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## In Our Opinion . . . . .

### Motives for Some Objections Questionable

When persons living some distance away from a proposed new commercial, industrial or apartment development register vigorous complaints about this new development or re-zoning that might be under consideration to permit the development, we can help by revealing some of their motives.

Complaints from abutting property owners or those who own property very close to the area being considered for new development are much easier to understand. The neighboring property owners feel that such development will devalue their own property values and create nuisances for them. While we know quite well that all commercial, industrial and apartment developments are not bad for a neighborhood nor do they devalue surrounding property values, it is quite easy for us to understand why immediately adjoining property owners may feel that such developments may be detrimental to them.

What is hard for us to understand and raises serious questions in our mind, however, are the objections that come from people whose own personal property is located some distance away from a proposed new commercial, industrial or apartment development being considered.

The Enterprise knows that there is a small group of people who might not be directly involved with a particular rezoning matter, or proposed new development, but who do have deep concern because of their interest in the community as a whole. These are the people who have demonstrated in the past a real community-wide interest by serving on committees or working with groups that have community betterment as one of their objectives.

But, when we see a new face or faces show up to voice vigorous objections, then our thoughts immediately turn to trying to determine whether they are sincerely concerned because of an interest in what is best for the community as a whole or whether their motives

are prompted because of axes to grind or for some other unwholesome reasons. At least some of the people who have waged the most vigorous campaign and voiced the loudest objections to allowing the \$25 million Independence Green development own homes a mile or almost a mile from the northern most boundary of this proposed development. True, people might have to pass by this proposed Independence Green development to get to their homes but we don't feel their properties are close enough to it to warrant the kind or amount of strong objections that the far-removed property owners have registered.

Their thinking is either completely out of perspective with regard to any detrimental effects that a large apartment development such as the one proposed would have on their property values or some distance away or else they have some unhealthy motivations for opposing this development, in our opinion.

It seems very unfortunate to us that when zoning of our city and township was being done more serious consideration was not given to calling for more industrial, commercial or multiple housing zoned areas along the major artery roadways of our community. We feel that anyone who bought a home near a major intersection or near a main artery road where a substantial amount of vacant land area still existed and didn't expect that strong future efforts would be made to get this property rezoned for something other than single family home development just wasn't thinking very clearly.

Citizens who object to zoning changes either because they feel it will be detrimental to their own property values or detrimental to the community as a whole are to be commended for taking a stand. Those who object because of personal axes to grind deserve sharp criticism and exposure of the personal motives if they can be proven to exist.



### PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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

### Opposes Team

So, F.R.S. is finally here: Farmington Residents Speak or the first letter in the last issue. He was most gentlemanly and understanding. He not only drove me up to a station to purchase a battery and stayed with me there but installed it and followed me along the expressway until I was able to purchase more gas.

THERE JUST ISN'T any magical way in which I can adequately repay this gentleman for what he did, now was there any mention of it on his part. However, I feel he should have some recognition for his kindness and this will serve as an opportunity for me to thank him for his thoughtfulness.

Also, perhaps the paper might be interested in this incident simply as a warning to other motorists in similar circumstances, to be aware of that can happen and to act more prudently than I.

Very truly yours,  
 Mary M. Harvard

### Twp. Official Praised

The Farmington Enterprise: This is to thank Mr. Cairns publicly for what he accomplished for us last Friday, on a rainy, snowy day. We have never called after him since last fall to the Township Hall complaining about the mess the "Water Crew" left in our ditch. It was not until last Friday that we were given the good news that there was nothing they could do about it. Well, when our rains were getting pretty heavy, no ditch out in front of our 40 foot of culvert was buried under at least a foot of dirt. Our house sits lower than the road and so all that water was draining towards the house. We had at least a foot of dirty water laying up against the foundation of the house and water seeping into the basement. Mr. Cairns listened to my tale of woe and within 3 hours he had the DPW at our place. They dug out the culvert and ditched it out in front as best they could at this time. So again both my husband and I say "Thank you, Mr. Cairns."

Mrs. V. Gilbert

DPW informed us also that now it's up to Oakland County to come and re-dig the ditch that used to be along the side of our property so all that water would drain down into the culvert. The treacherous corner of Rhonswood and Cass would be dry instead of a sink hole. Three school buses to through there every day besides other traffic. How long would it take the county to dig out about 50 feet?

Not once in 12 years has ditch been dug out on Cass. Instead of worrying about new subdivisions, why not try to accommodate the old ones who have paid taxes for years already? We have "Appalachian Conditions" right here. Little children walking to school, through sloppy mud, nearly up to their boot tops. Do you call this Progress in 1965?

