

Readers Voice Protests

EDITOR:

Your coverage of the WHAR meeting in Holly was astounding, not to mention informative. First of all I'd like to say that when there was a road committee in the township trying its best in its own untried way to try and help the situation, where was The Enterprise? Were you saying "good for you," "we know the going is rough," "we know how difficult it is for ordinary residents with no knowledge of politics to try and improve a nearly hopeless situation." (You notice I said nearly hopeless)—because those of us on the committee felt it was a cause worth working on even if we didn't get any cooperation. Oh, so, you were busy criticizing every move that was made.

And now that there is forming a new organization in the county OUR OWN NEWSPAPER. It is knocking itself out to give it the greatest coverage and build-up we've seen in ages. I'm all for WHAR, and I was at the meeting in Holly, but I can't try and convince your readers that you were there.

Where was your township spirit when our committee was working? You are a phony. You claim dedication to a home cause and climb on another bandwagon.

Oh yes, we are also going to climb on that bandwagon, because maybe a few of us can do for the majority of township residents who do not care to involve themselves with a township that can work out a plan for all our benefit.

It's just too darn bad we don't have a newspaper that will support its OWN people. Catherine V. Vignone, Farmington Township

EDITOR'S NOTE: If one were to take all of the issues of this paper for the past year and count the pictures and the inches of type printed on the road situation the total would be impressive. The photographer estimates that he has taken "at least 50 pictures" (even if only a third were printed that's 16 pictures) and the inches number in the hundreds.

One picture, in particular, was printed on page one of The Enterprise announcing the formation of the road committee and spotlighting one of the problem areas.

In addition, the meetings of the township road committee as well as the local group sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity were covered on a regular basis once the staff member was hired and available.

After a period of time, the coverage began to reflect the fact that the road committee was not being successful in its effort. In fact one story even quoted the chairman of the committee telling its members that work had to be done.

What made the WHAR group newsworthy was the fact that a large crowd turned out for the meeting along with some of the representatives from the local governmental areas.

The story was not designed "as the greatest coverage and build-up...in ages," but rather as an account of the deplorable road situation in the county and the possible alternatives to correct the situation.

As to the charge that either the paper or its editor is "a phony" we will merely comment that indulging in personalities never solves a problem.

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EDITOR:

I am certain that the readers of THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE AND OBSERVER-EXAMINER want to know some of the facts about the "Man of the Year" award that was the subject of the Jan. 21 "Farmington Thru-Blocals" column.

First, an awareness of the proper name of the award would have been a better start. The award is not the "Man of the Year" award, but rather the "Distinguished Service Award" presented annually to an outstanding young man in the community by the Farmington Jaycees.

The Farmington Jaycees realize that recognition is due to other citizens and institutions for their contribution to the community and have presented in the past three years "Outstanding Citizens' Awards" to Mildred Droge, Mike Kiley and Gerald V. Harrison. In addition, the Jaycees presented THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE with an award of appreciation in June, 1966.

Suggesting in the column that the Jaycees expand the ground rules is much the same as if I would suggest that townspeople be allowed to dictate the editorial policy of your newspaper. They might well be better qualified, but you rightly reserve that prerogative as a function of the newspaper. In like manner, the Jaycees wish to reserve their right to honor outstanding achievement among young men.

The article also points out that Jaycees "also have failed to allow for any achievement on the distasteful side." In addition to the above mentioned award presented to Mrs. Droge, I would call your attention to an article in the same issue in which Sally Witt is honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Farmington Jaycees Auxiliary. Perhaps Mr. DeLano didn't see the article. Mr. DeLano also suggested that John Richardson might be a worthy candidate for the award. The Jaycees agree. He was presented with the D.S.A. in Jan., 1966. Is it possible that this was also overlooked?

