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# EDITORIALS

### Renewing Caution

(Exchange)

The first beautiful spring days are here and with them the urge to go places. That this urge was answered by many thousands was evidenced when the motor fatalities of two Sundays ago rose perceptibly over previous week-ends. It is strange, but quite true, that on good days when the pavements are dry and driving conditions are ideal, more accidents occur than on days when the pavements are slippery or icy. This is the direct result of greater driving caution when driving conditions are not so good. People don't take unnecessary chances then for they FEAR an accident. But they do take too many chances under ordinary circumstances because this fear does not exist as a reality to them.

The question, confronting us then is how all drivers can be impressed with this feeling of caution when all circumstances do not apparently warrant it. We all believe that nothing will happen to us. It is the feeling of self which causes this pseudo security, and, therefore, we must instill some other feeling into the picture to make driving safer on the highways.

Our suggestions are: Consider the other fellow. Be as polite in driving your car as you are outside. Do not speed. STOP SAVING SECONDS AND START SAVING LIVES.

### On Time

(Exchange)

One night I fell asleep while the radio played a soft melody, and awoke suddenly the next morning when a strange voice said, "Good morning." It was the radio announcer starting his breakfast time comments.

The time precision of the radio stations set me thinking about punctuality in everyday life. So many of us are careless of our time and other people's. We make appointments for a certain time and we make mental reservations that we'll be there "about that time" or not more than ten minutes late. When we arrive even ten minutes late we have tried the patience of one who is punctual and we begin our go together with a handicap, because people who are kept waiting resent that treatment.

Many of us do not have to follow any set time schedule throughout our day, and as a consequence make poor use of much of our time. Dorothea Brande's suggestion is a good one, that all such people take a day occasionally when a set schedule for everything, letter writing, telephoning, etc., is followed to the minute. In interruptions upset the whole scheme, try it again soon, and you will find how much more can be accomplished in such a day and what good discipline it is.

### The "Billboard" Excuse

(Exchange)

Strange news comes from Lansing this morning in the matter of billboard regulation. The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan is seeking to have written into law.

Deprived of any logical reason for blocking a measure which would remove billboards from highway intersections and otherwise make driving safer opposition claims the bill is unconstitutional.

Until recent alarm about the constitutionality of the state and nation being flattened out, the vast majority of us thought of a walk before dinner when we heard the word "constitution."

This is not to say that legislators as a whole have not always recognized constitutional limitations, but it is to say that the constitutional issue is being needlessly raised these days, in the hopes that public sentiment toward this legislation can be hushed into silence. In a word, some legislators apparently believe that the one sure way of alienating public support for a proposed law is to tag it "unconstitutional."

In the main, this is probably correct, but moral education teaches us to stand if the constitutional issue is cited without justification. Editors are notoriously poor lawyers, but even a notoriously poor lawyer could see that the recent decision of the Michigan state supreme court, which ruled that cities could prohibit even the erection of billboards, certainly shows that the proposal to regulate them is nothing, if it isn't constitutional.

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City Commission of Farmington held April 8, 1937.

Called to order by Mayor Warner, at 8:30 p. m.

Commissioners present: Gildemeister, Oldenburg, Nacker, Hamilton and Hatton.

Minutes of the meetings of March 1st and March 25th were read and approved.

The following bills were paid by the City Clerk:

