

In Our Opinion . . .

Board to be Commended for Action

Two re-zoning requests that had been rejected earlier by the Farmington Township Zoning Board were brought up again last week in the form of appeals for reconsideration to the Farmington Township Board.

The Enterprise commends members of the Township Board for responding the way they did in rejecting both appeals and making it quite clear that they did not have any intentions of over-riding the decisions reached by members of their zoning board.

It is our recollection that both of the re-zoning requests were given careful consideration at the time that they came up for discussion before the Township Board. The men who serve on the Township Zoning Board have demonstrated time and again that they consider all requests carefully and make their decisions only after weighing all the pros and cons presented.

Some of the decisions made by the Township Zoning Board have not agreed with and have said so editorially. There will very likely be decisions made by them on development plans or re-zoning requests in the future that will not be to our liking.

But, in spite of this fact, we still feel that there is an exceptionally fine group of men serving on the Township Zoning Board who are dedicated to making decisions which they feel are in the best interest of the township as a whole. They have shown a willingness to study carefully all phases of re-zoning requests made and to analyze thoroughly the good and bad points included in all development plans submitted to them for approval.

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working with them, the zoning board members, rather than members of the Township Board, are the ones best qualified to approve or reject development plans or re-zoning requests, in our opinion.

Having the Township Board as a check against any unfair or unreasonable decisions by the zoning board is fine. But, to have the Township Board take over-riding action on decisions reached by the zoning board members and planners unless unfairness can be very definitely and clearly be established would be totally wrong, we believe.

Members of the Township Board have plenty to do in handling the affairs of the township outside the realm of studying development plans and considering re-zoning requests to keep themselves busy. To have a complete hearing on each and every plan or request for re-zoning first before the zoning board and then before the township board all over again is a big waste of time and efforts.

It is our sincere hope that members of the Farmington Township Board will continue to have separate boards and committees serve specific functions for them in the total governmental operating picture and stand behind them in their recommendations and actions.

In order to do this, however, it will be necessary to get and keep good and dedicated men and women with keen community interest on the various boards and committees. The best way to do this is first to consider carefully all appointments and then to follow through by standing behind the members selected for the boards and committees in the actions they take and the recommendations they make.

Very Disturbing Kind of News

There were three very vicious and unwholesome items of news, totally unrelated from each other, that we had the displeasure of reporting last month. All of them emphasize quite clearly that there is a small number of people with rather warped or unbalanced minds in just about any area in which one might choose to work or live.

One of the news items had to do with a death threat made against Farmington City Public Safety Director Maurice Pultz. The threat was made in the form of an unsigned letter sent to him postmarked from Detroit. While the letter did come from Detroit it is reasonable to assume that it was sent by someone from the Farmington community.

The second story disturbing to us was about a cross that was placed in the backyard at the home of Joseph Dodd of 32671 Eleven Mile Road. The cross was placed on Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Dodd, who is a Catholic

is a candidate for the Farmington Board of Education in the forthcoming June 14 school election. Interested in local school affairs for sometime now and an active member of the School Citizens Advisory Committee for many years, Dodd has always been a fine man and totally undeserving of any treatment of this kind.

The third story was about a group of youths, including three Farmington teenagers, who broke into a home occupied by two elderly Sovietoid people and did an estimated \$1,000 worth of damage as well as inflicting injuries on the two occupants.

All the youths involved deserve very harsh punishment, in our opinion. We further feel that some punishment or some pretty stiff fines should be given to the parents of the youths involved if they are still under their parents supervision and jurisdiction. This goes far beyond anything that can be classified as a youthful prank.

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO

MAY 19, 1950
Population Boom

The official 1950 census report is still pending but unofficial returns show the population in the City of Farmington has nearly tripled since the 1930 census while the Township of Farmington has experienced a population growth more than twice what it was ten years ago. The unofficial figures of the 1950 census show the City's population at 6,825 and the Township's at 25,554.

Tax Rate Stands

The City of Farmington's tax rate for the fiscal year 1950-51 will be kept at 12 mills. The City budget for the fiscal year has been set at a record \$817,665.

School Election

A total of nine candidates have filed nominating petitions for the Farmington School District election to fill three seats on the Board of Education.

Bayard dew Tupper, President of the Farmington Board of Education, announced his intention to step down after ten years service on the Board.

10 YEARS AGO

MAY 19, 1955
Pinch Junk Dealer

Harold Chain Rayberg, operator of a junk yard at Ten Mile and Grand River, was arraigned before Farmington Township Justice of the Peace Allen C. Ingles this week on charges of operating without a license. The township refused to issue a new license to Rayberg when he failed to comply with a 1947 ordinance stipulating an eight-foot-high white fence must enclose the operation, no junk can be stored outside the fence and all junk inside must be removed at least once a month.

City Budget Set

The Farmington City Council approved a record budget of \$266,737 and continuance of the City's 17 mill tax rate at their regular meeting Monday night.

Good Showing

The Farmington High School track team, coached by Harold Humble, finished a strong fifth in a field of sixteen Class B schools at the Regional Track Meet held in Ypsilanti.

Falcons Shut-Out

The Farmington High School baseball team was shut-out, 11-0, by the Berkley nine last week.

15 YEARS AGO

MAY 18, 1950
Theater Manager

Eddie Hohlner, who has managed the Farmington Civic Theater since its opening ten years ago with the exception of a three-year tour of duty during World War II with the U.S. Marine Corps, has been named the new manager of the Grand River Drive-In Theater.

