

Editorially Speaking . . .

Funds for a Recreation Program

One of the expenditures called for in the proposed City of Farmington operating budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year is a substantially larger sum for recreation than has been allocated in previous years.

The fact that this is possible with no increase in the current city tax rate makes us 100% for it. We have felt that both the city and township have been short-changing our youngsters. Past contributions have been making to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission as a total effort to provide for a local recreation program have been unrealistically small.

We base our opinion on some pretty sound facts. In its 1950-51 budget the city set aside only \$750 for the FARC. This figures out to less than 55¢ a year per family based on an estimated 1,400 to 1,500 households located in the city. Figuring that there were between 6,300 and 6,400 homes in Farmington Township in '50, the township's contribution showing for recreation was even worse. The township allocated only \$2,100 to the FARC last year and the same amount in this year's budget. Based on the estimated number of homes there were in the township in 1950, this figures out to less than 33¢ per family for a year's recreation program.

As we said, we were very happy to see that substantially more had been set aside in the proposed 1950-51 city operating budget. An expenditure of \$4,500 has been specified for recreation not including money set aside in the parks portion of the budget for the purchase of some playground equipment.

We are not too happy, however, with the manner in which it is proposed to spend this money. Indications have been given that the city might use this allocated \$4,500 to hire a recreation director and "go it alone" with a city recreation program.

The FARC has done a tremendous job of providing recreation for area youth over the past years with the skimpy amounts it has been provided with to operate in past years.

Now that the city has at least tentatively decided to allocate a more realistic amount for recreation (from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per family), we feel it most unfortunate that the township has not seen fit to do the same. Figuring in the neighborhood of 7,000 homes in the township, an allocation of \$2.00 to \$2.50 per family would mean around \$14,000 to \$17,500 in the budget. We are quite sure this amount could and should be found by township officials.

The city's and township's contributions combined would mean around \$20,000 or more for the FARC. This amount coupled with

the full cooperation of school officials in allowing the use of school facilities without charge would provide for an adequate area-wide recreation program, we are quite sure.

We strongly urge that city officials delay any plans they may have for hiring a recreation director on their own and that every effort possible be put forth to convince township officials that they should allocate a proportionate share for an area recreation program.

City, township and school officials working together will make for a far better recreation program than each governmental body going it alone in their efforts to provide recreation for area youth, it is our sincere opinion.

Clean-Up Campaign

It was just about a month ago to the day that we wrote an editorial urging some planning for a big week to ten day long area-wide community clean-up campaign.

As of this date we have heard nothing to indicate that any such planning is in progress. For the first couple of weeks we felt perhaps we were a little premature in making our plea due to the unusually cold weather we had been experiencing. When our short lived warm spell came and the roads went out we were again led to believe that this might be the cause for a delay in any kind of community clean-up campaign planning.

But now, almost a month later, we are beginning to wonder whether our plea was even heard by local governmental officials.

We were not talking then and are not talking now about the normal type of thing that has been done locally in past years which has been little more than scheduling a special pickup of trash.

We are talking about something on a much larger scale: a real all-out cleaning-up program bigger than any undertaken in the community in the past several years. Apparently we stand alone in feeling that something of this nature is badly needed in both the city and the township.

Not only was our appeal made to local governmental officials but to community service and fraternal organizations as well. As of this date we have heard comments in support of such a project from no one. Apparently all are satisfied with the appearance of our community or are unwilling to put forth a little effort to make it a cleaner and more enjoyable place in which to live.

Planning for the kind of clean-up campaign we propose will have to be started soon if it is to be any kind of success. Campaigns of this kind can not wait until the hot summer months.

Do You Remember . . .



PICTURED HERE is the Farmington High School class of 1921. Floyd Sallow once again has provided the identifications. Top row, left to right are: D. Banfield, W. Wilkerson, J. Sallow, C. Mahel, T. Lorenz, unknown, H. Grace, H. Catherman, C. Treadway, unknown, K. Lard, V. Smith, F. Allen, A. Roth, L. Harger, A. Walling, R. Catherman, I. Pauline, F. Green, E. Kregar, D. Porter, M. Prout, G. Coors, and L. Cravell.

Second from top row: R. Cook, G. Harker, G. Halstead, R. Cairns, A. Roth, C. Habarmarkie, T. Catherman, H. Pauline, J. Hamilton, H. Newboud, P. Pauline, H. Gildamster, H. Prindle, D. Wyom, unknown, E. Porter, Treadway, M. White, E. Fagel, M. Vincent, unknown, and Cairns girl.

