

Allen Claims ...

1-City Supporters Wrong About Taxes

The other shoe has dropped. Most of us have read with interest the deluge of declarations, editorials and quite "reckless and uneducated estimates," unquote.

How many of our readers, and I include those who endorse consolidation, would begin to build a home without a set of plans and a good idea of what it would cost? How many men buy a car without shopping, how many women would buy a coat without checking the price, or make a dress without a pattern? Isn't this what it's all about? You and I, citizens of city,

township or village, are being asked to decide our future without a plan.

Phrases like "We can attract industrial development," or "with a minimum of services our tax rate will be," or "a charter commission will decide," and so forth are our best reasons to reject consolidation.

FIRST OF ALL, who wants all this industrial development in our backyard -- or in our neighbor's backyard. Livonia has it--two huge Ford plants, a Fisher Body plant, huge food warehouses and food distribution centers, two of the biggest shopping centers and a pace track too. Livonia has a lot of tax base and the railroads and trucks to take care of it. And which of us will trade what we have for Livonia?

It's not to be had to be small or modest. Most of us agree that's what we like about our community. Most of us are fairly well satisfied with our services. In some instances more are needed. That phrase, "with a minimum of services our tax rate could be..." spells out the future the proponents of con-

solidation offer. If growing big and restraining the tax rate means a "minimum of service," where is the advantage? Attracting lots of industry and commercial doesn't interest us nearly as much as taking care of what we have.

TO ARGUE that the charter commission, nine inexperienced men, can develop a sound plan for a city one quarter the area of Detroit and do the planning, organization and budgeting is sheer naivete. I assure you any experienced city planner would agree that is just as likely they could perform a successful heart transplant.

Because there has been much too limited and much too little study, because there is no plan, because there are no sensible or even practical indications of cost, we must not agree to give away what we have for an illogical, inopportune, unplanned proposal to consolidate.

Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

Spider's Safe But Not Club

Everything comes into a newspaper office and editors are trained to accept anything. But you can understand why this editor became surprised when a reader brought in what she believed was a brown recluse spider.

Not being a naturalist, the only thing I know about a brown spider is it is poisonous and deadly. But that was enough knowledge to raise my curiosity.

The spider was brought in by a lady who was alarmed it might be the real thing. It was housed in a glass jar and attached to a cotton ball. "Can you find out if this is for real?" she asked.

We placed the suspect in our safe until confirmation could be obtained. Our resource was Hartley Thornton who is a naturalist for the Poudre Lake Recreation Area.

After an inspection, Mr. Thornton confirmed it was a brown recluse spider. Out of the safe and back to our reader. Close call but safe.

ANOTHER SURPRISE last week was when a man looking like Colonel Sanders walked into the office. He managed to escape being put in the safe by revealing his real identity--Colonel Welcome of 25250 Liliac in Floral Park.

Colonel Welcome says he "looks more like Col. Sanders than Col. Sanders" and he's probably right.

The Colonel dropped in to let us know he was on the Mike Douglas Show. After showing us his identification cards we let him go.

BUT ONE of the biggest surprises has to be when I picked up an old copy of the Plymouth Mail & Observer, Editor Fred Delano, who once roamed these parts, issued a challenge in his "Microscopic column" which was overlooked.

After returning from vacation, I spotted the column and was surprised that Fred had issued a challenge from Plymouth to Farmington.

After boasting of the prowess of the Plymouth High football team, Delano predicted the Rocks would defeat Farmington High School when the two powers met.

He backed his challenge with a friendly wager. If Plymouth lost, he would deed to Farmington the Women's Christian Temperance Union. If Farmington lost, we would give Plymouth our famed Hunt & Grunt Club. Farmington lost.

DUE TO unexplainable circumstances the challenge was not accepted. But let it never be said Farmington wheeled on a bet. Fred, my fellow estater,

you may have the Hunt & Grunt Club.

It is Farmington's loss but the Hunt & Grunt Club is Plymouth's. Unfortunately, there was no arrangements made for moving the trophy to Plymouth so the Club will remain here until Fred can figure out how to get it in Plymouth.

If nothing else works, Fred, you can always annex the Club property to Plymouth. That is, if the attorney general approves.

Directs Study

FARMINGTON Herbert G. Ludwig of 29430 Middle Belt, Farmington, a professor of engineering at Wayne State University, has been named to direct a one-year study of the police vehicle. The study will be funded by a U.S. Department of Justice \$101,148 grant and is aimed toward finding a more functional, safer and more comfortable police vehicle.

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Purpose of the occasion is to demonstrate the various types of Jobs New Horizons' 30 employees can perform such as sorting, packaging and simple assembly work. Administrators at the facility hope that more work contracts can be obtained if area industrialists see the culture of work New Horizons persons can do.

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ST. JOHN AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 23225 Gilt Road Grand River St. John's Alta Loma Freedom Rd. Worship Services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery - Both Services SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:40 a.m. Rev. Charles Fox, Pastor GR 4-0584

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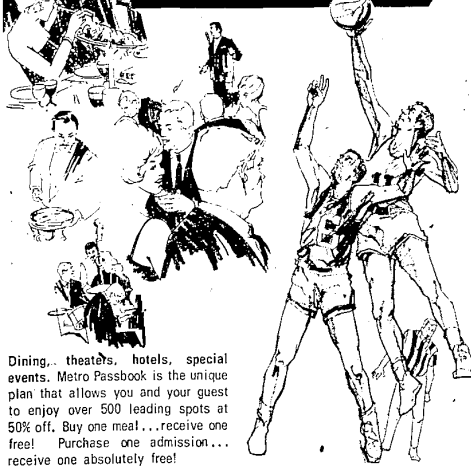


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