NFHS Nine Wins

Jerry Flinn pitched a strong one-hit ball game to give Farmington a strong showing on the mound against the Holly nine, but misuses told the story in the end as Holly scored two unearned runs to gain a 2-1 victory.

Falcons Thinclads

The Farmington High School track team breezed through two dual meets last week, winning 83 to 25 over Northville and dumping Milford 90 to 19.

New JC President

Robert Cassell was elected President of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Bud Felton and Ed West were elected Vice Presidents. Bill Conroy, Secretary and Phil Thomas, Treasurer.



REPORT from LANSING

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker

Back after a 10-day Spring recess, the Legislature appears to be headed for at least two months of deliberations at a hectic pace. Observers expect considerations in the near future to be hurried mainly because of the fact that the session is being held in a room which has been closed thus far. If the pace does not pick up in terms of meaningful accomplishment, this session will probably go down in history as one of the least productive.

In a recent caucus, the minority party pointed out that many items of major importance remain needlessly bottled up in committee. Concern was expressed for the lack of committee action on issues such as traffic safety, conservation, public health, and so on. This is not to mention the apparent lack of concern by the majority party for the lateness of budget considerations.

OUR CONCERN FOR these forgotten measures transcends party lines because many of them have bipartisan sponsorship. The small-lake case seems to affect almost everything regardless of source.

Highway safety, originally thought to be one of the main tasks of this session, appears to have been relegated to a low priority. This is unusual considering Michigan's ever increasing traffic accident and death rate and the many public officials who have spoken out urging stricter traffic measures. Only minor proposals in this area have reached the floor and there are signs that even these will be watered down before final passage. One bill, which was originally designed to strengthen the point system for traffic violations, was amended so much that the final version would actually liberalize the system by reducing the point charge against speeders.

THE CHANCES OF enacting any fiscal reform program this year seem to be growing dimmer. Lack of commitment on this issue by majority party leadership appears to have done everything but pronounce the final death sentence. Governor Romney, attempting to

reach a consensus, continues to hold leadership meetings on the subject and some hope remains there. There is also some indication that a program falling short of true fiscal reform, but raising enough revenue to retain fiscal integrity might be acceptable as a stop-gap measure.

This Friday marks the final day for committees to report bills in the House of Origin.

Okay Fireworks at Drive-In Theatre

A request from the operators of the Grand River Drive-In Theatre for permission to put on fireworks displays on the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends was unanimously approved by action of the Farmington Township Board at a regular meeting Monday night.

Supervisor Curt Hall pointed out that the drive-in had been holding fireworks displays of this kind for several years now, and that they were well supervised and that no past trouble had been experienced.

William G. Truckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Truckner, 23089 Violet, Farmington, is among 126 students named to the Michigan Technological University Dean's List.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON
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NOTICE OF HEARING
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
SEWER IMPROVEMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That the Township Board of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of sewers to be located in the Township as follows:

Middlebelt from N'ly boundary of Grand River homes to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Wheeler from N'ly boundary of Richland Gardens to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Roosevelt from N'ly boundary of Richland Gardens to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Jefferson from Shiawassee to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Jacksonville from N'ly boundary of Lot 207 of Richland Gardens Sub. to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Whittington from Shiawassee to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Rockwell from Shiawassee to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Hamilton from Shiawassee to S'ly boundary of Richland Gardens Sub.

Grand River from W'ly boundary of Assessor's Richland State Subdivision to E'ly boundary of Supervisor's Sub. No. 5.

2. That plans showing the

aforsaid improvement and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

3. That the Township Board has tentatively designated the following special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed, to-wit:

Lots 1 to 31, all inclusive, of Grand River Homes Subdivision; parcels of property in the N.E. 1/4 of Section 35 having tax designations F583, F584B and F585B; parcels of property in the N.W. 1/4 of Section 38 having tax designation F615A, F615B, F615C, F615D, F615E, F615F, F615G, F615H, F615I, and the E 1/4 of tax designation F616; lots 68 to 91, 94 to 119, 123 to 152, 155 to 186, 190 to 225, 227 to 275, 276 to 318, 319 to 346, all inclusive, of Richland Gardens Sub.; lots 1 to 75, all inclusive, of Assessor's Richland State Sub.; and lots 108 to 112, all inclusive, of Supervisor's Sub. No. 5, all in the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan.

4. That the Township Board will meet in the William Grace School, 29040 Shiawassee, Farmington, Michigan, on the 26th day of May, 1955, at 8 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement, to the petitions therefor, and to the special assessment district.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS,
Township Clerk

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Slim Hope for House Bill 2129

A bill introduced in the state Legislature that would require reduced speed regulations in all school zones, House Bill 2129, has not been given too much hope of passing.

This was the indication given, at least, in a letter to the Township Board from Ray Baker, representative for this district who makes his home in Farmington. The letter was read by Supervisor Curt Hall at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night.

Hall stated that there was opposition to the passage of this bill from representatives in the rural sections of the state and also from those representing large city districts. Representatives from suburban areas who want the bill passed just don't seem to have enough support, he commented.

Apply Now For Town Hall Awards

Applications for the awards to be given by the Northville Town Hall Series are being accepted through May 22.

Charitable organizations are eligible and applications may be made to Mrs. William Milne, 537 Dunlap, Northville, Michigan.

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The awards will be made the first week in June.



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Farmington High School senior, Karyn Nicholson, recently won the Max Memorial Music Scholarship. She was awarded a \$30.00 scholarship for her performance on the piano. The program was sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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