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## In Our Opinion . . . .

### A Buffer Area Plan With Real Merit

Directors of the Farmington Meadows Association have come up with a plan for the development of the 34 foot wide "man's land" between their subdivision's boundary and the industrial drive to the south of them that sounds very good to us.

Their proposal is that 24 feet of the total 34 feet be asphalted and utilized for parking for employees and customers coming to their industrial plants and that the remaining ten feet be surfaced with crushed stones and evergreens planted down the middle, six feet apart, to shield the plants from their residential property. For a barrier between the parking area and the ten foot buffer strip, to prevent any encroachments, they propose a bar or wide metal striping type of guard rail running the entire distance of the east-west drive.

It is our feeling that this would provide a very suitable utilization of the property for the industrial park tenants and still give near normal protection to the shielding they want from the industrial developed area to the south.

To set aside all of this footage as a non-usable greenbelt area hasn't sounded appealing to us from the beginning and for one very good reason. That reason is the problem of maintenance and upkeep.

Time and time again we have seen good sized greenbelt area setups which are supposed to provide a good buffer between industry or commerce and

nearby residential land and then see it become totally neglected or forgotten about. This so-called greenbelt area soon becomes a dumping ground and gets badly grown up with weeds and becomes a very unsightly area. The proposal by the Farmington Meadows Association directors seems to us to be a plan that would prevent this from happening.

The big question now becomes how much is the total package going to cost and whom is it going to be borne by.

Since the industrial plants would benefit substantially by having the additional parking area as called for in the proposal, the owners should be willing to pay a fair share of the cost. It would be beneficial to the city, not only from an appearance standpoint but also from the standpoint of almost totally eliminating any maintenance problems.

Because it goes beyond the scope and requirements normally considered to provide a greenbelt between industry and adjoining residential properties, it would seem to us that either the subdivision association members in total or abutting homeowners should stand at least a small portion of the cost.

It's a plan that we see as having a lot of benefits to all involved. Now let's hope an understanding can be reached on how the cost is going to be spread so that the plan can be carried out.

### Special Programs Get At Youth Problem

Area educators and our state officials as well now appear to be getting at the heart of one of the major youth problems of today.

Education and training programs are being set in motion with more frequency designed to help the neglected groups of young people in the past. These are the youth who have dropped out or are prone to drop out of school before graduating and those who have completed high school who either have no desire to go on into field requiring four years of regular college training or are financially unable to do so.

More community college districts are being set up like Oakland Community College with programs designed to offer short technical training courses in a variety of different vocational fields. It is boys and girls with the technical training in the kinds of programs like this that are most needed in our labor force today.

In our local public school system a vocational training program has been initiated and is being expanded upon providing a good means for keeping many youth in school and preparing them for specific jobs out in the work-a-day world when they graduate. In addition to this the Farmington school system, through the county subsidized special education program, is offering programs for boys with personal problems in normal development as well as those with physical and mental handicaps.

Now the state is experimenting with a six month youth vocational training program in conjunction with local municipalities and school systems designed to help youths who have dropped out of school and can't find jobs get back on the right foot again.

There is no question about it that special training and educational programs of this kind are expensive to set up and run. So is the operating of community college districts. But, to our way of thinking, they are well worth the tax money being spent.

## Looking Back in the Files

**5 Years Ago**  
DECEMBER 17, 1959  
Goodfellow Paper  
The drive to raise \$4,000 for the purchase of clothing and other articles needed by the community's less fortunate families this Christmas through the sale of the Goodfellow Newspaper, a special edition of the Farmington Enterprise, was staged last Friday in Farmington. John Allen, is the chairman of this year's Goodfellow campaign.

**Santa to Visit**  
Santa Claus will visit young folks in Farmington under a program being sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, this Saturday.

**Enterprise Award**  
The Michigan State Highway Department has cited the Farmington Enterprise as the recipient of its award for Michigan weeklies for providing the best news coverage of the Highway Department's activities during the past year.

**New Drug Store**  
Arnold Drugs opened up a store in the Kendallwood Shopping Center this week.

**10 Years Ago**  
DECEMBER 16, 1954  
Local Cage Tilt  
The Farmington High School basketball team easily got past the Clarenceville Trojan basketball team in their last week, 56-40.

**15 Years Ago**  
DECEMBER 15, 1949  
Goodfellow Paper  
Business and professional men of the community will be out selling the annual Goodfellow Edition of the Farmington Enterprise this Saturday to raise funds for needy families at Christmas time.

**FHS Cagers Win**  
The Farmington High School basketball team swamped the Clarenceville Trojan basketball team in their last week, 56-40.

**Lakes Conference action last Friday night, 63 to 30.**  
The Farmington team led the scoring attack.

**Army Commendation**  
First Lt. William H. Brennan of Farmington has been awarded the U.S. Army's Meritorious Service Medal for action while serving with U.S. forces in Korea.

**Building Code**  
The Farmington Township Board has declared its intention to adopt a building code for the Township.

**Goodfellow Paper**  
The annual Goodfellow Newspaper Sale will take place in the community this Friday and an estimated 70 volunteer Goodfellow boys will be out on street corners in an effort to raise funds for the needy families in the Farmington area this Christmas. The goal set for the Goodfellow Newspaper Sale is \$2,600.