Fifty years ago people didn't have the opportunity to "kick about all the Township decisions but we sure can now. President Johnson wants clean environments for the even the common working people. Let Oakland County has plenty to do. \$9,000 sure would help to clean up many of our Township roads seeing the rains didn't get through. It all comes natural that if all of us human beings want to make more money. . . . So we can keep up with the Jones."

### Meet the Candidates

Dear Sirs:

In the last issue of The Farmington Enterprise there was a challenging editorial to the citizens of Farmington. It stated in effect that there was no responsible organization or civic group promoting a "Meet the Candidates" night for the city and township residents. The Farmington Union, the Citizens Council, gaining in stature and reputation as the months pass by, had already planned an evening of meetings on Chairman Carl Milburn, the program for the evening of Monday, March 22, includes presentations of platform and ideas by both candidates. The program for the evening of Monday, March 22, includes presentations of platform and ideas by both candidates. The program for the evening of Monday, March 22, includes presentations of platform and ideas by both candidates.

The Farmington Council seats include the following men: Wilber Brotherton, John Allen, H. B. Forrest, E. E. Sauter, Jr., Robert Rogers, John Yoder, and Carl Milburn. The evening's meeting will be held at Antioch Lutheran Church on Thirteenth Mile Road at the corner of Farmington Road, and will begin at eight o'clock.

The program chairman, Mrs. Dale Johnson, in lining up this interesting panel for all the residents of the city and township has expressed hope that a large, packed crowd will be in attendance. "The question and answer period will be the highlight of the evening," she states, "and the majority of the candidates have expressed a willingness to answer all questions put to them, including those concerning human relations." A coffee hour social will follow the business session of the night to which everyone is invited.

Sincerely,

EDITOR'S NOTE: Why did you wait until this late date to tell us. We would have liked to have had more time to give the program a greater amount of publicity.

### Grateful to Motorist For His Assistance

Gentlemen:

Too often we read or hear of someone in distress on a street or highway who is overlooked for hours by people passing by. It was no exception, Wednesday, February 24, on the eve of "our blizzard" to run out of gas on the John Lodge expressway under the old Clairmont bridge parked at car under the bridge at 8:15 p.m. and was still waiting for help at 10 p.m.

I had no one to call as my husband was hospitalized and a sister was at home with my children. Being very cold, and so help me God, I decided to take action myself. I left my car, and walked to a gas station at Third and Clairmont. After purchasing gas, I was carrying it back and putting it in the car. I discovered my battery had been stolen while I was gone. At this point, I was extremely cold and tired. I was a questionable looking man that I had encountered while walking for the gas; so I looked myself in the car and waited.



CHILDREN IN THE Farmington area will witness the above scene from the production of "The Sound of Music" sponsored by the Farmington area PTA Council. The children's program is slated for Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Proceeds from the tickets, which are on sale at each school, will benefit the PTA Council scholarship fund. Mrs. Emanuel N. Maist is in charge of the project. Designed to run about one hour, the fairy tale will be dramatized by the Wayne State University Children's Theatre at the Farmington Junior High School. The University Children's Theatre has been touring stage adaptations of children's classics for over 20 years.

### Announce Winners of Annual Dunckel Science Exhibition

Winners of the Annual Science Exhibition held on March 5 (postponed from February 26) at the Dunckel Junior High School were announced this week.

There were 187 entries of science students in all three grades, seventh through ninth, and judging was made by the science teachers from Dunckel as well as from East Junior High.

FIRST PLACE winners were: Christopher Helger, Gas Eff. Exp.; Eric Hall, Stroboscope; Nancy Hiff, Cat Skeleton; Lin Da Johnson, Organic Matter; Sally Sieck, Flour; Cheryl Killebrew, Squid; Joseph Morrow, Photoelectric Cell; Bruce Palmer, Effects of Coke; Robert DeCoursey, Bacteriostatic Drugs; Shira Young, Heart Muscle; and Greg Suep, Sex Determination.

WINNERS OF second place were: Barbara Otton, Experiment in Nutrition; Kathleen Kiehn, How the Eye Sees Color; Edward Wilcox, Rotor Virus; Heredity; Lynn Goodwin, Carcinsins; Robert Thompson, Light Water; Scott Schlesinger, Thyroid and Tadpoles; Linda Shipley, Rocks and Fossils; Steven Marvin.

All winners will be entitled to exhibit at the Birmingham screening on March 28, and winners selected there will be eligible to enter exhibits at the Detroit Metropolitan Science Fair to be held at Cobo Hall beginning April 10.

