

In Our Opinion . . .

Oakland County Government Booklet Out

The Leagues of Women Voters in Oakland County publication "Know Your Oakland County Government" is ready for distribution now. The booklet contains overall information about Oakland County. There is no charge to the county government, but rather present objective information on the subject.

The publication contains current information on the structure of Oakland County government, its duties, services, and method of performance. The scope of the survey is indicated in areas which cover the history and growth of Oakland County, the structure and function of county government, how county government conducts internal affairs, the administration of justice and law enforcement, voting and election information, and facts about health, education, public health, public welfare, public works, and planning.

In 1983, six Leagues in Oakland County — Birmingham, Bloomfield, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Oak Park-Huntington Woods, and Westland — and Southfield — undertook the study of county government.

When and if a decision on county home rule has to be made, information on the existing structure and function of county government will help citizens better judge any proposed changes in their county government.

Mrs. Donald Hildum, chairman of the study committee on county government, commented, "With county home rule being a very current issue, it is most difficult for citizens to resolve whether or not they wish to implement home rule for Oakland County. The contents of the booklet may be helpful to citizens so they can better assess the function of county government."

Interest in the publication is evident by the number of requests for copies from businesses, from schools for classes in civics, from local government officials for reference use, and from many interested individuals. Immediate distribution of the booklet will go to all township, village, city, and county officials, to all participants of the Oakland County Forum, to all League members in Oakland County, and to all libraries who request them.

For further information about obtaining a single copy or quantities of the booklet, contact Mrs. Donald Hildum at Rochester, Michigan or Mrs. Robert Hall of the Oakland County Leagues at 628-1515.



REPORT from LANSING
State Representative
Raymond L. Baker

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But the move failed to prick the full-time legislative conscience. The resolution was defeated. Fiscal reform will be considered later.

IN RECENT YEARS Michigan's tax program has become an inequitable hodgepodge of stop gap measures. Even if state spending were to be held at its present level — and this, I would like to see but, it is very unlikely — Michigan will completely exhaust its surplus in two years. With the new programs proposed and promised by this legislature, we will find ourselves in a deficit situation sooner than that.

Yet the majority party leadership feels it can put off fiscal reform until the fall, while our "full-time" legislature takes a three months' summer vacation.

LEGISLATORS WANT to give full consideration to matters of taxation and revenue but not now while Michigan still has enough surplus to cover expenses until a new tax program can be put into effect. Later, when Michigan is three months closer to bankruptcy, when our six month old legislature has had a rest and fiscal issues are no longer quite so clear in legislators' minds.

Will horse racing be the summer pastime of Michigan legislators? Capitol observers are beginning to wonder. They are asking themselves why the Democrat majority seeks to thrust its new legislative auditor into the administrative function of daily race track operations.

Their hand was tipped last week when a House committee amended House Bill 490, to snatch from the executive branch, the day-by-day race-by-race auditing of pari-mutuel betting at state race tracks.

Michigan's new constitution clearly confines the functions of legislative auditor to that of post audit.

YET THIS LATEST action not only defies the new constitution, but it places an officer of the legislative branch into daily operations in an area of revenue collection.

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June 30, 1955 THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE
Cited at MSU By Golf Coach
Doug Swartz, Michigan State University student and athlete MSU, was handed out at the from Farmington, has been cited as the "outstanding senior" member of the 1965 Spartan golf squad.
The citation, in the form of a special plaque presented by the Alumni Varsity Club of MSU, was handed out at the university's first all-sports recognition banquet.
Swartz lettered in 1964 and 1965 and played in the No. 3 position with the Spartan linksmen most of this past spring.



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Road Commission Has Praise Coming

The Oakland County Road Commission, frequently over the past several years, has taken some pretty sharp criticism from the citizenry of Farmington City and Township and quite surely from numerous other communities in the county. In fact, The Farmington Enterprise has taken some pretty good blasts at the commission in the way it has handled road work or failed to take care of alleged problems.

But, this paper has always felt that as well as leveling criticism, we have an obligation to give credit and praise when it is due and the road commission has some coming at this time on two different scores.

