City Council Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Farmington was held on August 15, 1966.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Brotherton.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Brotherton, Councilmen Allen, Peterson, Thayer and Yoder present. ABSENT: None.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Dinan, Clerk Quinn, Attorney Kelly, Chief Deadman and Director DeBaene.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson that the minutes of regular meeting of the City Council held on August 1, 1966, be approved as published. Motion carried, all ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the necessity of Asphalt Paving Alleys S.A.D. 66-21 Violet to Lilac; S.A.D. 66-22 Lilac to Floral; S.A.D. 66-23 Nine Mile to Hawthorne.

Mayor Brotherton opened the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m. on the above described Special Assessment Districts and stated that the Notice of Hearing had been printed in the Farmington Enterprise, property owners had received the Notice of Hearing and asked for comments from all interested persons.

City Manager Dinan stated that the Engineers have completed the engineering for the paving of the alleys and the tentative costs are as follows:

S.A.D. 66-21	Violet to Lilac	$2700.00
S.A.D. 66-22	Lilac to Floral	3400.00
S.A.D. 66-23	Nine Mile to Hawthorne	2700.00

The cost for S.A.D. 66-22 Lilac to Floral is greater due to necessity for deeper type asphalt and additional drainage. The City's share of 25 per cent is included in the net cost.

Mr. Clayton Keaton, 22109 Hawthorne, questioned how the financing for the paved alleys affected the residential property owners. He stated that he would not receive any benefits from the paving.

City Manager Dinan stated that the Districts were set up to include all lots adjacent to the alleys. Any residential property owners who will not receive any benefits will not be assessed.

Mr. Albert Herzog, Attorney for Quigley Industries, stated that Quigley Industries have no objections to the Special Assessment District. He requested information regarding period of time for payment of installments and the City's share of the cost.

City Manager Dinan stated that the Special Assessment Districts are established on a standard ten year program and property owners have the right to prepay the assessment. The City will assume 25 per cent of the cost.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson that the hearing be closed. Motion carried, all ayes.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

A. Library Board Minutes, July 11, 1966.

Library Board Minutes, July 11, 1966, placed on file.

B. Board of Trustees Proceedings, August 4, 1966.

Board of Trustees Proceedings, August 4, 1966 placed on file.

City Manager Dinan reported that the total City contribution in the amount of $14,500.00 had been transferred to the Retirement System for the Fiscal year 1966-67 and the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of $15,000.00 American Telephone and Telegraph Debenture, August 1, 1995, 5-5/8% Coupon bonds at 100.64, yield 5.58, "AAA rating for the Retirement system. These bonds produce the highest interest rate to date and are 1¼ per cent higher than normal.

C. Planning Commission Proceedings, August 8, 1966.

Proceedings read of Planning Commission meeting held on August 8, 1966.

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that the City Council establish a Public Hearing, September 6, 1966, at 8:00 p.m. regarding request for rezoning Lots 5 and 6, Farmington Little Farms Subdivision, from R-1 Single Family to R-3 Multi Family District. Motion carried, all ayes.

City Manager Dinan was requested to place the previous recommendation from the Planning Commission relative to the improvement of an ice skating rink on City owned land north of Freedom Road west of Farmington Road on the September 6, 1966 agenda for discussion.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Allen to receive and file Planning Commission Proceedings, August 8, 1966. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. Zoning Board of Appeals Proceedings, August 10, 1966.

Proceedings read of Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on August 10, 1966.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder to receive and file Zoning Board of Appeals Proceedings, August 10, 1966. Motion carried, all ayes.

Mr. Nelson, 23708 Warner, stated that his remarks regarding windows at the Junior High School were not included in the minutes.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter from Michigan Municipal League RE: Annual meeting to be held Statler Hilton Hotel, Detroit, September 7-9, 1966.

Letter read from Michigan Municipal League relative to annual meeting of the League to be held in Detroit, September 7-9, 1966.

They request that the Council designate a delegate and alternate to represent the City of Farmington.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Allen to designate John D. Dinan, City Manager as delegate and Wilbur V. Brotherton, Mayor as alternate to represent the City of Farmington at the annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal League, September 7-9, 1966. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. Consolidated Foods Corporation for a new SDM License to be located at 20740 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan.

Letter read from Michigan Liquor Control Commission stating that they have received a request from Consolidated Foods Corporation for a new SDM license to be located at 20740 Farmington Road and request that the City Council adopt the enclosed resolution to approve or disapprove this request.

