

Lincoln and Children Longacre PTA Topic

"Lincoln Through the Eyes of Children" will be discussed and illustrated at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Longacre Elementary School PTA. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the school's multi-purpose room in Farmington.

Weldon E. Petz, noted Lincoln authority, and principal of Farmington's Isaac Bond Elementary School will give the presentation.

Many artifacts from Petz's Lincoln collection will be displayed.

A member of a four-member Detroit family, Petz has devoted his adult life to an extensive and thorough study of Abraham Lincoln. He has worked with many Lincoln authorities in his studies including the poet Carl Sandburg.

Petz, who was a professional musician from 1941 to 1953, wrote his master's thesis at Wayne State University on "Music and Abraham Lincoln." Last summer he completed his work on his education specialist degree at Wayne.

Prior to joining the Farmington system, Petz spent 17 years as a teacher and administrator in the Detroit Public Schools.

The public is invited to attend the excursion into Americana.

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FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1967 8 p.m.

At Farmington Township Hall
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road

Persons who may be interested or invited to participate in discussion of the proposed changes:

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 29 of the Township of Farmington entitled:

"An Ordinance enacted under Act 184, Public Act of 1943, as amended, governing the unincorporated portions of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence and for public and semi-public or other specified users; and to regulate and limit the height and bulk of buildings and other structures; and to regulate and to determine the size of yards, courts and open spaces; to regulate and limit the density of population; and for said purposes to divide the Township into districts and establishing the boundaries thereof; providing for changes in the regulations, restrictions and boundaries of such districts; defining certain terms used herein; providing for enforcement; establishing a Board of Appeals; and imposing penalties for the violation of this Ordinance."

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Board of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan:

SECTION ONE.

That the zoning map of said Ordinance No. 29, as amended, be, and the same is hereby amended at how RA-1, single residential district classification in the area described as follows:

Lots Numbered 52, 53, 56 and 77 of Supervisor's Middlebelt and Ten Mile Road Plat #2, S.W. 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1, North, Range 9 East, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

SECTION TWO.

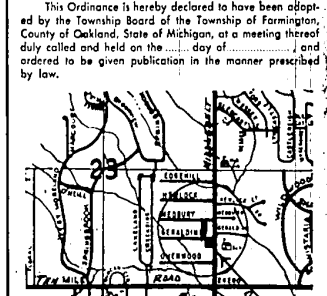
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION THREE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect upon publication of the Ordinance in the Farmington Observer, Farmington, Michigan.

SECTION FOUR.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the _____ day of _____ and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.



Area blue prints and zoning text may be observed at the Farmington Township Hall, on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

CHARLES G. LORION
Chairman
Planning Commission
Farmington Township

Publication dates: Jan. 4, Jan. 18, 1967.

The MAYOR'S CORNER

By HARVEY W. MOELKE

LIVONIA'S 1966 TAX BILLS ... were distributed the first part of December. This year the Michigan State Tax Commission did not delay appeals of Livonia tax-payers. This permitted the Wayne County Bureau of Taxation to print and deliver our tax bills on schedule.

As usual, there is a gnashing of teeth and tearing of hair by some Livonia citizens who haven't taken the time to read their tax bill much less to participate in the elective decisions which would enable them to express their desires.

As in city government are we to receive the full impact of the taxpayers complaint for the total tax bill. I am sure that you knowledgeable people know that the only way to get a collection agent for the county and school taxes.

Many people feel that the school and city taxes should be paid separately—that this would result in the taxpayer being more aware of where his tax dollar is spent.

Most people don't know that the school lobby in Lansing, one of the most powerful in the state has succeeded in allowing the schools to designate their taxes to be collected at the same time that city taxes are paid.

Our school district's fiscal year starts July 1 and it would save the school district thousands of dollars if they would have their school taxes paid by July 1 of each year. The schools now have to borrow money on anticipation of revenues to be received in December when the city and county tax bills are due.

The city of Detroit receives one of the highest per capita taxes in the state. One of my early advisors as mayor of Livonia was to join the Vigilance Tax Committee composed of suburban mayors fighting the non-resident income tax provision of Detroit's income tax ordinance.

There were and are some Livonians who feel that the suburbs should contribute to the city in which they work. The Vigilance Tax Committee was successful in a two year fight in securing legislation in Lansing which created a uniform city income tax law.

A very important part of this new law limited the amount of city income tax on both residents and non-residents, setting the non-resident portion at one-half of one per cent.

A great many mayors felt that Detroit's original income tax of 1 per cent would be only the beginning—that if no restraints were placed by the State Legislature on a city income tax, Detroit's rate would soon rise to 3, 4 or 5 per cent.

This week's newspaper headlines bear out our prediction. Detroit is about to ask for an additional \$150 million for capital improvement.

Detroit receives about \$40 million from its income tax at the 1 per cent level. Without the state law, it would be very easy for Detroit's Council to in-

crease their income tax rate from its present 1 per cent. It would thus be unnecessary to go to the people to vote additional property taxes for their proposed \$150 million bond issue.

