

Nature Trails Would Foil Bulldozers

In suburbia, when municipal fathers move fast enough to build any parks at all, the parks are pretty much centered on satisfying the greatest number of people and kids for the scant amount of cash available.

And by the time anyone gets around to saving the natural beauty, there isn't any. The land is all developed.

So it was a pleasure to learn that in Farmington the city fathers are looking hard at the idea of a couple of nature trails.

The first reaction of many suburbanites, when you mention a nature trail, is that

"we've got a rustic setting right now."

Which might be true—IF you own a good-sized piece of property, IF the fields and woods next to your subdivision haven't been developed by the bulldozer yet, IF there is public access to it.

Those conditions are fast disappearing with the flight to the suburbs. Everyone's moving to the suburbs, and in a few years the suburbs won't be suburbs any more. Everything will be built up—on big lots, to be sure, but still built up.

Now a nature trail is not just another

patch of woods.

You get the brush and the poison ivy cleared out, and make paths. You label the different kinds of trees and plants—and in the process find there are dozens that grow in nature that you'll never see in a nursery. You have someone keep an eye on the place so that no-accounts don't use it as a hang-out.

Farmington contemplated nature trails involve a branch of the Rouge River. If you have ever killed a few hours around an undeveloped river bank or pond shore, you'll

know there are dozens of birds you'll never see in a subdivision or a playground-type park.

Kensington Park, a couple of dozen miles out the pike (I-96) has done a first-class job of developing a nature trail that's both educational and fun.

But it would be great to have one closer to home.

Hope the City of Farmington can pull off its idea.

—Tim Richard.

Advisory Council Should Pause For A Deep Breath

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Enterprise & Observer* Staff Writer Elizabeth Wissman has covered the activities of Farmington's Citizens' Advisory Council since its beginning. The following are her thoughts and ideas as to its demise after one year of operation.

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN
Staff Writer

Why the lack of response to the Citizens' Advisory Council?

An examination for the reason leads inevitably to the drawing of socio-economic parallels. This in turn, leads inevitably to the accusation of lack of understanding on the part of the affluent for the less affluent.

Backed by the local Office of Economic Opportunity, the council started out with a bang a year ago.

Committees on health, hous-

ing, family life, education, employment and roads were formed.

Last Monday night, a year after their formation, an evaluation of the work of these committees was presented at a council meeting.

Thirteen people turned out to hear it.

Whether this indicates a feeling of futility or of not wanting to miss Monday night's "Peyton Place" is hard to say.

One often hears at council meetings—"The only way to be heard is at the ballot box."

Yet the area from which the council draws most of its members (around Gill School) has the lowest voting record in the township.

At the year-end meeting, one of the council's most active members accused his fellow members of "fakery."

He added, "It's the same thing with voting, voter regis-

tration, PTAs."

To be heard at the ballot box, you have to go out and cast a vote.

Family life services have been offered council members. There were no takers.

Tutoring to bring non-high school graduates up to school level has been offered.

There were no takers.

The employment efforts were defeated at the onset because a local Michigan Employment Security Commission office failed to open.

Meetings of the council which have had the biggest attendance have had to do with roads.

Roads in the Gill School section are notoriously bad.

Because the county road commission has said, "Come up with the money," council opinion is that members are being discriminated against.

Whether all this is an indication of willingness to let

"Big Brother Government" fix the problems is hard to say.

But what happens to the council when its nearest Big Brother—the local GSO office closes—remains to be seen.

The council may well ask itself—"Where do we go from here?"

Teacher Attends Symposium

Donald Howell, chemistry teacher at North Farmington High School, was one of about 75 chemistry teachers from the state attending a symposium on spectroscopy at the University of Detroit Oct. 21.

The symposium was designed to acquaint high school teachers of chemistry with some of the recent developments in the field.

Lectures were based on principles and practices of nuclear magnetic resonance.

Takes Training

Army Private Jon E. Wayne, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Wayne, 28520 Westerloch, Farmington, has completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

Assigned At Fort

Pvt. Larry Tucker, son of Capt. and Mrs. Frederick Tucker, 31939 Lamar Dr., Farmington, has completed basic training at Fort Polk, La., and has been assigned for medical training at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He is a 1967 graduate of Farmington High School.

Marine On Leave

Pvt. Leo G. Stump is home on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. G. Ryan, and sister, Mrs. G. Jaynes, 21617 Jefferson, Farmington. After a 20-day leave he will return to Camp Pendleton, Calif., and then go overseas. Before enlisting in the Marine Corps, Pvt. Stump attended Farmington High School.

