

Editorial Page

Anti-Litter Ordinance

Congratulations are in order to the Farmington City Council for its action in passing an Anti-Litter Ordinance to go into effect January 31 of this year.

It is by far not the only action needed to make the City of Farmington a clean and enjoyable place in which to live and shop but a step in the right direction.

As specified, it will regulate the depositing of litter on private premises as well as public streets and sidewalks and the distribution of both commercial and non-commercial handbills, doggers, circulars, leaflets, etc.

Further, the ordinance contains provisions whereby the city can force owners of private property to keep it free of litter if the condition is considered dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of the community. This, in our opinion, is an important section of the ordinance and one which we hope is enforced to the fullest. Five or six vacant areas with rubbish and other litter scattered on them can give a whole section of the community a "black eye".

Persons hauling in trucks and trailers will be required to have materials secured in such a manner so as not to lose portions of the litter or materials being hauled along their route of travel. This is another good provision of the ordinance. Far too many times we have seen trucks and trailers blowing down the road with paper and other objects blowing or dropping off of them to mar beauty along the roadway or be blown onto private property.

Job printing is an important part of this newspaper's operation; as is true of nearly all weekly newspapers printed by their own plants. Printing of circulars, handbills, leaflets and pamphlets is a substantial source of revenue in this department of a business. One might question then why we would be in favor of an ordinance which would regulate distribution of such.

We have always striven to provide local business places with every means possible of advertising their merchandise or services to the general public and will continue to do so in an even more vigorous manner in the future. We do not feel that passage of this ordinance need eliminate the use of handbills or circulars in the city. We do feel, however, that some controls are needed. Handbills handed to persons willing to accept them or distributed in some other manner so as not to end up on the ground is not in a very unpleasant appearance is the answer.

Sweeping of litter from the streets from buildings or sidewalks will also be prohibited. This provision of the ordinance we are also very much in favor of. In connection with it, however, we feel that the city will have to provide for frequent and regular scheduled pickups of waste and litter from all business establishments as well as throughout residential neighborhoods. This will be especially true in the business districts where litter accumulates rapidly.

Posting of fixing of signs or posters to trees, utility poles or buildings other than as may be authorized or required by law is also ruled illegal. A very unpleasant sight to us has always been a poster on a tree or post advertising an event which happened two or three months earlier and never got taken down or a poster urging you to elect a certain political candidate who was defeated or selected some months earlier.

How effectively provisions in this ordinance can be enforced remains to be seen.

It is certain, however, that it was drawn up and adopted with the intent of providing for a cleaner and healthier community for all in which to live and shop. It is also certain that the full cooperation of business establishments and residents alike will be necessary if this end is to be accomplished.

Oxygen is the most abundant element in the atmosphere. It makes up 21 percent of the air, 89 percent of the water, 89 percent of the human body and 59 percent of the earth's crust.

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WEST POINT PARK NEWS

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Mrs. Harold McVicar, Shady-side Ave., was in Ann Arbor Wednesday, visiting with her daughter, Joanne, who is a student at the University of Michigan. In order was a celebration honoring the young lady's 25th birthday. Along with her mother, Mrs. McVicar, Joanne's sister, who is to be shared with her daughter's school friends.

Mrs. M. Emerson Ault of Mayfield Ave. and her house guests, the Johnsons of Port Huron, spent Saturday evening, January 16, with Mrs. Ault's eldest son, Robert Hunter and his family in Detroit. Mr. Hunter's birthday was being celebrated.

A general meeting of the Livonia Methodist W.S.G. was held in the church last Thursday.

Miss Irene Roberts, of Mayfield Ave., was here last with an ear infection.

MISS MARY ALLAN of Mayfield Ave. is reported ill with influenza.

Mr. William Soos of Shady-side Ave. who, in Henry Ford Hospital, has been critically ill with pneumonia, is reported slightly improved.

Mrs. George H. Knapp of Farmington Rd. has been suffering with flu.

William Sherman, Mayfield Ave., who has been an invalid the past several years is reported to be on his feet.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hanks, Norfolk Ave. are convalescing from flu.

Mrs. Cecil Whit, Mayfield Ave., has been having a bad time with an ear infection.

Mrs. John A. Brewster, of Mayfield Ave., is convalescing from an attack of flu.

THE WILLIAM WILTSIE children, Mayfield Ave., are reported to be in Detroit.

John Reedy, who attends school in Lansing, was home weekend.

David Porter from New London, Ohio was visiting with his wife, the Misses Lora and Anita, on North Park Ave., last Saturday.