All cities in the metropolitan area are affected by the fiscal policies of the city of Detroit. Wage rates for our Civil Service employees and the Wayne County Civil Service employees must compete with Detroit's scale.

If Detroit voters had approved the 42 hour duty week which Detroit firemen had requested with no decrease in pay (all Civil Service firemen received a five per cent increase in pay two years ago when their duty hours were reduced from 63 to 56 with no reduction in salary), tremendous pressure would have been placed upon the governments of all the surrounding communities to match the Detroit scale even though Detroit firemen are called upon to fight many more fires than those in the newer suburban communities.

I am proud of our city's ability to pay, adequate salaries and live within our budget, which is one of the lowest in per capita expenditures within the state. We would have no difficulty whatsoever in providing many additional facilities and services if the citizens of Livonia received their fair share in sales tax and gas and license taxes from the state.

We are still receiving state revenues based upon our 1960 population of 66,000 even though we are now over 100,000. Almost a million dollars a year paid by Livonia taxpayers to the state is going to other communities because of this unfair distribution of state funds. I have been working with other mayors to rectify this condition.

Gov. Romney has given us some encouragement. We are hopeful that the new session of the Legislature will permit cities to pay for a census which would enable them to receive their rightful share of these state revenues.

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E. Fred Turner

New Law Partnership Announced

Steve Polgar and E. Fred Turner announced the formation of a new law partnership under the firm name of Polgar and Turner with offices in the Polgar Building at 15855 Farmington Road, Livonia. Turner, 39, who lives with his wife, Edith and their four children at 19647 Ardling Road, Livonia, has been a resident of Livonia since 1960.

A former resident of Beckley, W. Va., he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from West Virginia University. He moved to Michigan in 1950 and obtained his Law Degree from Wayne State University in 1953.

E. Fred Turner was formerly associated with the Law Firm of Dahn, Rosenbaum, Bloom & Kaufman, a firm specializing in insurance law but which is better known for their handling of the stockholders' suit against the Chrysler Corporation which led ultimately to a reorganization of the Company, and only recently was instrumental in the preparation of Jack Ruby's successful appeal for a new trial.

Like Polgar, presently Livonia's City Attorney and a former Livonia School Board Trustee, Turner has been involved in school affairs. He is a past President of Botsford School P.T.A. and has been active in the Clarenceville School District Millage and Bond campaigns.

Wayne State University's 17-17 wrestling tie with Taylor University on Dec. 30, 1966, was only the second mat deadlock in the 10 years WSU has had the sport.

The new Wolverine-Drifters, Livonia Chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association, will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room at Merrifield Lane, 39950 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Topics to be discussed will be chapter insignia and chapter jackets and hats.

Interested camping families in the general area of Livonia are cordially invited to attend. There are still a few membership openings.

For further information call Field Director Marjorie Schulkins, 29533 McBurney, Farmington at 474-9459.

Creative Classes Set By YMCA

A series of informal education classes emphasizing the Creativity of Living will begin the week of Jan. 16 at the Farmington Area YMCA.

Pre-registration is necessary as the classes will be held only if there is sufficient enrollment.

Nursery care for the daytime classes is available for youngsters between the ages of two and five. Mrs. Bernice Delewsky will conduct the nursery sessions. A fee of \$1 per family will be charged each week for this service with a minimum four families per class. The nursery fee must be paid before the first class.

The classes include beginning sewing, intermediate sewing, and two sessions of creative sewing taught by Irene MacKinnon on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A class in furcraft will be held on Mondays.

Fee for all the courses is \$12.50 plus a YMCA membership. The sewing membership will last for 10 weeks, while the furcraft session is eight weeks in length.

For further information contact the Farmington YMCA at 474-3252.



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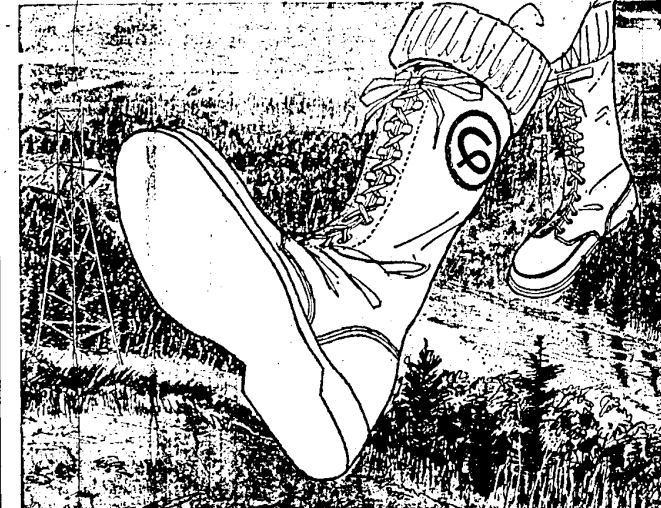
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