The Detroit Edison Co., street lighting, February	\$20.68
The Detroit Edison Co., traffic lights, February	3.60
The Detroit Edison Co., power water pump, February	91.23
Farmington High School Band music gala day	50.00
City Alliance Organization contribution for expenses February and March	10.00
Arthur Power, Agent, Insurance on dump truck	21.00
Mich. Mutual Liability Co., Ins. on American-LaFrance pumper	32.41
Fred Schaeppert, commission on tags No. 101 to 126 \$28.00	
Fred Schaeppert, commission on tags No. 1 to 20 kennel \$28.00	
Postmaster, stamps for City Treasurer	10.00
The Detroit Edison Co., lights, City Building	11.63
William Maas, salary	116.67
Harvey Blough, salary	86.67
Horace Durham, salary	86.67
Charles Walling, salary	11.60
Glenn Green, labor	9.20
David Cairns, labor	4.00
Postmaster, stamped envelopes	2.50
Arthur Lamb, Treas. Del. School taxes, February	44.72
Mich. Bell Telephone Co., office City Clerk	4.95
Mich. Bell Telephone Co., Police booth	8.80
Norman Barrons, salary, school police	20.00
Charles Walling, salary, school police	20.00
H. W. Moore, salary, City Clerk	25.00
James L. Hogle, salary, City Assessor	25.00
Geo. C. Gildemeister, salary, City Treasurer	55.00
Fred Staman, salary, janitor Town Hall	10.00
Henry Trombley, rent for dwelling, Mrs. Eugene Edwards	15.00
Howard Warner, Mayor's salary, 1st quarter	16.00
Fred Staman, Commissioner's salary, 1st quarter	16.00
Harold Oldenburg, Commissioner's salary, 1st quarter	16.00
Leo Gildemeister, Commissioner's salary, 1st quarter	16.00
Delos Hamilton, Commissioner's salary, 1st quarter	12.00
Arthur Nacker, Commissioner's salary, 1st quarter	16.00
E. O. Hatton, Commissioner's salary, 1st quarter	16.00
Fireman's Salary	13.50
Norman Barrons, salary	7.50
Dernard Banfield, salary	6.00
George Dewey, salary	4.50
Harrison Johnson, salary	8.00
Louis Kahrl, salary	9.00
Fred Maas, salary	12.00
Harold Oldenburg, salary	12.00
Howard Osmae, salary	10.50
Edward Thayer, salary	7.50
Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, salary Health Officer	75.00
Special Bills	
Mueller Co., Water Dept's supplies	76.78
Crane Co., Water Dept's supplies	962.24
Pittsburg Equitable Meter Co., meter dial	3.32
Badger Meter Mfg. Co., 1 doz. meters	100.80
Skunk Mfg. Co., blades for Road Hog	16.82
Schulte and Pare, agents, American-LaFrance Fire Truck fire insurance	8.05
Planning & Locklin, sand and gravel	16.80
Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., fuel, George Lang	7.98
Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., fuel, police booth	4.50
Farmington Hardware Co., mds	5.47
Farmington Enterprise, printing and stationery	65.40
Clark Coal Co., fuel Town Hall and Water Works Bldg.	59.96
Westfall Service Co., Gasoline	7.92
Dickerson Hardware Co., mds	1.48
Standard Oil Co., 100 gal. Polishing oil	60.44
The Detroit Edison Co., street lighting, March	205.98
The Detroit Edison Co., power water pump, March	104.54
The Detroit Edison Co., traffic lighting, March	3.60

Motion made by Oldenburg and supported by Hatton, the bills be carried. All Yess.

Roll Call: Hatton, Hamilton, Gildemeister, Oldenburg, Nacker, and Hatton.

Carried, All Yess.

The new Commission called to order by Mayor Warner 9 p. m. April 8, 1937.

Commissioners present: Hatton, Hamilton, Gildemeister, Bagnall, Nacker and Oldenburg.

Motion made by Hatton and supported by Nacker, the Commission, having discussed the results of the election held April 6th,

1937, has determined the following persons have been elected to the several offices respectively:

Howard M. Warner, Mayor

Harry W. Moore, City Clerk

Geo. C. Gildemeister, City Treasurer

James L. Hogle, City Assessor

John J. Schulte, Jr., Justice of the Peace

Lloyd S. Gullen, Justice of the Peace, to fill vacancy

Commissioners, Full Term

Leo F. Gildemeister, full term

Emory O. Hatton, full term

Harold C. Oldenburg, full term

Commissioner, To Fill Vacancy

Fred W. Bagnall

Roll Call: Board of Review

Harrison Johnson

Clinton W. Wilber

Constables

Marie F. Pettibone

Clarence V. Bell

Carried, All Yess.

The Oath of Office was administered to the Officials present by the City Clerk, Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., and Emory O. Hatton, Notary Public.

Mayor Warner ordered a ballot taken for the election of a Mayor Pro Tem. The ballot resulted in the election of Commissioner E. O. Hatton. E. O. Hatton declared elected.

Mayor Warner appointed the following committees:

Finance and Sidewalks, Leo F. Gildemeister.

Buildings and Water, Adolph Nacker.

Sewer, Street, Police, Emory O. Hatton.

Lights and Parks, Delos Hamilton.

Fire and Ordinance, Harold C. Oldenburg.

Township and Cemetery, Fred W. Bagnall.

Library Committee

Anna Cook, Chairman

Heleen Hard

Ella Irish

Delos Hamilton

Motion made by Gildemeister and supported by Hatton, the committees be confirmed. Carried, All Yess.

Motion made by Hatton and supported by Oldenburg, the

Carried, All Yess.

Motion made by Oldenburg and supported by Gildemeister, that day labor be paid at the rate of .50 per hour.

Roll Call: Hatton, Hamilton, Gildemeister, Bagnall, Nacker, and Oldenburg.

Carried.

Motion made by Nacker and supported by Hatton, to adjourn.

Carried.

Howard Warner, Mayor.

Harry Moore, Clerk.

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF MONIES

Received from: No Person

Paid to: No Person

1. Lloyd S. Gullen being duly sworn, do say that the above is true copy of the receipts and expenditures of monies used for me in my behalf in the matter of my election on April 5, 1937 to the office of Justice of Peace.

LLOYD S. GULLEN

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Edgar S. Pierce, Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan. My Commission expires January 9, 1940.

Dated: April 12, 1937

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