### Celebrate Girl Scout Week

Girl Scout Week, March 7 to 13, is being celebrated in Farmington with many special activities. This is the 53rd birthday of Girl Scouting.

On Sunday afternoon, March 7, many Girl Scouts took part in the ceremony at the University of Detroit Field House, where the Troop No. 410 and Brownie Troop No. 513 conducted the flag ceremony. Leaders of Troop 410 are Mrs. M. Kivik and Mrs. E. Schaffer, while Mrs. K. Mahoney and Mrs. J. Clarke led the Brownie Troop. Several girls received the March Award.

On Tuesday, March 9, a "Brownie Round Up" was held at Farmington Junior High School. Brownie Troop 127 has invited the Girl Scouts of Oakland County to a meeting on March 18. Mrs. R. Stamps and her daughter, Debra, will entertain with a Japanese Dance program. Debra is a Junior Scout of Troop 183 in Livonia.

### Architect Selected For 4th Junior High

The selection of Linn Smith Associates as architects for the proposed fourth Junior High School in the district was approved at a regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education on March 8.

A budget of \$1,450,000 was set for the school, location of which may be the 11 Mile and Halstead site although undecided, and completion of which has been set for September of 1966.

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### The Community Deserves Nothing Less

Quite frequently in recent weeks The Enterprise has found it necessary to leave out some of the local news that has been submitted to us or gathered by our staff for publication. This has been done despite the fact that we have been publishing 16 pages of nine column wide newspaper pages each week with a normal percentage of advertising.

We deeply regret having found it necessary to do this because of the limitations of our present production facilities. We apologize to those who have submitted news material and not had it published the same week they gave it to us. The Enterprise staff takes heart in the fact, however, that we will very soon have the solution to this problem. Within the next few weeks our "new" offset equipment will be in operation. It will permit us to add pages much more readily to accommodate the news and also do a better job of serving our LOCAL advertisers.

Our staff also takes heart in the fact that The Enterprise policy has been and remains that Farmington City and Township deserves its own exclusive LOCAL paper. Many publishers and journalists in suburban areas today do not have this policy. They "cover the waterfront" with one newspaper.

The end result with this latter policy is that each of the communities they claim to serve gets badly "short changed." Only 400 or 500 inches of news about each local community is published and often times even less than this amount. It is often scattered about the paper and is very hard to find. There is more advertising in this type of publication urging people to leave the LOCAL community or get services than there is advertising which will help LOCAL businesses grow and prosper and thus help the local community grow and prosper.

To serve Farmington adequately right now we see the need for at least 18 or 20 news and advertising pages weekly, and as we said, we have even more. We plan to give them all of space to the Farmington community and its business people.

To give the growing Farmington community any less than this number of pages exclusively is short changing both the community's readers and its advertisers, in our opinion.

## Looking Back in the Files

| 5 Years Ago                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10 Years Ago                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 15 Years Ago                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| MARCH 17, 1960                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | MARCH 17, 1955                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | MARCH 16, 1950                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Safety Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Council Race                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Teacher Pay Raise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| The newly organized Traffic Safety Committee, composed of representatives from the Farmington Public Schools, Farmington Township Board and the Farmington City Council, is currently meeting to explore the possibility of making walking conditions to schools safer for youngsters.                                                   | A total of seven candidates have filed nominating petitions for seats on the Farmington City Clerk's office for the race to fill three available seats on the City Council which will be held on Monday, April 4, at the last regular meeting. The beginning and maximum salaries of \$2,400 and \$3,600 will remain unchanged, however. | An increase in the annual pay for teachers from \$500 to \$150, in the Farmington School District was approved by the Board of Education at its last regular meeting. The beginning and maximum salaries of \$2,400 and \$3,600 will remain unchanged, however.                                  |
| Voters in City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | No Parking Zones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | New Twp. Voters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| There were a flood of last minute registrations in the City of Farmington on Monday, the last day for registering to qualify to vote on the Detroit water question which will be decided on April 11. A total of 118 new registrations were taken by the City Clerk to boost the total number of registered voters in the City to 3,213. | The Farmington City Council will consider an amendment to the City's Traffic Ordinance at its next regular meeting. The amendment is aimed at providing no parking zones along Grand River Avenue at points where side streets intersect the main artery.                                                                                | The Farmington Township Clerk's office reports a total of 100 new voter registrations have been taken for the upcoming election on the Township new Building Code Ordinance. Registration books will remain open until March 27, the last day of registration for the April 17 Special Election. |

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNTY OF OAKLAND

TAKE NOTICE, that the following have qualified as candidates for the City of Farmington Election to be held on Monday, April 5, 1965:

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