Motion by Allen supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the request from Consolidated Foods Corporation for new SDM license to be located at 20740 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan, be recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Councilmen Allen, Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Resolution declared adopted August 15, 1966.
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. Report Proposed Speed Change — Freedom Drive.

City Manager Dinan submitted a report from the Director of Public Safety relative to proposed speed change on Freedom Drive. As was requested by the Council, the Department has met with the Farmington Area Safety Committee relative to this matter.

The Department's recommendation to increase the speed limit on Freedom Drive from 25 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. was submitted to the Safety Committee for their review and determination of their decision as to the merits of this recommendation. The Safety Committee's decision was in agreement with the Department's recommendation. It was also pointed out by the Committee that all crossing of this roadway by the Cloverdale Elementary School students was being done in a 35 m.p.h. zone east of Maple in Farmington Township. Therefore, they have no objections to this traffic control order to change the speed limit on Freedom Road in this area.

The Department also brought up the school crossing at Powers and Grand River for the Safety Committee's consideration. The Department submitted the time gap surveys conducted by the Automobile Club of Michigan which indicated that there are too few gaps in the Grand River traffic flow to permit safe crossing of elementary school students. The Automobile Club and the Department of Public Safety recommended that there should be a full time crossing guard at this intersection. The Department informed the Committee of the City's efforts to obtain a light at the intersection which was not approved by the Michigan State Highway Department and the Committee was in agreement that the intersection needed to be signalized. In an effort to aid in this installation, they stated that they would also communicate with the State Highway Department in Lansing to see if the Department would reconsider their position on the matter.

The Committee agreed to furnish a paid crossing guard at Powers Road and Grand River, payment to be made from school funds and the City to assume the workmen's compensation liability in connection with this appointment.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the Council adopt a control order to increase the speed zone from 25 to 35 m.p.h. on Freedom Drive from the east city limits to Farmington Road.

He also recommended that the Council adopt a resolution approving the inclusion of a crossing guard at Powers Road and Grand River in the city's workmen's compensation which is the policy that has been established by the school district and governmental bodies, utilizing paid crossing guards at dangerous intersections.

Councilmen Peterson and Thayer were opposed to increasing the speed limit on Freedom Road and stated that it would be dangerous for children walking to school on the road shoulders or blacktop.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Brotherton to adopt a control order to increase the speed zone from 25 to 35 m.p.h. on Freedom Road from the east city limits to Farmington Road.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Yoder, Brotherton.
NAYS: Peterson, Thayer, Allen.
Motion lost.

Motion by Peterson supported by Yoder to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council hereby approves the inclusion of a crossing guard at Powers Road and Grand River in the City's Workmen's Compensation coverage.

Salary of said guard to be paid by the Farmington Public School District.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Peterson, Thayer, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton.
NAYS: None
Resolution declared adopted August 15, 1966.
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

B. Report Alta Loma Road Improvements.

City Manager Dinan reported that to confirm the action taken at the Thursday night meeting, August 11, 1966, with the City Council and representatives from the Alta Loma Homeowners Association, it will be necessary for the City Council to authorize the City Manager to proceed with engineering and bids for the following road improvements in the Alta Loma Subdivision:

PHASE I - ESTIMATE

East & West side of Wilmarth, 300 L.F. curb and gutter @ $4.00/L.F.	$1,200.00
Cass cul-de-sac, 350 L.F. curb and gutter @ $4.00/L.F.	1,400.00
Cass cul-de-sac, 5,500 sq. ft. @ $0.13 sq. ft.	715.00
Hamlin Ct., 350 L.F., curb and gutter @ $4.00/L.F.	1,400.00
Hamlin Ct., resurfacing, 5,500 sq. ft. @ $0.13 sq. ft.	715.00
Total project cost, Phase I	$5,430.00

The Alta Loma Homeowners Association estimated that they would have approximately 100 families contributing $20.00 per family towards these road improvements and the balance would have to be borne by the City at large from the General Fund, Road Maintenance account to cover the city's share for this project during the fiscal year 1966-67.

City Manager Dinan stated that in scheduling this program, it is his opinion that the city should be in a position to have engineering design and specifications completed within a 30 day period and take bids during the month of September with construction being completed during the fall season. He recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with engineering design and specifications for these road improvements and that the City's share of the cost be allocated from the General Fund, Road Maintenance account, fiscal year 1966-67.

