower house Ray Baker voted yes on the state income tax.

"I voted for the tax, with some reservation concerning how the people feels about a new tax. But most of the mail I had received over the past months has been in favor of so-called fiscal reform."

Baker said while he didn't like the idea of a tax increase there was almost no choice with increase costs to government.

"It's a very difficult thing when you sit up here and see the inside of things. Where do you cut? Tell me how we can lay off 130 State Policemen when everyone is clamoring about the crime increase?" Baker said.

Baker also said the tax plan was a compromise, and not exactly what he'd have like to have seen. He indicated his disagreement with an amendment passed with the bill that placed the graduated income tax question on the ballot in November, 1968.

Baker also voted yes on an amendment that would allow a referendum on the income tax," Baker added.

"Taxes could go higher under the law. But I'm certainly not in favor of any increases for years to come. We should live with this," Baker noted.

Baker admitted low income families would pay nothing in many cases and that there were "inequities" in the law.

"And I've always made an attempt to limit an income tax in the city on non-residents as taxation without representation," he said.

Neal Elected President

Herbert R. Neal was elected president of the Farmington Board of Education for the 1967-68 school year Wednesday night.

Other new officers are John M. Washburn III, vice president; George W. Otis, secretary; and George A. Nahstoll, treasurer.

Replacing Richard Peters, Neal, 30443 Rockshire Dr., was elected to the board in 1961 and is serving his second four-year term.



FATAF finally managed to stage one of its outdoor dances Wednesday night. Previously the teen-age activity had been rained out each week. Approximately 850 teens gathered at the city tennis court to dance or rather to hear the IBM's play. Dave Comfort, executive secretary



of the Y, says that IBM does not stand for International Business Machines, but rather for Instigators of Body Movement. The FATAF dances will be held each Wednesday during the summer when it is not raining.

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