

# Editorially Speaking

## Stray Dog Control A Real Problem

Dogs roaming loose in the community has been a problem for the past several years. Considerable property damage has been done and a number of dog bite cases reported.

The problem has continued to get worse instead of better as the years have passed and complaints have been coming in with more and more regularity.

The stern measures to curb the situation now being called for by the township board are coming none too soon, in our opinion. Every possible effort must be taken to protect the property of community residents and taxpayers as well as protecting them from bodily harm.

The big question that now arises in our mind is just how well the township is equipped to carry out an effective program and one that will really solve the stray dog problem.

We just can't visualize how an already understaffed police department can take on this added duty of complete dog control in an area as large as Farmington Township. Excluding the City of Farmington and even the two incorporated villages within the township, the eight-man township police force still has over 30 square miles of area to provide police protection for. Even with some auxiliary police help, this is a mighty big job for eight men on a 24 hour, seven day a week basis.

Although police have been answering dog bite and dog damage cases for some time, they have been somewhat limited in what action they could take. Anything the township board can do to give policemen more authoritative power in connection with the stray dog problem we wholeheartedly feel should be done.

Unfortunately, it does not appear that this alone will be enough to solve the problem of dogs roaming freely although it may be helpful in at least reducing the seriousness of the situation a bit.

A separate department with one or two full time dog wardens is the real answer. But this sort of luxury can just not be afforded by a community like Farmington Township that is forced to operate on the funds that a tax of only 86¢ per \$1,000 equalized valuation will yield.

Some of the problems with stray dogs traveling in packs can be laid on people from other areas bringing their unwanted dogs here and dumping them. But, community citizens can not be held blameless either. Many local residents are also letting their dogs run loose.

It would not only behove dog owners to keep their own dogs tied up or under close watch but inform their neighbors that there is a law against dogs running loose. Then, if the neighbor did not take heed, it would also be their obligation to report the matter to

proper authorities.

Stern action against violators in the form of fines and/or jail sentences, and especially repeat offenders, as called for by the township board last week should help curb the situation. But all the laws in the world will not solve the problem without the help of an actively interested citizenry. This applies everywhere but it even trues in Farmington Township where limited funds are available for an adequate enforcement agency.

## Community Clean-Up

Spring is just around the corner even though winter's late arrival may have some wondering if it will ever come. Looking back into past history, it always has. We are reasonably certain it won't fail us this year.

Spring is clean-up time both inside and out and we feel that now is not too early to start making some plans. We would like to propose one of the biggest clean-up, fix-up, spruce-up campaigns ever undertaken in this community.

One small section of the community, the one square mile area incorporated as Wood Creek Farms Village, has already laid its plans. They are modeled after a highly successful Spring clean-up campaign held last year. Their campaign is planned this year for the period from April 20-30.

We would like to see the governmental bodies of the other 35 square mile area making up our total Farmington community follow this lead and start formalizing some plans for a similar clean-up, fix-up, spruce-up campaign.

Well laid plans can and should be made soon for special pickups of trash and debris during a specified week to ten day period if such a clean-up campaign as we are proposing is to be a success.

But plans alone are not enough. Action in carrying out the purpose of the plans in the first place is necessary. And this is where each and every citizen comes into the picture. Only with the cooperation of every subdivision, section of the community and individual property owner can a campaign of this nature be carried out successfully.

Service and fraternal organizations such as the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Exchange Club, Downtown Business District Assn., Kiwanis, Lions, garden club groups, etc. might also lend a big hand. Working closely with city and township officials and work crews, members of these organizations might do much in seeing that several undeveloped areas were spruced up considerably.

The results of a week to ten day long clean up effort the latter part of April—everyone cooperating—could result in a very much cleaner community and one which citizens could say they live in with much more pride.

## Obituaries

### Hold Service For Mrs. Green

Mrs. Minnie Green, a lifelong resident of Farmington passed away suddenly Wednesday morning, March 9, 1960 at her residence, 3329 Shawassee Ave.

Mrs. Green was born in Farmington Township February 1, 1884, the daughter of Christian and Fredricka Middleford Fendt, she attended school in Farmington and on June 22, 1904 was united in marriage to Glenn H. Green. Mr. Green preceded her in death in June, 1959.