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FOUR FARMINGTON Blue Lodge Masons (L to R), Walter S. Gulke, 25524 Lochmore Ave.; Jack Peltz, 32346 Queensboro; William J. Lane, 32771 Grand River; and Clarence S. Guba, 32320 Nine Mile Road, were among a class of 400 to receive the 32nd Degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry recently in the main Masonic Temple at Detroit.

### PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be held upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

### Serves Community in Numerous Ways

To the Editor:  
At this time, may I commend you upon Warren Bopp's letter and the Enterprise editorial (November 19) in reply to it? Although I am among those who feel it is good to encourage individual as well as community participation in a community Christmas celebration, I was deeply disturbed by the Enterprise's editorial remarks implying a lack of interest and participation by Mr. Bopp in community affairs.

As a neighbor of the Warren Bopp family, I can testify personally that there is no one more sincerely interested in building a model or repairing a bicycle, as well as his home, than Warren Bopp. He has demonstrated this in many concrete, but unpublicized ways. It is Mr. Bopp who helps the neighborhood boys with their "engineering" projects - whether it is building a model or repairing a bicycle. At Halloween it is Warren Bopp who takes, not only his own, but many other children around for tricks of treats.

When the school bus can't get through on the side roads in the winter time it is Warren Bopp who drives the numerous children in the area to school. Many of us don't seem to find the time to flood a skating pond or keep it serviced off for use. But Mr. Bopp does, and they have been most generous in letting others use the rink into which Mr. Bopp has put so much time and effort. I could go on.

There are many ways in which to serve one's community. These may be less public than being on a community program committee but they are, I submit, no less valuable. Mr. Bopp's opinion should be accepted and respected as, I am sure it was given, in good faith and without reflections of a personal nature. Very truly yours, One of His Neighbors

### Takes Exception To Write-Up Beef

To the Editor:  
In reply to Mr. Schamane's letter of December 10, dealing with the writup of the Farmington TV football game with North Farmington, I feel the necessity to make it known that the article was written specifically for publication in the Blue & White (Farmington Senior High School Newspaper).

I wrote the article performing my duties as a high school reporter—I did not write it as an Enterprise material. However, the Farmington Enterprise is welcome to use Blue & White material.

It is only natural that in one's own high school paper one would "build up" his own team. No mention was made in the story of "Gods" or "heroes" and I don't believe it was as offensive as Mr. Schamane tried to make it seem.

Yours truly, Tom Donoghue

### Farmington Sailor In Fleet Operation

Boilerman Third Class Richard A. Bailey, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Penimore, 10001 Holwell St., Farmington, participated recently in a large scale fleet training operation in the Western Pacific called "Operation Tail Back" while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation.

The exercise, under the direction of the Commander of the Seventh Fleet in the Far East, was designed to increase the readiness of Seventh Fleet units in strike, anti-aircraft and anti-submarine warfare. Twenty-three surface ships; three submarines and several land-based Air Force and Naval air units participated in the exercise.

Two task forces, each with an attack aircraft carrier as its hub, opposed each other.

"The operation was conducted to test and evaluate Seventh Fleet units under the most realistic operating conditions."

### Leonards to Reunite During The Holidays

The family of Louis S. Leonard of Valleyview Circle will be complete for the holidays when Mr. Leonard returns home from London, England, where he has been on a three week business trip for the Ford Motor Company; when daughter Marianne comes home from the University of Ann Arbor where she is a senior; and when daughter Louise arrives home from East Lansing where she is a sophomore at the teachers' college.

The typical American adult takes 18,000 steps each day.

Children are welcomed. Chairman of the Pancake Breakfast is Frank Barber.

### Legion Plans Pancake Feed

A Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 20, at the American Legion Hall in Farmington between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sponsored by the Grover-Lewis Chapter, the Pancake Breakfast will be held to collect one dollar gifts for hospitalized veterans. Admission to the breakfast will be by a one dollar gift for a hospitalized veteran.

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## Glen A. Elkey Appointed Red Cross Co-ordinator

John M. McCoy, Chairman, Winnebago County Chapter, American Red Cross, today announced that Glen A. Elkey, employed Glen A. Elkey, formerly of Farmington, to coordinate the Chapter's Safety Services program, and assist in co-ordinating other Chapter activities.

Elkey is assuming the position and duties recently vacated by Kenneth Miller, who resigned to accept a position with the Des Moines Public Schools.

Elkey has been employed by the American National Red Cross, and took his "In-Service" training in the Red Cross Chapters Wichita Falls, Dallas, and Amarillo, Texas, prior to assuming his position with the Winnebago County Chapter.

Elkey graduated from high school at Farmington, Michigan, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration from Michigan State University at East Lansing, Michigan.

McCoy, in announcing Elkey's appointment, emphasized this is a continuation of the Winnebago County Chapter's plan to continue expanding its Safety Services program, and other

**Moose Lodge No. 1995. Helps Goodfellows**

The Farmington Moose Lodge No. 1995 of Farmington, 2018 West Eight Mile Road in Farmington Township, presented a check for \$100 to the Farmington Goodfellows on Friday, December 11, to help the Goodfellows finance their annual Christmas charity work.

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Contributions to the Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3224 St. Antoine, Detroit, were requested by the family in letters of flowers in the hope that because of Douglas, another may be spared.

A reminder that Thompson Brown is again holding their outdoor lighting contest this year. Judging will be completed by December 22, so be sure your decor is ready this week!

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