

Council drops pigeon problem

FARMINGTON—A resident's concern about what he calls the growing flock of city pigeons drew little more than a few humorous comments from the city council Monday night.

In a letter to the council, Donald J. Currant, 2334 Kingslane, complained that the pigeons are roosting on all of the properties just east of the city hall including the Masonic Temple building.

Currant estimates that the flock has grown to include about 100 birds.

"Their ample droppings are literally destroying the eavestroughs, downspouts, shingles and lovely old wood trim of this building (Masonic Temple). This adds still more cost to trying to maintain that building, not taking into account the appearance of all that lovely pigeon dung as it builds up and graces the center of the city of Farmington," he said.

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— Councilman John Richardson

CURRENT SAID the expansion of the municipal building also may become a roosting spot.

For health reasons, he said he is concerned about the nightly roosting in the attic crawl space of the former Pats 'N' Fashion's building.

Currant said his apartment building has undergone extensive modernization recently including the addition of aluminum siding. He is concerned that, because his neighbors have con-

tinued to feed the birds, they will damage the building.

He said that the pigeons pose both a health and nuisance problem to the city.

COUNCILMAN John Richardson, a veterinarian, said that he knew of no health hazard from pigeons.

"If the pigeon crap came off the building (Masonic Temple), it might fall down," he said. "Maybe that's what's holding it up."

"Does anyone know where we can get a pld pipe for pigeons to pipe them out of town?" he said.

"We could pass an ordinance against it and maybe they'd leave," another council member suggested.

City manager Robert Deadman said city officials have observed the continuing roosting of the pigeons in the downtown area for at least the past 18 years.

"PERIODICALLY, there has been public concern over the existence of these pigeons. The problem, if indeed it is a problem, does not lend itself to easy solution," he said.

"We believe there have been efforts in the past to reduce the number of pigeons, and most of these efforts ended with little success," he said.

"Since any efforts to reduce the number of birds would also include the destruction of the birds, there are probably segments of our citizenry that would protest such a move made by the city."

Despite the comments, the council did not take any action on Currant's concerns.

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Overall, education should be revamped to include a larger percentage of the population, he said.

"There is no magic year or rule that says that education should end at 18, as it does for the majority of people in the United States."

"Adult education should be more than taking a course in conversational French or oil painting."

What many don't realize is that education is already serving a greater

role in society than originally intended, particularly in regards to socialization.

"Education as a system is called upon to provide socialization processes. It has the function of teaching the student to get along with his fellow man."

Economic necessities seem to have spawned the new trends and responsibilities, he said.

"Mothers have to leave home now to work and help support the family. As far as socialization goes, they haven't the time or in many cases, haven't the interest to do it."

"Drug education, sex education, race relations—we have to teach students all about these in addition to the basic reading and writing."

As far as vocation education goes, he is all for it—to a point.

"Vocational education is great. But

I get scared when I think about the way they have gone in European countries when students are given a test in grade eight and are automatically sent to baker's school, or wherever they qualify."

Ringsstrom doesn't come to Farmington without qualification; he has done labor relations coursework, taken four law courses and has National Education Association training.

He likes group processes and people-centered work, he said.

A member of Common Cause, he was active in the Jaycees in Missouri and worked with Boy's Clubs. He has been active with the Scouts and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

His wife, Stephanie, is still teaching calligraphy and macrame in Minneapolis until the two can find housing in the Farmington area. Both enjoy skiing and biking.

Sheriff mum on shooting by policeman

FARMINGTON HILLS—The Oakland County Sheriff's Department has completed an investigation of the March 14 shooting of Keith Anderson, 18, by Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Norman Kilmer.

Anderson is recovering from a head wound in Pontiac General Hospital that left him partially paralyzed. Sheriff Department findings have been turned over to Richard Bunting, Oakland County Prosecutor's office, said Sheriff Department Detective Chief Richard Hubble.

Reports indicate Kilmer, a White Lake Township resident, heard noise outside his home, took his .45 caliber revolver to investigate. He reportedly saw three youths siphoning gas from his car, shouted a warning, fired a warning shot and then fired at the car the youths were using to escape, wounding Anderson.

Bunting said his office is still researching the law to determine Kilmer's grounds for his action. So far, Bunting reported, the prosecutor's office "has not even recommended a warrant."

No charges have been filed against the three youths who were allegedly siphoning the gas.

Macrame classes to begin April 14

FARMINGTON—Mildred Webb will start macrame classes beginning either Monday, April 14, or Thursday, April 17, at the community center. The classes were delayed one week from the dates originally scheduled.

For more information, call the center.

Millage committee to hold 'town hall'

FARMINGTON—The "Yes-Kids Count in Farmington" committee will hold a "town hall meeting" 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Farmington High School auditorium, 3300 Shiswassee.

The public meeting is scheduled to provide a forum to answer questions about the April 29 millage election. School board members, school administrators and committee members will be present to answer questions.

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