Motion by Allen supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to proceed with the engineering design and specifications for Alta Loma Homeowners Association Road Improvements on Phase I - Total cost of Project - $5,430.00 and that the City's share of cost be allocated from the General Fund, Road Maintenance Account.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Thayer, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton, Peterson.
NAYS: None
Resolution declared adopted August 15, 1966.
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

C. Report Bids on Rubberized Asphalt Kettle.

City Manager Dinan reported that two bids were received and tabulated in the City Clerk's office on Thursday, August 4, 1966 at 11:00 a.m. for the purchase of a rubberized asphalt kettle.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council award the bid to the low bidder, Blackwell Burner Company, for a rubberized asphalt kettle in the amount of $3,660.00 to be paid from the General Fund, Road Maintenance account.

Motion by Yoder supported by Peterson to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council award the bid to the low bidder Blackwell Burner Company, for a rubberized asphalt kettle in the amount of $3,660.00 to be paid from the General Fund, Road Maintenance Account.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Yoder, Allen, Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer.
NAYS: None
Resolution declared adopted August 15, 1966.
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Audit Report Month of July.

Audit report placed on file for July, 1966.

B. Establish Council meeting for September 6, 1966.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder that the next regular meeting of the City Council be held on Tuesday, September 6, 1966, due to Labor Day Holiday. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. Mayor Brotherton RE: Press Release City and Township Consolidation Proposal.

Mayor Brotherton read the following Press Release:

At an informal meeting of the Farmington City Council held Thursday evening, August 11, 1966, the subject of the City launching a comprehensive study of consolidation was discussed. City Manager Dinan and City Attorney Kelly were present and provided technical guidance.

It was generally agreed that the study should be made by a non-partisan Citizens' Committee representing all geographical, social and business areas of both the City and Township. The City expects to invite all service clubs to appoint two representatives to the committee and invites the Township to express its feelings on this approach.

Our preliminary discussions quickly revealed that the subjects of consolidation is a very complicated one . . . about which very little factual information is available. In order to determine the best way to start the study and what subjects to study, City Manager Dinan was instructed to contact the Michigan Municipal League for assistance. . .

Another meeting will be scheduled after Labor Day . . . as soon as we have heard from the Michigan Municipal League and Farmington Township.

D. Councilman Thayer RE: Vandalism and Legislation.

Councilman Thayer commented on the Farmington Enterprise editorial regarding vandalism in the City Park and other areas in the City.

He urged that the Council consider legislation for parental responsibility for juvenile vandalism and that the City make every effort to curb all vandalism.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. Adopt Ordinance No. C-206-66, an Ordinance to Amend Section 15.1, 15.2A, 15.2C of Article 15, Amendment Procedure to Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Peterson supported by Yoder to adopt and enact the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. C-206-66

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 15.1, 15.2A, 15.2C OF ARTICLE 15, AMENDMENT PROCEDURE OF ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

Section 15.1 STATEMENT OF INTENT.

Amendment to this Ordinance may be initiated by City Council on its own motion or, in the manner and pursuant to the procedure hereinafter set forth, may be initiated by any person, firm, or corporation filing an application therefor with the City Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may, at its discretion, also initiate amendments to this Ordinance and recommend the same to City Council for adoption.

Section 15.2 AMENDMENT PROCEDURE FOR PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS.

A. Filing of applications: All petitions for amendments to this Ordinance shall be in writing, signed and filed in triplicate with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Planning Commission.

C. Referral of Petition to City Planning Commission. City Clerk upon receipt of the petition to amend, after having been examined and approved as to form by the City Manager, shall refer the same to the City Planning Commission for study and report. The City Planning Commission shall make its report to the City Council within 30 days after holding public hearing on the request. If the City Planning Commission does not deem public hearing necessary, then it shall make its report to the City Council within 30 days after receipt of the petition to amend the Ordinance.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on July 18, 1966, was adopted and enacted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on August 15, 1966, and will become effective ten days after publication on September 2, 1966.

WILBUR V. BROTHERTON, Mayor
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

B. Resolution No. 5 S.A.D. 65-20 Nine Mile Rd. - Farmington Rd. to I-96 Ramp.

Motion by Yoder supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 5

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, was held on August 15, 1966, at the City Hall in said City, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Councilmen Allen, Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder.
ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Councilman Yoder and supported by Councilman Thayer.