First action in approving the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Farmington Road and Nine Mile shows that the commission does not always ignore road or safety matters called to their attention. Despite the charges of "foot dragging," leveled by at least one or two city officials as well as a few citizens, we feel the county moved with pretty good speed in getting necessary traffic courts and other checks completed to permit an intelligent decision based on facts rather than emotions.

Far too often, citizens and local governing officials fail to realize that Oakland County is a large and very rapidly growing county and road and highway safety problems exist not only in our own communities and not only in our own community that represents a very small percentage of the total county area.

The county road commission has also been working this spring and summer on the ditching and preparation of new road base along 11 Mile Road to ready this roadway for blacktop surfacing next year. From our observations and the reports that we have received it would seem justifiable to say that they have been doing an exceptionally good job in keeping the road passable for those who must use it and that extra effort is being put forth to see that users are not inconvenienced any more than necessary.

Both the county and the contractor on this job deserve some praise for this. Whenever construction work is in progress it has just got to be expected that mess and some inconveniences are going to result and this will be true whether it's putting an addition onto the house, just making some general changes around your home or property or putting in a new roadway. Usually, the improvement is well worth the little bit of inconvenience that we must put up with.

It is The Enterprise's sincere hope that both local officials and the general citizenry will remember in the future when they tend to start criticizing the county road commission that Oakland is a mighty big county and growing fast and that our road and safety problems are not the only ones they have to be concerned about getting corrected. The Enterprise intends to heed some of this advice itself in the future.

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Several other activities such as band concerts and special dances are sponsored locally during the summer months. As an added summer activity for the first time this year there will be the gala Farmington Founders Days festivities July 29, 30 and 31 and plans to continue this later activities in future years.

Included among the activities scheduled during this three day period will be the annual Elks Club or roast and the Jaycees Chicken Barbecue as well as many other festivities and programs.

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More Summer Activities Than You Think

Activities always seem to slow down considerably in Farmington during the months of July and August and it appears to be the same just about every community. Families are constantly coming and going from vacations or trips to the parks or lakes every chance they get.

But, nearly all of us are going to be spending a substantial portion of our time here this summer and there are a considerable number of activities to be enjoyed locally if one really wants to.

Of course there are the Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball games going on practically every night of the week as well as ball games by various older groups at the lighted ball diamond in the city park every weekday night.

If you like baseball you should really enjoy watching some of the games, which probably get as much of a kick out of as you would any big league contests.

For the youth of the community, in addition to baseball, there is the six week summer recreation program activities to participate in as well as numerous programs and outings sponsored by the rapidly expanding local YMCA. Unfortunately there is no public swimming pool to cool off in but Farmington prob-

ably holds the distinction of having more private swimming clubs than any other community of comparable size. If you can't see your way clear to becoming a member yourself, you more than likely have neighbors or friends in the community who are members of one of these clubs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid J. McCleer, of Piedmont Avenue, announce the betrothal of their daughter, Nancy Lee, to Robert Evan Barnabo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Barnabo, of Farmington. Their engagement was announced at an open house held at the home of the bride-to-be, on June 20. Miss McCleer is a senior at Mercy School of Nursing and is now at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. The prospective bridegroom will graduate in August from John Carroll University. This past year he was a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity and past president of the Detroit Club. A November wedding has been set.

Holiday Traffic
An estimated 2,200 cars an hour flowed over Grand River Avenue in the City of Farmington during the weekend traffic rush to escape the heat in the City of Detroit. Three lines of westbound traffic moved through Farmington causing considerable congestion on Grand River.

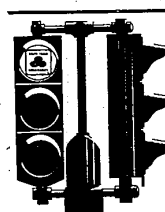
Record Attendance
A record attendance was reported as the first week of the summer recreation program drew to a close Friday. Director William Nune reports approximately 150 youngsters took part in programs staged at three area playgrounds.

Jensen Joins New England

Paul E. Jensen of Farmington has recently become an associate of the Detroit Davey agency of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. General Agent Charles P. Davey has announced.

He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a BS degree in business administration. He received his master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University. Mr. Jensen is a member of Sigma Iota Epsilon, an honorary and professional business fraternity.

Mr. Jensen with his wife, Lois, and their son, John, live at 30238 South Stockton, Farmington.



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