

In Our Opinion . . .

Kickoff to A Continued Campaign

This special edition of the Farmington Enterprise marks the kickoff of another year's community clean-up, fix-up, paint-up campaign and we are proud to have a substantial part in this annual community betterment project.

As in previous years, The Enterprise is making an urgent appeal to you, along with the various organizations sponsoring the clean-up campaign, to not only clean-up and fix-up around your home and property but also to lend a hand to your neighbors who may need help and to clean up in the vacant land areas around you.

It was The Farmington Enterprise along with officials of the South Farmington Civic Association who initiated the organized week to 10 day annual community clean-up campaign locally some years back. We have lost none of our enthusiasm for need for such an organized community clean-up program yearly and don't feel that we ever will.

But, we recognize more and more clearly each year that some of our most serious problems in making Farmington a cleaner and more wholesome place in which to live can never be solved by such annual clean-up projects as this alone.

The solution to our most chronic unwholesome and uncleanly community conditions is going to require a year-around effort for the next several years. Many areas in the city and township have very minor uncleanly conditions to get corrected but there are a few rather heavily populated areas where the problems are very serious.

Far too many people living in Kendallwood, Westbrooke Manor, Quaker-town, Holly Hills, Kimberley, Alta Loma, Farmington Meadows and some of the other nice subdivision areas in our community have just not driven around Farmington enough to see some of the

No Need for "Planned Unit" Here

The planned unit development concept that Farmington Township is now following in allowing homesites in some areas to go on smaller lots than the zoning for that area calls for provided vacant land area is left to make up the difference in required land area is a concept that has some real merit.

But, as we have pointed out previously editorially, we see some pitfalls in this concept when the areas where planned unit developments are allowed are not very carefully considered.

The practice of allowing homes to be built slightly closer together with open area left for a subdivision park or recreation site or even just some "open air" space is not bad. But, to allow a developer to build his homes closer together on a parcel of land to avoid having to develop a problem portion of that parcel is bad.

The Franklyn Ravine Subdivision development planned on a parcel between the Middlebelt and East Junior High school sites provides a good case in point.

As was pointed out by Township Board Trustee Byron Walter in object-

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO

MAY 5, 1960
Church Groundbreaking
Ground will be broken May 8 for the new Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church in Farmington on a site at the corner of 19 Mile and Farmington.

THS Nine Wins

The Farmington High School baseball team bowed to the Waterford nine, 4 to 2, to absorb their second loss of the season against one victory.

Basement Battle

The battle over whether basements should be allowed in homes planned in Twin Valley Subdivision in the City has been settled with the City Council recinding an earlier resolution which barred construction of basements in homes planned along lower lots near the stream which traverses the subdivision. Several stipulations were made by the Council in the new resolution and agreed to by the developer.

Falcon Diamondmen

The Farmington High School baseball team took it on the chin from Inter-Lakes Conference rival Van Dyke, losing 11 to 3. Jerry Rice pitched for the Falcons.

10 YEARS AGO

MAY 5, 1955
Blakeslee Retires

Farmington Chevrolet dealer Vic Blakeslee, a businessman in the community for more than twenty years, has sold his agency to Bill Root.

Proposed Village

The petition filed with Oakland County by residents in Wood Creek for incorporation as a village has now under consideration by the County Board of Supervisors. Board approval will pave the way for a special election to decide incorporation.

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15 YEARS AGO

MAY 4, 1950

Lighted Field

The electrical which will decide whether Farmington gets a lighted athletic field will be held Monday. This will be the decision of the High School newspaper, "The Blue and White," went on record as being in favor of the proposal which would cost taxpayers an average of \$3 a year over a two year period while increasing gate receipts are anticipated 400 per cent.

Business Expands

The Blakeslee Motor Sales has moved into its new quarters at 32125 Grand River Avenue. The new building has 12,500 square feet of floor space and an additional 12,000 square feet for a used car lot and parking area.

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Players Open 'Little Foxes'

Seats went on sale Monday at the box office of the Barn Theatre, where the Farmington Players production of the absorbing and exciting drama "The Little Foxes," begins a run of five performances on May 7.

Lillian Hellman's play, which New York drama critics rated the best of the '39-40 season, is a violent tragedy which ranks with the outstanding theatrical events of the past decade. Packed with surprises and fresh dramatic devices, the play scored a resounding success in New York throughout the United States and in many foreign capitals.