WHEREAS, the City Council has ordered the City Assessor to prepare a Special Assessment Roll for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing street improvements in the City consisting of street paving, grading and drainage structure in the following street:

NINE MILE ROAD FROM FARMINGTON ROAD EAST TO I-96 EXPRESSWAY RAMP.

AND WHEREAS, said Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and filed with the City Clerk and presented to the City Council;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has met and reviewed said Special Assessment Roll and is satisfied with said Roll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council hereby determines that it is satisfied with said Special Assessment Roll and that the assessments are in proportion to benefits received.

2. Said Special Assessment Roll which shall be Roll No. 65-20 and which is in the sum of $9,942.80 is hereby confirmed as prepared by the Assessor and presented to the City Council.

3. Said Special Assessment Roll shall be divided into ten (10) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on October 1, 1966, and the second and subsequent installments to be due on July 1st in each and every year thereafter.

4. The deferred installments of said Special Assessment Roll shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum from October 1, 1966, to their respective due dates, said interest to be paid on the due date of each annual installment.

5. Said Special Assessment Roll shall be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk and the City Clerk is hereby directed to attach his warrant to a certified copy of the same within ten (10) days commanding the Assessor to spread the various sums and amounts appearing thereon on the Special Assessment Roll and upon the tax rolls of the City in the annual installments as herein provided for.

AYES: Councilmen Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder, Allen.
NAYS: None.
Resolution declared adopted August 15, 1966.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on August 15, 1966.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

Motion by Yoder supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, intends to adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of Special Assessment Bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding Twenty One Thousand ($21,000) Dollars for the purpose of making street improvements with grading and drainage structure on Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road to I-96 Expressway Ramp.

Said bonds shall be both an obligation of the Special Assessment District and a general obligation of the City of Farmington.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 5 (G), Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909 as amended.

AYES: Councilmen Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder, Allen.
NAYS: None
Resolution declared adopted August 15, 1966.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington at a regular meeting on September 6, 1966.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

C. Resolution No. 3 Alleys S.A.D. 66-21, S.A.D. 66-22, S.A.D. 66-23.

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington has deemed it necessary to acquire and construct asphalt pavement sixteen (16) feet wide with grading and drainage on the following described alley:

VIOLET TO LILAC

WHEREAS, plans and specifications and estimate of cost and other information concerning said alley improvement have been prepared, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met after due and legal notice and has heard all persons interested in said improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council determines to proceed with the improvement described in the preamble hereto.

2. Plans and specifications and estimate of cost heretofore prepared are hereby approved.

3. The Special Assessment District shall consist of the following lots and parcels of land;
Lots 224 through 240
Floral Park Subdivision

4. The City Assessor is hereby directed to prepare a Special Assessment Roll in accordance with the resolution duly and regularly adopted by the City Council, wherein he shall assess by frontage that part of the cost to be borne by private property against the property set forth in paragraph No. 3 above.

5. As soon as the Assessor shall have prepared such assessment roll, he shall report the same to the City Council for confirmation.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Peterson, Thayer, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton.
NAYS: None
Resolution declared adopted.
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington has deemed it necessary to acquire and construct asphalt pavement sixteen (16) feet wide with grading and drainage on the following described alley:

LILAC TO FLORAL

WHEREAS, plans and specifications and estimate of cost and other information concerning said alley improvement have been prepared, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met after due and legal notice and has heard all persons interested in said improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council determines to proceed with the improvement described in the preamble hereto.

2. Plans and specifications and estimate of cost heretofore prepared are hereby approved.

3. The Special Assessment District shall consist of the following lots and parcels of land;
Lots 361 through 378
Floral Park Subdivision

4. The City Assessor is hereby directed to prepare a Special Assessment Roll in accordance with the resolution duly and regularly adopted by the City Council, wherein he shall assess by frontage that part of the cost to be borne by private property against the property set forth in paragraph No. 3 above.

5. As soon as the Assessor shall have prepared such assessment roll, he shall report the same to the City Council for confirmation.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Peterson, Thayer, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton.
NAYS: None
Resolution declared adopted.
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington has deemed it necessary to acquire and construct asphalt pavement sixteen (16) feet wide with grading and drainage on the following described alley:

NINE MILE TO HAWTHORNE

WHEREAS, plans and specifications and estimate of cost and other information concerning said alley improvement have been prepared, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met after due and legal notice and has heard all persons interested in said improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council determines to proceed with the improvement described in the preamble hereto.

