

Road Committee Needs To 'Study' Some More Six Months In Limbo

The Farmington Township Road Committee, after meeting for six months, issued its first report this week. We can now look forward to some real study into road problems in the township.

The committee's first release could hardly be described as a study because it basically was a summary of information generally known before the committee held its first meeting.

THE REPORT included a historical background of road development in the township, a summary of the township's matching funds program, and two

conclusions which were recognized and publicized before the committee ever met.

One conclusion was that cityhood would bring in more than three times as much money from the state for road maintenance. This fact was well-publicized during last summer's consolidation campaign and previous incorporation campaigns. It should be known by every resident in the township by now.

The second conclusion was a recognition of the "inequality" of the matching fund program, nothing new either. The line that residents can expect no help

until state laws are changed is a classic example of buck-passing which has been quite popular recently.

THE PRELIMINARY "study" contained information road committee members must know before they can get into seeking possible solutions for road problems.

It's too bad committee members had to waste six months compiling the report themselves.

Editorial

All the information in the "study" was certainly known to Supervisor Curtis Hall before the committee was formed. Hall could have saved the committee time by writing the report himself and presenting it six months ago.

I suspect the "study" was prepared, not for the committee for administration, but for the public's benefit. The fact that it was prepared by the committee's public relations subcommittee might indicate it was released because of resignations from the committee.

THE "STUDY" sounded strangely like a defense on why roads have been bad in Farmington Township, why they are still bad, and why they are likely to remain bad in the future.

If the only available solutions are cityhood or changes in state law, the road committee might as well quit meeting. State laws are amended in Lansing, not Farmington Township, and there is already a committee actively engaged in promoting cityhood.

Maybe during the next six months the road committee can suggest amendments to state laws and try and get the ears of Rep. Raymond Baker and Sen. George Kuhn.

But it's silly to form a road committee simply to tell residents there is nothing to be done about local roads except amend state laws or accomplish cityhood.

A real question is not how much money the township gets for roads, but WHAT does it do with the money it has. If the township does not use the money it gets now wisely, does the answer lie in giving it more money to spend unwisely?

Hopefully, the road committee will realize its job is not to defend the township administration but to seek solutions to road problems.

If the committee is going to throw in the towel and say there are no local answers available, then they might as well get out of the tub also. But I suggest the towel be used because that first "study" was all wet.

Emory Daniels

Truckers Need Leisure

My only advice to the Teamsters is to suggest they quit shooting at each other, quit this wildcat strike nonsense, and go on a general strike.

Then things would quiet down in this office and a person could organize his thoughts without being interrupted by the hideous noise from those blasted semis.

AN EDITOR LIKES to be located in the center of town, but the disadvantage of an office on Farmington Rd. is the deafening noise of passing trucks, especially since your typewriter is located approximately 50 feet from the yellow line on Farmington Rd.

You must understand that sometime a journalist has to concentrate on what he is writing. Granted, it should be done more often. But that explains why sometimes I might turn around to greet you with the words "R.C. Allen" imprinted backwards on my forehead.

We can hardly expect absolute silence while trying to divide the tax base into the number of pupils minus 2.1% for dropouts multiplied by an SEV factor increase of .13.

But let one truck driver slam on his air brakes and the problem is converted to one of measuring the distance from my desk to Grand River, computing elevation against air pressure to see if my typewriter can fly far enough to hit the culprit.

And air brakes is not the only disturbing thing trucks have. There is the noise of the load shifting about the trailer. Or of trailers banging as the tandem comes to a quick stop. Or the ascending roar as the semi pulls away from the intersection.

But what'll shake my brains completely is that little pickup without a muffler that keeps trying to beat out a Corvette.

Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

I HOPE the Teamsters' bargaining doesn't center on money. Give them more leisure time, time for family picnics in Kensington, a fishing excursion to Pt. Pelee, a trip to the zoo.

If Frank Fitzsimmons wants to put top priority on more leisure time for Teamsters, there'll be one extra picketer on the line even if it means three.

Otherwise, the typewriter's going down to the southwest corner of the basement — or out the window.

But things could be worse. I understand my compatriots or whatever they are at the News and Free Press are also hoping for a general strike of the tugboat workers.

Reader Says Road Policy Is Politically Motivated

EDITOR

Curtis Hall is a Republican — SO AM I. The charges leveled at him by the Democratic Club may be political, mine are not.

Mr. Hall claims there is no favoritism when the Oakland County Road Commission puts in their money.

Come now, Mr. Hall. You are not addressing children or ignorant adults. It is a well-known fact that the Road Commission will match funds anytime, any place, with anyone. After all, isn't it better to pay only half?

To quote Mr. Hall, "If we could have found someone to put up 25 or 30%, we might have pushed another one mile road." Why aren't the abutting landowners paying their share?

If the county and township can afford to pave Nine Mile and Drake, they can darn well pave Gill Road under the same terms.

I have heard Mr. Hall's "Mile Road Plan." Please note the name of the plan.

Published by the Michigan Educators' National Conference, the book is available for \$3.50.

Rah-Rah Gals Chosen At FHS

FARMINGTON school year have been announced at Farmington High School.

Next year's varsity squad will be composed of seniors Pat Adams, Kathy Barge, Debbie McGovern, Debbie Moshammer, Juniors Diane Deering, Donna Ryan, Patti Wickham and Vicki Wilson.

Junior varsity includes Rose Angellella, Mary Ellen Bondi, Debbie Forster, Carla Schwachow, Tom Thomas, Pat Deering, Joyce Holdenburg and Connie Yuhass.

that the big land developers are the ones that benefit the most.

It was my understanding that the Farmington Township Road Commission was formed for a specific purpose. The fact that only "some" of the committee members were aware of this project speaks for itself. It would seem that Mr. Hall is the one politically motivated.

It is to be said that a situation like this caused the resignation of Catherine Vignone. She is, and always has been, a dedicated worker. Not for just a political party, but for the whole township.

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Canterbury Commons

By JOANNE TAKAI 626-1786

At last, spring is making an attempt to stay. The rabbits from the woods must have found enough to eat this year, because the crocus are blooming, and the tulip leaves haven't been eaten.

With spring come the many moves of our neighbors. New to our area are Bill and Mary Anne Bridenstine who have moved here from Detroit.

They are living now on Mul-lane with their sons Thomas, 3, and Michael, 1.

Also new to Canterbury are David and Rebecca Parke, and children Lisa, 4, Christina, 2½, and Andy, 4 months. They make their home now on Fernhill Drive.

AS USUAL the Easter Egg hunt was a success with many children hunting for prize eggs and others filled with goodies. Congratulations to Shirley Schmauch, chairman of the event.

The Schmauch children Eric and Melanie and their friends Susan Young and Roddy Mackay were a big help filling 923 eggs with candy goodies.

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