DIRECTOR DON CRAIG who has watched the production gather momentum through the rehearsal stage, asserts that the root of its tense and exciting plot lies in the clash of powerful wills. The ever-mounting tension and gripping suspense arises as the characters develop. Out of greed and out of rapacity, Regina, Ben and Oscar, the three "Foxes" fight, destroy each other. Only Horace, Regina's banker-husband, tries to stop them, to fall victim to their murderous wiles. The arresting role of Birdie shows a fragile, well-meaning woman disengaged under the impact of the individuals scheming by the other characters.

The cold calculating Regina, the cruel and beautiful carpet-bagger's daughter, will be played by Kaye Britton, with Don Craig and Joel Helder as Ben and Oscar, the brothers with whom she wages her treacherous struggle. Horace and Birdie, as the two principal decent individuals are destroyed by the others, are portrayed by Stuart Orman and Mary Ann Perry.

FEATURED IN the play's other main roles are Edwin Budgen, Carolyn Stutson, Norma Young, Bessie and Charles Hammarskjold.

As the story unfolds, suspense mounts in the best tradition of true and powerful tragedy. "I wouldn't have left my seat for a 5-alarm fire," wrote one critic, "unless by chance, it had been under me." Lillian Hellman's play, the director of the evil in human nature in a relentless battle for wealth. Her victims richly merit her scorn. They represent, as Adelie says, the "people in the world who eat the earth and the people on it, while others who do not appropriate it, abuse it and do nothing to prevent them." This is the tragedy mirrored in the decline of a malignant southern family.

Arrives In Italy

Gunner's Mate Third Class Robert E. McKibben, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. McKibben of 20950 Cass St., arrived in Naples, Italy March 22, while serving as a crewmember of the destroyer USS James C. Owens which operates out of Charleston, S.C.

LEGAL NOTICES

4727

No. 87,169
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of HELENA J. BARD-
WELL, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on June 8, 1965, at 9 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Francis John Oakley for the appointment of an administrator of said estate to determine who, if any, were at the time of the death of said deceased her heirs at law.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: April 22, 1965.
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate
Albert P. Hedges, Attorney
22320 Farmington Road
Farmington, Michigan.

April 28, May 5, 12

4728
No. 88,770
STATE OF MICHIGAN,
THE PROBATE COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of GEORGE J. HOUSE,
Deceased.

It is Ordered that on July 19, 1965, at nine a.m. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or before such hearing file their claims, in writing and under oath, with this Court and serve a copy thereof upon Margaret R. House, Administratrix, 2600 Greenfield, Farmington, Michigan, for her said hearing.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: April 23, 1965.
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.

Attorney Edwin R. Oalesky
32425 Grand River Ave.
Farmington, Michigan.

April 26, May 5, 12

Public Letter Box

Schools Council Asks Tax Reform

April 23, 1965

To the Editor:
There is a growing feeling that the State Aid to schools is in the emergency and secondary schools is in need of revision.

In the past decade, state funds for school aid have dropped from approximately 60 per cent to 40 per cent, so that today the state pays 40 per cent and the local property owner pays 60 per cent. All of us know from personal experience that the property tax has been pushed to its upper limit.

Two somewhat similar bills are being considered by the State Legislature that would change the school aid formula—one submitted by the Department of Public Instruction and one by the Michigan Education Association. These bills call for an increase in state aid for kindergarten through 12th grade in the neighborhood of 90 to 110 million dollars.

IN COMPARISON, the proposed budget for K-12 leaves the current formula unchanged and requests only 31 million dollars additional. This amounts to an increase of 3 per cent, or only half of the schools' 6 per cent annual cost of living increase.

Because the fate of any education bill is closely tied to the state's need for more revenue to raise the sums required to

finance such a program, fiscal reform is necessary. If we believe that the State Aid to schools is in need of revision, then it is imperative that the State Aid formula is imperative, there is something you can do now.

WRITE TO YOUR legislators and/or the chairmen of the Education Committees. If possible, let Rep. Lucile McCallough in the Senate, N.S. Senator Gerald Dunn.

Urge them to hold public hearings on the bills they are now considering.

Urge them to enact legislation in the 1965 session. Urge them to initiate legislation to reform the State Aid formula.

Your letter will count!

The Berkley Council for Better Schools is initiating a petition drive throughout the state in support of improved state aid and fiscal reform, and invites other groups and individuals to participate in the drive. It is hoped that this effort will raise the legislature that there is grass roots support for early enactment of suitable legislation.

Bearice Sacks, Chairman
Berkley Council for Better Schools, 12738 La Salle, Huntington Woods, Mich.

(Editor's Note: The Farmington Board of Education earlier took action in support of tax reform action.

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