Mrs. E. W. Stange, Mayfield Ave., who has been seriously ill, was able to return to her home on North Park Ave. Stange remains quite ill.

Mrs. Johnson Porter and Miss Carol Ann Porter, workers in the Methodist Sunday School at New London, Ohio visited the Neighborhood Sunday School last Sunday.

THE MEICARS of Shady-side Ave. have received word that their soldier son, Harold, who is in Korea, has been made a Sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Ault, Hubbard Ave., gave a Dinner for the members of the West Point Park area every relatives, several from Ohio.

A family celebration at his home on Shady-side Ave., Wednesday evening, January 26th, honored the birthday of George Cooke.

Mrs. G. K. Rector, Osmus Ave., entertained last Sunday afternoon, honoring the sixth birthday of her daughter, Terry. Relatives and young friends were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher, who moved from Mayfield Ave. to Gulfport, Florida last summer, were in the city to visit their Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunham, who formerly resides on Farmington Rd., but are now spending the winter at Largo, Florida. The Fishers also called on Mr. and Mrs. George Strassburger, who, a member of your group, moved from West Point Park to St. Petersburg, Florida.

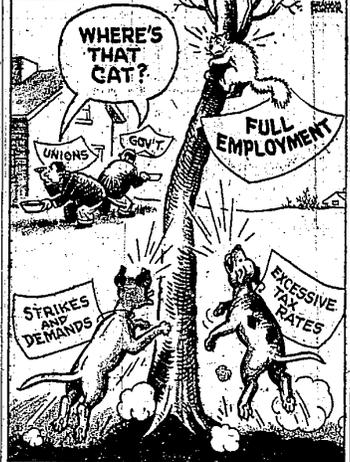
IN A RECENT letter received by Mrs. Helen Ault, Mayfield Ave., from her son, Coast Guardsman Wayne Ault, and his wife who are located at Hayward, California, the young couple expressed themselves as having wished they were in Michigan. It seems a cold spell arrived, which lasted too long for the supply of warm clothing they had packed away for emergency. Water pipes froze and burst, making a mess generally of their home. Then came five days of rain and the family came down with the Earthquakes were then in order.

Goodwill Industries, which have been collecting household articles in the Farmington and West Point Park area every Monday have made a change in their schedule. They will collect on Monday one week and Tuesday the next. There will be a Tuesday pick-up on February 2. Please call Miss Lora Ault, GR. 4-4294 and make arrangements to have a truck stop at your door.

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DON'T THEY KNOW?



Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

15 Years Ago JANUARY 25, 1935

Farmington, Mich., has long recognized as one of Farmington's oldest and most reliable business establishments, is observing its 50th anniversary.

The business was established in 1885 by Louis Gildemester at the request of the farmers in the community who desired a nearby place where they could sell their excess grain and have custom milling done.

For 25 years Farmington Mills operated as a merchant flour and custom feed mill.

And then, as Farmington became more densely populated and the production of grain was no longer the principal occupation of local farmers, the mill made a change too. By experimenting, the well-known Gildemester-Delight Flour was developed and placed on the market.

Today, under the operation of Leo F. Gildemester, son of the founder, the business remains one of the few small mills still in operation in this section.

What's New at the LIBRARY BY MILDRED DROEGES

Final payment of the 1958-1959 General Library Fund Grant was received at the Farmington Library this week.

Payment has been delayed due to the state's financial crisis. This payment of \$369.07, added to the payment of \$541.96 received in February 1959, brings total grant to \$910.93 to Farmington for the year 1958-1959.

This money is used to purchase books.

The new re-opened Reading Room is in its present location. In the ten months from March 2, 1959 to January 1, 1960 a total of 4,495 books have been circulated, and 4,871 patrons registered. These figures are indicative of the great need for money to buy more books.

Individuals and groups interested to assume more responsibility toward the Library's need.

March 2, 1960 will mark our first re-opening anniversary. April 3rd is the opening of National Library Week. In celebration of these coming dates the practical suggestion is made that each individual contribute the price of a book and that groups make the library one of their projects. Organizations and clubs are urged to contribute themselves to the necessary fund to stock a section (in whole or in part) on music, art, history, geography, science, applied science, sociology, psychology, psychology, a phrase of history, biography, travel, children's books, or any other category of books that is of particular interest to the donors.

This past year the Farmington Garden Club and the Girl Scouts have undertaken to provide books of particular interest to their groups. The result has been most satisfactory as the clubs have been benefited from the books on the shelves. The efforts of one individual to build up a section, are evident on the mathematics shelf.