Middle row: unknown, L. McDonald, B. Verdun, J. Putnam, I. Hammond, L. Treadway, H. Phillips, unknown, M. Keger, next girl unknown, L. Halstead, V. Necker, unknown, R. Green, N. Staman, D. Dorris, Miss Nichols, teacher, teacher unknown, unknown, teacher Miss Kenyon, teacher Miss Fox, principal Rex Babcock, janitor Mr. Richardson.

Second row: unknown, B. Millard, R. Schroeder, M. Mahoney, F. Brown, M. Walling, E. Goodenough, O. Durham, P. Starkey, N. Starkey, A. Weston, H. Steel, H. Parkes, G. Landow, A. Clare, V. Walters, M. Bryam, G. Green and M. Treadway.

Bottom row: R. Shaw, J. Elmer, J. Bryam, J. Vencur, C. Alexander, B. Turner, C. Harger, G. Percke, B. Lapham, R. Sallow, H. Otis, W. Coon, Harry Killing, unknown, unknown and Perry Raus.

West Point Park News

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The Annual Name-Disclosure Party of the Secret Sunshine Party was held in Neighborhood Church Monday evening, the 4th. In spite of mud roads, making transportation difficult and in some cases impossible, more than half the group and several visitors were present. After brief devotional exercises each girl was asked to make a guess as to the identity of the one who had been remembering her during the past year. No correct guesses were made. Final guesses were passed out and mysteries were thus revealed. When this was over new names for another year were drawn. Designated persons drew for ladies who could be present. Finally, coffee and cookies were served.

Neighborhood Sunshine Sisters held their regular meeting in Neighborhood Church Wednesday afternoon. There were eleven present. The devotional service carried out the theme of Easter. Several cases of serious illness in the community were reported and plans made to send out some extra cheer to shut-ins at Easter. Time was taken for a discussion of coming regulations. Tea and home made cake was served.

THE NEXT Sunshine session will be held in Neighborhood Church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, April 20th. "Spring" will be the topic. Rooms 3 and 4 of Tyler School were taken on a trip to Willow Run Wednesday morning. The children were accompanied by six mothers, two fathers and two teachers. Each adult had seven youngsters in charge. A thorough inspection was made of the airport. Boys and girls were greatly thrilled and are having much to say about cockpits, etc.

The various P.T.A.s were being held at Tyler school evenings of this past week. Parents express themselves as being well pleased with the conduct of these meetings and claim to find them very profitable.

The Dunkleys, of Shady-side, are enjoying a nine day visit to Arkansas.

Accompanied by a friend Mrs. George Macky, from Cleveland, Mrs. Clara Center of Farmington Rd. is spending a month in Florida.

The local Pinocchio Club, of which Mrs. Joanne Sexton, Mrs. Arthur Muir, Mrs. Claude Center, Mrs. Paul Centers, Mrs. Clara Edison and Mrs. William Dixon are members, are dining together at Topkins' down in Livonia, Monday evening, the 11th.

Paul and John Hundertmark, sons of Mrs. Helen Hundertmark, Farmington, Road, who attend school at Hershey, Pa., are home for their Easter vacation.

Until after Easter, Mrs. Marie Roberts, of Mayfield Ave., is with relatives and friends in Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees, Shady-side Ave., were recent visitors at Cedarville, Michigan.

MRS. IRENE TOWN, of Bedford Township, was calling on Mrs. Helen Ault and Mrs. Gordon Vance, Mayfield Ave., last Sunday afternoon.

David Seaman, from South Livonia, was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Helen Ault, last Saturday.

The Reddys, of Shady-side Ave., were recently visiting at the home of their nephew, Terry McMillin, in Detroit.

Fred Kanski, Osmus Ave., flew to Miami last week-end. During the Palm Sunday week he will return home, accompanied by Mrs. Kanski and their daughters, Mary Jo and Naomi Ruth, who have been vacationing in Florida.

Mrs. M. Emerson Ault, of Mayfield Ave., who, for the past five weeks has been visiting relatives and friends in Florida, is expected home shortly.

Mrs. Virginia Oman, who has been living on Brentwood, near Seven Mile, is moving soon to a location near Brentwood and Eight Mile.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morgan, of Mayfield Ave., are planning to move this spring to a new home near Joy and Middle Belt.

"Grandma Parks," who resides with her son, Clarence Parks, on Hubbard Ave., and who underwent major surgery at Sinai Hospital recently, is doing nicely, and expected home soon.

DAVID READ, of South Lyon, celebrated his second birthday Wednesday 8th, by spending the day with his grandparents, Mr.