2. Plans and specifications and estimate of cost heretofore prepared are hereby approved.

3. The Special Assessment District shall consist of the following lots and parcels of land;
Lots 509 through 526
Floral Park Subdivision

4. The City Assessor is hereby directed to prepare a Special Assessment Roll in accordance with the resolution duly and regularly adopted by the City Council, wherein he shall assess by frontage that part of the cost to be borne by private property against the property set forth in paragraph No. 3 above.

5. As soon as the Assessor shall have prepared such assessment roll, he shall report the same to the City Council for confirmation.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Peterson, Thayer, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton.
NAYS: None
Resolution declared adopted.
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

A. Monthly Bills.

Motion by Allen supported by Thayer that claims and accounts for August 15, 1966, be approved for payment as submitted, General Fund, $8,637.90 — Water and Sewer Fund, $523.76.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Thayer, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton, Allen.
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Yoder seconded by Thayer to adjourn. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

WILBUR V. BROTHERTON, Mayor
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

"The only go-getter in some offices is the fellow they send out for coffee."

Doug Snyder To Prospect For Gold In Australia

Doug Snyder who has been working in the advertising department of the Enterprise has set his sights on new horizons and fared forth Monday to big new adventures. Leaving home and mother in Farmington, he will first drive out to Los Angeles with an exploratory stopover in Las Vegas.

DOUG SNYDER

From there, sometime in September he will either enplane or embark by ship for Sidney, Australia and the land of kangaroos and immense opportunities. He will not linger long in Sidney, but go on to Darwin which Doug says is a booming town of gold miners, oil prospectors, and opal seekers, to name just a few of its varied inhabitants.

Doug isn't sure which of these ventures he may undertake, but he does know that he loves the outdoor life and the prospect of something new around every corner.

He is skilled in the tool and die industry having worked for ten years for Champion Tool Co. and knows that he can always fall back on his experience in this field if necessary. Down under, employers are yearning for just such trained personnel.

Doug also mentioned the lure of construction work on the mammoth dam which is supposed to be completed in Central Australia by 1975. It will help to irrigate the entire country and should greatly enhance the potential production of this exciting and undeveloped continent.

Doug came here from Mission, Kansas in 1956. An extra stop will be made on the way West to visit with a passel of relatives in Wichita.

Doug is a member of the local Elks Lodge and was one of the town's bearded notables prior to and during Festival days. His friends thought it was premature of him to shave his luxuriant growth since he intends to be a modern day pioneer.

Richard S. Edgar Elected By Institute

Richard S. Edgar, CPA of Farmington, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Edgar is associated with the accounting firm of Sillman, Kleiman and Thal in Ferndale.

Michigan Elms To Survive In Role Of Shade Tree

The future looks dim for Michigan's three native species of Elm as a part of Michigan's commercial hardwood production, according to Al Phillips, Area Forester for the Conservation Department at Imlay City. Dutch elm disease is quickly killing the American, slippery and rock elms in our woodlots and forests.

As a shade tree, the future looks brighter for elms. The two key words are resistance and natural controls. Tree breeders will use these principles to develop new Elm varieties.

Michigan and Wisconsin produce nearly half of the elm used for lumber in the United States. In recent years, the annual cut has been about thirty-million board feet, much of it in the Saginaw River Valley. Its loss will be serious for producers of pallets, crates and other industrial lumber.

Our native elm show little resistance to the fungus disease. Infected trees die quickly. Asiatic elms and at least two varieties developed by tree breeders in Europe show strong resistance. Many such trees become infected and recover completely.

Unfortunately, these resistant trees do not have the characteristic urn or feather duster shape which is so valued in the American elm. Phillips expects that tree breeders in this country will develop resistant trees which will have the desired shade tree characteristics. While they are at it, elms having superior qualities for timber may also be selected.

Many communities in Michigan and Eastern United States having strong Dutch Elm disease programs are now and will continue to plant elm trees on their streets.

Natural controls over the fungus disease and the bark beetles which are the principal carriers of the disease, may make the job easier. In Europe, the spread of the disease is already slowed by certain parasites. One or more of these organisms may be introduced here by scientists.

At present the only known method of Dutch elm disease control is to prevent the fungus from moving through root grafts and to keep back beetles from carrying the fungus from diseased to healthy trees. Three things are important: sanitation, destruction of root grafts and chemical control with insecticides. Materials introduced into the living tree have so far not been proved to be effective. Many have been and are being tested.

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