Give your next annual present. Give money for books.

As long as you feel you are serving your city, you do the job well. When you are concerned only with helping yourself, you do it less well. This is a law that is as true as gravity. —Lawyer, Garden.

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News from Bel-Aire Hills

SALLY WITT GR. 4-9723

The Shires of Loomis have good reason to be particularly proud of their son, Don, 10, who has always shown exceptional skill on ice skates, received a pair of racers for Christmas. He recently proved his ability in the Detroit Speed Cup Novice Races sponsored by the Detroit News and held at Farwell Field in Detroit; Don placed 2nd in the 220 and 400 races and 3rd in the 50 yard dash. He now has three medals and is proud of his prowess on skates and before a few seasons pass Don will undoubtedly have a large number of trophies.

LAST WEEK was "Birthday Week" at the Gugel home on Leelanau. The family celebrated Mom's birthday, Jan. 17. Craig Thomas was years old on the 18th and Jeanne blew out single candle on the 25th. The whole week was a wonderful session of visiting relatives, birthday cakes, and Mary's cream. Three year old Paul Edward couldn't claim a birthday in January but the festivities were a lot of fun.

The Brownies of Troop 36 are glad to have as their new leader Mrs. Betty O'Connor of Lamar who will be working with Mrs. Mary Lynott of Leelanau on all future meetings. Many outings are being planned for the Brownies including being the guests of Girl Scout Troop 819 under the leadership of Mrs. Sandy Nelson.

When 8 lb., 10 oz. Christ Leanne Niepoh made her debut on January 16 she found herself in the midst of a huge and happy family. To her command on Ely Court is headed by parents Ed and Shirley and followed by Don, 11, Margaret, 9, Suzanne, 8, Mary Lee, 6, Patricia, 5, Carol, 3, Joe, 2, and bringing up the rear Bubbles the dog!

Many of the Jaycees and their wives from Bel-Aire were present at the dinner meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Bel-Aire Lanes as a kick-off for the Junior Chamber of Commerce annual community show.

Lowell Keith of Broadview and his two cousins, July and Jeff Keith, spent Sunday enjoying an abundance of sun and snow while they stilled at Summit near Fenon.

AN EVENING of pinocle was in order at the home of June Davis of Broadview Tuesday, Jan. 19th. Claiming the prizes were: Pat Keith, 1st; Martin Dale, 2nd and traveling; Audrey Jenkins-booby. Not so fortunate this time were Joanne Stowe, Dallas Butler, Shirley Jordan, Edna Grainer, Lois Cort, Betty Paul, Agnes Ratke and June Siebert.

The train trip to Grand Rapids over the weekend was thrilling for the young Pikes of Broadview-Debbie, 10, Sheryl, 9, and Ross, 7, who were accompanied by their Mom, Merna. During their short stay in Grand Rapids they visited Merna's sister, Mrs. Bernard Bennick.

THE PAST Sunday is one the McLeans of Leelanau would like to wipe away. It started out as

an exciting day for sledding. Timmy, 6, had whizzed down the hill at Kensington Park only a few times before he was hit by a toboggan loaded with teenagers as he was walking up the hill. The result of the accident was a broken leg and a cast which will have to be worn for approximately five weeks. It was a tragedy but the McLeans are grateful it wasn't more serious. The confinement of a year old child is almost unbearable but it would be an easier pill to swallow if the mailman stopped at 1640 Leelanau with some cards for Timmy.

Remember when the March of Dimes Mothers stop at your door tonight think with your heart and act with your pocketbook.

The Charter application for the Farmington Chapter of Citizens for Michigan has been approved, according to E. B. Tyler, chairman.

Rechartering of new members is now in progress. Any registered voter may become a member.

Citizens for Michigan is a non-partisan organization seeking to resolve State and local problems by citizen action.

Meetings are scheduled in Farmington the first and third Tuesday of each month, for the purpose of studying governmental problems for an informal electorate. They are open to all.

Further information regarding this program and membership may be obtained by mailing the coupon below.

Farmington Chapter Citizens for Michigan 23069 Violet, Farmington, Michigan. Please forward information regarding the Citizens for Michigan program and a membership application.

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Completes Radio, Television Course
Clyde M. Stonepiper 21955 Tulane Farmington, has completed a course in Radio and Television Servicing and has been awarded a Diploma by the National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C.

He finished the prescribed course of technical studies with creditable grades, according to an Institute spokesman.

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