

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, dodgers, 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 traveling 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 in their own plants. Printing of circulars, handbills, leaflets and pamphlets is a substantial source of revenue in this department of our business. One might question then why we would be in favor of any 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 to result in a very unpleasant appearance is the answer.

Sweeping of litter into 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 elected 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 about 21 percent of the air, 89 percent of the water, 89 percent of the human body, and 59 percent of the earth's crust.

One out of every seven households in the United States now consist of persons either living alone or with others who are not related to them, according to figures compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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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 Mrs. McVicar (a very close friend) to be shared with her daughter's school friends.

Mrs. M. Emerson Ault of Mayfield Ave. and her houseguests, the Johnson family from New London, Ohio, 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.S. was held in the church last Thursday.

Miss Irene Roberts, of Mayfield Ave., has been ill with an ear infection.

MISS MARY ALAN of Mayfield Ave. is reported ill with an ear infection.

Mr. William Scott 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 on the mend.

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. Austin M. Brewster, of Mayfield Ave., is convalescing from an attack of flu.

THE WILLIAM WILTSIE children, Mayfield Ave., are reported on the mend.

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

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

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

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 Party last Saturday evening. Guests included a number of 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 25th 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, told that they have visited 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 the year ago, moved from West Point Park to St. Petersburg, Florida.

IN A RECENT letter received by Mrs. Helen Ault, Mayfield Ave., from her son, Coast Guard, Wayne St. Louis, and his wife who are located at Hayward, California, the young couple expressed themselves as having wished they were living 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, snow, frost and burst, making a mess of their home. Then came five days of rain and the family came down with flu. Earthquakes were then in order.

Goodwill Industries, which have been collecting household goods 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 pickup on February 2. Please call Miss Lora Ault, GR. 4-4291 and make arrangements to have a truck stop at your door.

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Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

15 Years Ago
JANUARY 25, 1935

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

The business was established in 1893 by Louis Gildemester at the request of the farmers in the community who desired a 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 flour 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 expanding, the well-known Gildemester's 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.

10 Years Ago
JANUARY 26, 1950

Building Code
Petitions are being circulated of this week in Farmington Township calling for a referendum vote by the people on the newly drafted and adopted Building Ordinance.

Such a vote can be required within 30 days after the adoption of such an ordinance, eight percent of the electors for Governor in the last election petition for it.

The petitions are being circulated by the Farmington Township Civic Association, Inc. Frank Crockett, chairman of the association, stated that efforts are being made to get 400 signatures. Only a little over 200 names are required.

Falcon Cagers
The Farmington cagers' ten-game winning streak came to an end last Friday night when they fell in defeat to the Waldo Lake Vikings 44-42. This was the Falcons' first defeat of the current season in both league and non-league contests.

5 Years Ago
JANUARY 27, 1955

Building Inspector
The Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening initiated action to secure a building inspector for the administration of the newly adopted Township Building Code which became effective on January 22.

The Board authorized the clerk to proceed in seeking applicants for the building inspector's job.

New Councilman
Newly appointed City Councilman V. O. Bates will be sworn into office for the city clerk at the next regular City Council meeting on February 7.

Bates was unanimously appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Kenneth Loomis. He will serve for the balance of the term which expires in April of this year.

The new Councilman is employed by the Detroit Edison Company and has been a resident of the city for approximately 11 years.

March 2, 1960 will mark our 100th anniversary. April 3rd is the opening of National Library Week. In celebration of these two coming dates the practical suggestion is made that each individual give the price of a book and that groups make the library one of their projects. Organizations and clubs are urged to commit themselves to the necessary fund to stock a section (in whole or in part) on music, art, science, history, biography, applied science, sociology, psychology, psychology, a phrase of history, biography, travel, children's books, or any other classification of books that is of particular interest to the donors.

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News from Bel-Aire Hills

SALLY WITT GR. 4-6233

The Shires of Loomis have good reason to be particularly proud of their son, Don, 19, 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 Club Novice Race sponsored by The Detroit News and held at Farwell Field in Detroit; Don placed 2nd in the 220 and 440 races and 3rd in the 880 and 1100 races. He has three medals as evidence 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 a single candle on the 25th. The whole week was a wonderful session of visiting relatives, birthday cakes, candles and ice 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 Nioph made her debut on January 16 she found herself in the midst of a huge and happy family! To chair of command on Ely Court is headed by parents Ed and Shirley and followed by Don, 11, Margaret, 8, Suzanne, 8, Mary Jo, 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 skied at Summit near Penton.

AN EVENING of pinocle was in order at the home of June Davis of Broadview Tuesday, Jan. 19th. Claiming the prizes were: Pat Keith-Harmon, Dale 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 folks 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.

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He finished the prescribed course of technical studies during their short stay in Grand Rapids they visited Merna's sister, Mrs. Bernard Bennick.

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