Vietnam Duty

Army P.F.C. Michael H. Wyatt, 18, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerson, live at 28070 Wildwood Tr., Farmington, has been assigned to the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion in Vietnam, and is based near Dong Da Thin.

Bill Says:



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Readers Speak

Military Column Missed By Mother

EDITOR:

I was wondering what ever happened to the space in your paper that you had for men-in-service. Now you have to look all over the paper to read about the boys and I am sure that a lot of them are missed by your readers.

I send your paper to our son in Vietnam every week as I am sure a lot of mothers do. So how about letting our boys over there know that the people in Farmington are behind them all the way.

MARGARET MCINTYRE
23024 Violet

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The regular column "Men in Service" has been split up with individual stories running throughout the paper. This policy gives us more flexibility in the make-up process as small news holes are more frequent than news pieces. We welcome news of local men in service. A majority of the information currently published comes from the Public Information Officers of the services.

What Right To Warn?

EDITOR:

All hail the Jaycees, that erudite group of public spirited young men—89 stalwarts who fight for truth, justice and the American way!

By what right do they issue a warning to the city and township administrations and their respective citizens with regard to the initiation, petitions? Do they presume to disenfranchise 20,000 voters by edict?

If the Jaycees favor consolidation studies, let them meet that whistle, but I'll be damned if they are going to plug mine.

FRED LICHTMAN
2408 Kendallwood
Farmington Township

In California

Marine Lance Corporal Roy C. Vertinde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Vertinde of 30015 Salsarasee St., Farmington, is serving at the U.S. Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow, Calif.

Completes Course

Army Pvt. Charles W. Brenner, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo J. Brenner, 34037 Glenview Dr., Farmington, has completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Ft. Ord, Calif.



TRIO OF EAGLES—Boy Scout Troop 109 had a big evening Nov. 14 when three of its members received the rank of Eagle Scout. Scoutmaster Robert C. Tucker (far right), 30845 Ridgeway Dr., shakes hands with his son, Rob, one of those who made the highest rank in Scouting. Left and second from left, the other Eagles are Tom Turton and Tom Ulitz.

In Vietnam

Army P.F.C. Michael J. Nadeau, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis P. Nadeau, 21875 Tulane, Farmington, has been assigned as a communications specialist in Company C, 5th Signal Battalion in Vietnam.

Nicolin Trains

Army Private Michael G. Nicolin, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon L. Nicolin, 34195 Schulte, Farmington, has completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

Civic and community organizations sponsored 12,801 Cub Scout packs in 1966.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election has been called to be held in Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 27th day of November, 1967, to vote upon the following propositions:

A. BOND PROPOSITION

Shall Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) and issue its bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new senior high school building, a new junior high school building, new elementary school buildings, and additions to existing school buildings; completing school buildings and the furnishing and equipping thereof; and acquiring and developing sites and making other permanent improvements?

B. OPERATING MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSITION

In order to provide additional operating funds, shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as follows: ten (10) years from 1968 to 1977 both inclusive, by five (5) mills on each dollar (\$5.00 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expenses of the school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

- Precinct No. 1 Farmington Junior High School
23400 Thomas Street
- Precinct No. 2 Duaneck Junior High School
23400 Twelve Mile Road
- Precinct No. 3 Eagle Elementary School
29418 West Fourteen Mile Road
- Precinct No. 4 Middlebelt Elementary School
24400 Middlebelt Road

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Board of Education of said school district has estimated that Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) is the amount of money necessary to be borrowed for the project for which said bonds are proposed to be issued.

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 293 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947

I, James E. Seeterlin, County Treasurer of Oakland County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 11, 1967 the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan is as follows:

Local Unit	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
Farmington Public School District	9.0	1956 to 1972 Incl.
	2.0	1963 to 1972 Incl.
	3.0	1965 to 1973 Incl.
	3.0	1964 to 1973 Incl.
	4.0	1967 to 1976 Incl.
	1.00	1966 to 1975 Incl.
Township of Farmington	2.0	1964 to 1972 Incl.
	1.0	1962 to 1981 Incl.
	.50	1963 to 1984 Incl.
	1.00	1967 to 1976 Incl.
County School District of Oakland County	.50	1954 to 1969 Incl.
	.50	Unlimited
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.35	1967 to 1971 Incl.

Oakland County Treasurer's Office
James E. Seeterlin, Treasurer
Robert E. Richmond, Chief Deputy

Dated: October 11, 1967

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district:

GEORGE W. OTIS,
Secretary of the Board of Education

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