MRS. GREEN was a member of Farmington First Methodist Church and a member of the Methodist Church W.S.C.S. She had lived at her present address in the City for the past forty-five years.

Funeral services took place at 1:00 p.m. from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Richard T. Markham of Farmington First Methodist Church officiating. Interment took place in Oakwood Cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Geneva Fendt of Los Angeles, Calif., Ruth Mansfield and Miss Margaret Green both of Farmington. She also leaves one brother, Louis Fendt of Farmington.

### Parker Rites Held Monday

Mr. James D. Parker of 2324 Parker Avenue, Farmington passed away on Friday evening March 11, 1960 at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Parker was born February 17, 1888 at St. Louis, Mo. and died at his home in Farmington.

He attended school in Ontario and Detroit and on November 20, 1938 was united in marriage to Edith Wedham in Detroit.

Mr. Parker had lived in Farmington for the past forty-four years. For many years he was in the lumber business and for the past several years he had been a large buyer in antiques.

FUNERAL services were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Richard T. Markham of Farmington First Methodist Church officiating. Interment took place in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Alice Edwards of Farmington and Mrs. Edith Price of Livonia and three sons, Rev. Deean W. Parker of Vassar, Michigan, Rev. J. Donald Parker of Farmington, Mich., and Mr. S. William Parker of Pontiac.

He also leaves fifteen grandchildren.

### Shannon Rites Held Thursday

Mr. James P. Shannon of 2134 Randall Avenue, Farmington passed away on Monday afternoon, March 7, 1960 at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Shannon was born October 28, 1887 in West Middlesex, Pa., the son of Charles and Eva Stelzner Shannon. On March 18, 1916 he was united in marriage to Cora Green. Mr. & Mrs. Shannon had lived in Farmington for the past two years.

RECITALATION of the Rosary was held at the Thayer Funeral Home, funeral Mass took place Thursday at 10:00 a.m. from Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Surviving besides Mrs. Shannon are a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Jones of Allentown Park, two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Rowland of Ohio and Mrs.

Adrienne O'Connor of West Middlesex, Pa. and one brother, Clarence Shannon of Niles, Ohio. He also leaves four grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

### LAST ISSUE

TOPEKA—Oscar S. Stauffer, president of Stauffer Canner Publications Inc., has announced Canner's Farmer magazine will discontinue publication with its April issue.

Shop in Freddley Farmington

The candidates who filed prior to the March 10 deadline are: V. O. Bates, William J. Burke, Paul S. Caulkin, Harvey E. Chapman, Francis A. Nichols, James M. Nourie, Robert J. O'Farrell, and S. J. Sibley.

The candidates who filed after the March 10 deadline are: Governor G. Meinen, W.H. Williams, and Mrs. G. Meinen.

Governor G. Meinen will be guest speaker at the ceremony according to Oldsmobile dealer of the Grove-Walker Post, American Legion. An impressive ceremony has been planned for the week. Both boys made the first team.

Williams Speaks

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Teachers in Farmington district schools will set a new record in the school-board election Monday night, but the minimum and maximum salary will not be changed. There will

## Do You Remember



TELEPHONE service in Farmington has changed quite a bit in the past 40 years. Shown here are some operators at the switchboard in the old Farmington telephone office. This picture was taken in 1920. Can you identify any of these?

### West Point Park News

Miss L. A. Ault

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Honoring the 8th Birthday of her daughter, Joanne, Mr. William Liebig, entertained at her home on Loveland Ave. Saturday evening, the 5th. The guest list included a family reunion and a surprise-birthday was the feature. The little girl received a number of very pretty gifts.

ONE OF THE nicest of recent affairs was a Christening Dinner given February 28th by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Centers Saturday evening, the 27th. The party honored Mr. Armstrong's recent birthday.

Mrs. Cora Smith and her daughter, Dorothy, formerly of this neighborhood, though now residing near Redford, are spending a few weeks with the Williams Fishers, former residents of Mayfield Ave., but now living in Gulfport, Florida.

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The two boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Centers, Westmore Ave.

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