



McCosh's Column

After A Short Vacation...

This column has been following me around for four years now, appearing primarily in the community in which I have been working, but popping up from time to time in other Observer newspapers when it strays to a universal topic.

It has been about five weeks now since I came to Farmington, the last two of which were a vacation from the first three. This pattern, one should hasten to say, was a coincidence, and had nothing to do with my reception in the community.

Or maybe it did, since I moved from covering the affairs in Southfield, a community noted for the hectic pace of its commercial endeavors, to Farmington, with a comfortable, slow paced "downtown." Nothing warned me of the "hustle" of a pigeon race, a madhouse festival, a primary election where it seemed just about everybody was running for something—maybe I did need that vacation.

SPEAKING OF vacations, this column has been a little like showing my slides.

That is, little effort has been paid to address monumental topics, and it is usually limited to subjects like sex, death, growing up, politics, war, vice, sin, money, power, and why you should carry your lunch to work.

Unlike the vacation slides, there will be no hors d'oeuvres, and no social pressure to stay around, which should relieve those who avert their eyes compulsively from newspaper columns.

For those who don't, some insight into the community might result, at least some new perspective. If not, then turn the page, or wait until next week.

AF First Model Ford Is Popular With Kids

On Aug. 20, 1953: Seventeen USAF F-4G Thunderjets flew nonstop 4,485 miles from Albany, Ga., to Lakenheath, England, longest nonstop mass movement of fighter aircraft in history and greatest distance ever flown nonstop by single-engine jet fighters.

The 1940 Ford hasn't been in production for 32 years but is so popular today that over 4,000,000 (at 10 cents each) are being sold this year.

Confusing? According to a survey by one toy firm, the 1940 Ford is the most popular out of 32 different foreign and domestic styles in the line of cars, trucks, and other vehicles.

IT HAS LONG been known to be one of Detroit's classic designs which has impressed automobile buffs and antique car collectors. Now the enthusiasm has filtered down to the kid's level who want the '40 Ford in their toy boxes.

According to auto industry records, Ford manufactured only 599,175 of the '40 model, U.S. and export combined-world wide production.

The 1940 Ford coupe sold for \$640.

By MARY PADEN

FARMINGTON
After two years of millage defeats and budget cutting, the Farmington School District will have what Business Manager William Prisk considers an adequate budget this year, thanks to a \$760,000 windfall in state aid.

Prisk is cautiously holding back \$250,000 of the state aid in a contingency fund because the State Legislature has a two-year-old habit of cutting back on the payments late in the year.

Even with the budgeted \$510,000 in new state aid and an increase of \$556,000 in tax revenue, Prisk said the 1972-73 budget would fall \$350,000

short if it weren't for \$450,000 left over from last year's budget.

"As it is now, it looks like we will end the coming year with at least a \$55,000 surplus," Prisk said. "The board has been very adamant that we not end the year with a deficit."

A public budget hearing was scheduled for last night.

THE BOARD adopted a tight \$15.9 million budget last year, cutting athletics, 10 per cent of its teaching staff, and travel and supplies budgets. They ended up with a \$450,000 surplus because the original revenue estimate was \$250,000 low and then an additional \$200,000 in revenue materialized, Prisk said.

This year's budget of \$17.4 million shows large increases in secondary and elementary education, administration, capital outlay and community services.

The budget estimates 12 per cent salary increases for the superintendent (\$85,000), and business manager (\$7,700) and an eight per cent increase for the assistant superintendent (\$30,600).

Prisk said administrators and teachers have not settled on salary figures for the coming year. Teachers, in the second year of a two-year contract, will remain the fifth highest paid group of teachers in Oakland County, according to their contract, but their salary depends on what

teachers in other districts receive.

Prisk said secretaries, bus drivers and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), representing custodians and maintenance personnel, are negotiating new contracts.

Board members salaries remain the same at \$300 per year.

The capital outlay budget, which pays for improvements to buildings and sites, was increased by \$120,000 to \$187,000.

"A list is being prepared on where this will be spent," Prisk said. "This section of the budget has been neglected over the past few years."

THE NEW budget adds \$758,000 to elementary education, restoring some personnel, including art and music consultants, teachers, physical education instructors and reading specialists and office help, who were cut last year.

The secondary instruction budget was increased \$605,000, also restoring cuts in counselors and office help and increasing the extra-duty pay for teachers involved in extracurricular activities such as athletics band and debate.

The special education budget was increased by \$100,000 to \$1 million, reflecting increased salaries and extra personnel.

The district plans to spend slightly more on summer

school and adult education, but it may receive less federal money for three programs: Title I, and Title II, for under achievers, and Head Start, for pre-school children.

Title I funding dropped from \$140,000 to \$107,000; Title II funds dropped from \$20,000 to \$12,000 and Head Start, plant operation and maintenance costs all went up slightly.

The community services budget was almost doubled - from \$6,500 last year to \$12,000 this year.

Those funds which allow the free use of school buildings by community groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts, had been trimmed down from \$18,000 to \$10,701.



NEW OFFICERS in Farmington American Legion post 346 are (from left) Barney Sisson, sergeant at-arms; Donald Watson, adjutant; Glen Griffin, past commander; Oscar Auten,

commander; Roman Belobradich, senior vice commander; and Charles Larson, chaplain. (Evert photo)

Youth Service Cooperation Being Studied

FARMINGTON
A move to consolidate youth services in Farmington Township is under way.

The Farmington school board has set up a committee of several board members to investigate coordinating "Rap Line," the recreation commission, the youth guidance commission and the new Youth Employment Service (YES).

The Farmington Township Board received notice of the new committee, but did not decide Monday on who would represent the board. They scheduled the selection before

the next meeting of the board Sept. 11.

"FRED LICHTMAN has been working for this for four years," Township Clerk Floyd Cairns said, trying to put his name in nomination.

Lichtman said he didn't have the time for "another meeting at night." He is already a member of the charter commission and the township board.

In a related move, Township Supervisor Earl Teeple presented his plan to the board for moving "youth services" into a building next to the township offices now occupied by the building's janitor.

The plan got a lukewarm reception from the board, with mainly negative comments. No action was taken.

TOPICS Won By Kelceris

FARMINGTON
The Kelceris Corp. of Farmington was the low bidder with \$90,965 for the intersection improvements at Coolidge Highway and Judson Ave. in Royal Oak.

The project is federally funded under the Traffic Operations Program to Increase Capacity and Safety (TOPICS). Kelceris underbid four other companies.

Suit Snags Work On Junior High

FARMINGTON
Construction on Farmington's unnamed fifth junior high school ran into a snag last week when a homeowner took the school district to court, complaining that one of the school's driveways makes a sharp turn

which could endanger his property.

The homeowner, Lincoln Welton, a Southfield attorney, and his wife complained that cars and mini-bikes making a 90 degree turn on the driveway, could lose control and jump the 4 feet to the Welton's backyard or the 100 feet to their house.

"Some of my law partners have handled accident cases in which this sort of thing happened," Welton said.

WELTON OBTAINED a court order halting construction Monday, but the order was lifted by Oakland Circuit Judge Frederick Zeim when the two parties appeared in court Thursday.

School Business Manager William Prisk said the injunction could have cost the district up to \$30,000 if it had delayed construction of the driveways until spring.

Welton said the school district agreed in court to

construct a guard rail, a hill crest and a fence between the driveway and his property at a cost of about \$2,000, but the expenditure must be approved by the school board.

"If they do that, it will certainly help the safety of the situation," he said. "I don't know what the board will do, but if they don't put these things in, I will be back in court."

Judge Zeim has retained jurisdiction over the case.

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