Says Rock-Roll Is for Morons

Rock and roll is written by illiterates, played by illiterates and listened to by illiterates, declares Dr. William D. Revell, Director of University of Michigan Bands.

"Ironically, we see today a moronic individual with a guitar - and he is a failure unless he records sell a million copies."

Dr. Revell defends the place of jazz as a rightful part of our American heritage. "Jazz is born and bred in the honky-tonks of New Orleans and will always be a part of American music - but rock and roll isn't and never will be."

The U.S. band director warns that "the worst part of current trends in music today is the effect it has on the youth to day. The kind of music a person hears is the kind he learns to appreciate."

He praises the music education program in U.S. public schools but asks, "What is happening when these youth leave school? Where are the adult bands and orchestras? What is happening to the sense of values in a nation where the only praise in its adult life for music?"

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Gadgets Can Outten

Kitchen clutter often results from too many special-purpose gadgets. Home economists suggest that homemakers spend their money on a few good kitchen tools that will be used often and that are built to last a long time.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

He "Auto" Know Better

Should have seen the crowd come running when Cap Edwards breezed up to the Post Office in his brand new bug. It's one of those plant-size foreign cars with the motor in back and the trunk up front. While folks opened doors, poked upholstery and pecked under the hood, Cap went in to pick up his mail. A minute later to follow came to him, all out of breath.

"Say, mister," he said to Cap, "better get back to your car. Somebody's opened the hood and sipped your whole darn engine!"

From where I sit, most of us are people of habit - new things take some getting used to! And, too, most of us have "favorites" for which there'll never be a substitute. For instance, my summer Saturday nights are spent on the porch with a refreshing glass of beer and close friends. Now maybe you have a "newer, better" way to spend Saturday. Fine! Yet do it your way. I'll do it mine. That's American - isn't it?

Joe Marsh

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April Brings Forest Fires

Conservation Department officials are sounding their annual appeal for public support in Michigan's battle against forest fires.

Although no loss has been reported to date, the usual rash of costly spring fires is expected soon. Debris burning has begun in the southern part of the state where landowners are already busy sprucing up their grounds. April's warming temperatures will begin sending thousands of people flocking to the outdoors.

This rising swell in spring activities heightens the threat of fires. Proof of this is found in Michigan's 1950 average toll from fires: one half of which occurred during April.

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT NATURAL GAS

From Rags to Riches

Amazing things have happened to NATURAL GAS. It is no longer an outdoor flame to cook food - but a natural flame that furnishes energy, wonder-ful for refrigeration, laundry, for heating, house heating and water heating. Natural GAS has made the house a better place to live. It's "lively" easy and housework fun!

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GET THE FACTS - BETTER YET - GET GAS!

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

APRIL 12, 1935

First Commission Meeting. The new Farmington Commission held its first regular meeting Wednesday evening with a full representation. Commissioners were: John J. Jones, Fred Baghill, Emory Hamilton, Alfred Jones and Theodore Finger.

Mayor Delos Hamlin called the meeting to order promptly at 8:30.

James Nourjian, speaking in behalf of the American Legion, presented a resolution. The Commission happily sponsored a boy to attend Wolverine Boys State. The Commission voted to do so.

General discussion was held relative to the chronic garbage disposal problem. The Commission agreed that the situation demanded immediate attention and a committee of three was appointed to make a study.

10 Years Ago

APRIL 13, 1940

Field Lighting Vote. The Farmington Township School District Board of Education Monday night selected May

8 as the date of the special election to determine whether voters want to tax themselves one mill for two years to finance a lighted football field. Voting on the May 8 date came after a great deal of discussion on the date and the football field project generally.

President Domes cast his only dissenting vote. President Domes told the board he would be held at the same time as the regular school board election June 12 to save expenses of the special voting. He also pointed out that the issue and details of the field itself were not yet clear-cut.

Treasurer Ray Elcher then stated that "We'll have to hold out if the folks want to spend the money before we can work out details." Trustee Curt Hall added that no funds can take over the job of erecting the lights and constructing a field. There was positive knowledge that the board would build the field.

6 Years Ago

APRIL 14, 1944

Allocate \$50,000 for Roads. An allocation of \$50,000 has been designated in the 1945-50 Farmington Township budget for the repair and rebuilding of the roads. It was announced during the annual township meeting held Tuesday evening in the new Farmington High School.

The principle topic of discussion among the 125 people in attendance centered around the road problem. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor stated that he was in the process of creating a field that the funds would be in addition to gas and weight tax money used in this area by the town.

There was considerable opposition to turning the money over to the County without some jurisdiction as to how the funds would be used.