In the way of additional comments, I wonder what is to be gained by taking a coveted award that this community, the recipients and the newspapers (the award has received front page coverage for many years) consider justifiable, if inadequate, recognition for outstanding achievement and discussing it on the level that was used in this column, to wit "...my colleague could speak the language more intelligently, but, by golly, I'll bet I could handle the locker room assignment with more inspiration. Come to think of it, this might be quite a 'Man of the Year' grab by itself..." (the above referring to a girl's football team discussing two other men as candidates whose qualifications were referred to as "...John's best 'sausage salesman'..." and "...perpetrator of the best Halloween gag seen in October...").

In my opinion, the only thing worse than the sarcasm and thoughtlessness of the aforementioned remarks in the column was the fact that you chose two such outstanding gentlemen as Delos Hamilton and Rev. Pelham and subjected them to mention in what has to be one of the poorest researched, most uncalled for and thoughtless pieces of journalism I have been subjected to reading in my 15 years as a resident of this community.

I would like to state that this letter represents my personal opinion and should not be referred to as the opinion of the Farmington Jaycees.

PATRICK M. NOWAK
Past President
Farmington Jaycees

Ladd Assigned

Ron Ladd, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ladd, 36987 12 Mile Rd., Farmington, has been assigned to Company B, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry, 11th L.D., in Chu Lai, Vietnam. He is a graduate of North Farmington High School.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

IT IS ORDERED that on March 4, 1968, at 9 a.m. in the Probate Court room, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Anne Giesler Mosman for the admission to probate of a Last Will and Testament of said deceased heretofore named as Joseph T. Bryan and for the granting of administration with will annexed of said estate to said Anne Giesler Mosman.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: January 28, 1968
DONALD E. ADAMS
Judge of Probate
Joseph T. Bryan, Atty.
2314 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, Michigan 48334

Kendallwood Komments

By EMILY ORR 474-7499

Took a little time off again and it was for a good reason—skiing, naturally.

This time we headed for Gaylord and skied Pinnacles which is a very nice area and then on Sunday we drove to Bellaire, to enjoy Shanty Creek.

It did drizzle a bit but skiing was good especially that an all-area ticket for children is \$2.50. We think we are a large skiing family.

Here's something for the records. The Benda family boasts nine skiers and just recently the Kandahar Ski Club held a contest on the large families that ski and the Benda family came in second place. All members of the family won a pair of new ski poles.

Here's the family: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benda, Karl, Lynn, Steve, Debbie, Martin, Jeffrey and Bruce.

DURING THE LONG week-end at the end of January Girl Scout Troop 585 had a camp-out at Camp Narrin and about 25 girls participated. Leaders who accompanied the girls were Mrs. Lucille Ehlers and Mrs. Joann MacCallum.

Now to report on the Indian Guides around Woodville. On the week-end of Feb. 3 and 4 a group of fathers and sons went to Camp Onycha for the Hunger Moon Pow Wow and their name is the Sioux. Members of the tribe are Jerry Dick and son Darin. BILL Check-

etts and son Eric, Dean Corey and son Brian, Larry Knowlton and son Jeff, Chief of the Sioux is O.R. Kolts and his name is "Crazy Horse", his son is Chris; Bob Lee and Scott; Bill Lindsay and David; Joe Martin is Proud Foot and his son is Mike.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

No. 85-177

Estate of Edward N. Mosman, Deceased.
It is Ordered that on March 12, 1968, at 10 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Anne Giesler Mosman for the admission to probate of a Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and for the granting of administration of said estate to the petitioner, the executrix named therein or to some other suitable person, and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: February 7, 1968
DONALD E. ADAMS
Judge of Probate
David N. Mills, Atty.
4300 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit 3, Mich. 48201

Mike, Light Foot, and Dave, Tender Foot while Randy is Fleet Foot. Henri Van Leat and son Dave, Pat Welch and sons Paul and John; and Bill Taylor and son Cameron.

JIMMY WEBER is nine now, and it was a family celebration in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Weber, of Penobscot. The one thing Jim

wished for was a bow and arrow and it came true.

Get out that datebook. Never to early to report on the many nice things that are going to take place. For instance on Tuesday, Feb. 27, the St. Fabian's Women Council will sponsor its annual Spring Pre-Lenten Card Party in the social hall.

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