

# Editorially Speaking

## Homes Cannot Carry the Tax Load

Residential building activities in Farmington Township for the first six months of this year are up substantially over a year ago.

According to figures released by the township, last week there were 272 residential permits taken out in the first half of this year. This is 90 more than the number taken out during the first half of last year. "Flat plans have been submitted for several other subdivisions in the township and some of them may be built this year. It is even a portion of the developers of these subdivisions start construction yet this year, second half residential building activities could be very well equal and likely surpass those for the first half.

This will mean 500 or more new families in Farmington in the very near future.

The biggest immediate job which the community will face will be that of providing adequate educational facilities for the children in these families.

Using a conservative one and one-half children per family estimate, some 750 or more children to provide classrooms and teachers for. It will require approximately two new school buildings and 25 or more additional teachers.

A little figuring makes it very clear that these additional homes by themselves will not provide enough added tax money to meet the additional expenses for schools which will result.

It once again emphasizes a point that we have made before and will keep repeating again and again. If a community is to grow such as Farmington is presently growing, more commercial and industrial development is needed and these commercial businesses and industries must be supported by local residents if they are to yield the kind of tax money they should. Vacant commercial and industrial buildings or businesses struggling to keep their doors open do not pay enough taxes to carry a fair share of the tax load.

Based on the total valuation placed on homes for which permits were taken out during the first half of this year, the average home valuation on new homes is planned figures out to around \$16,500. It must be remembered, however, that this is the real value, that is, equalized valuation on which taxes are based is only about half this amount or \$8,250.

Using 1960 tax figures just set, this home will yield around \$240 in local school taxes. Taking a rough guess, this figure might be brought up to \$300 by money paid to the state per family in the form of taxes (sales taxes, etc.), but not much more than this amount.

This isn't even enough to take care of operational costs for one year for a

single child. The average operational cost per child in the Farmington School District is now running about \$330. With only 14 children per family and the average is higher than this presently, the per-family cost of school operations alone runs \$445, or nearly \$150 more than the average family who will be moving into the township in the near future will be contributing in taxes.

Add to this the cost of building new schools to house the increased number of children and you get a general idea of how important a balance of commercial and industrial development with new residential growth is.

Those who make a habit of shopping outside of their own community or oppose the location of new industry here may not realize it but they are the major cause of high local tax rates.

## Dangerous Toys

B-B guns, air-rifles, sling-shots, cap guns and other such "toys" can be dangerous weapons when in the hands of youngsters not properly instructed in the correct methods of using them.

Fortunately, most of the accidents that result from the careless use of these junior-sized weapons are not serious ones. But, occasionally they are. No grief hits home harder than that of the death of a small child or permanent injury to a young boy or girl.

Some might say that it would take only a few minutes of a parent's time to avoid nearly all of the accidents that result from youngsters carelessly playing with these types of toys. Having small children of our own, we know better.

The proper use of potentially dangerous toys is not something that can be taught a youngster once and then forgotten about. Constant safety reminders must be given day after day, week after week, and year after year. Even then, some accidents will happen but the chance is at least lessened somewhat.

We know we may be sounding "old fashioned" but we still insist that parenthood is a full-time job. When father is away at work it's a mother's responsibility and when father gets home from work it becomes their joint duty to give the children the best possible care and training.

It was never intended that school teachers should be the sole instructors of our children or that youth safety training should be a responsibility of the community's police department.

In our book, parenthood responsibilities rank far ahead of social or professional status in life.

## Orchard Meadows Sub

DANIEL HICKEY GR 6-1890

The next meeting of the Farmington Spec's Investment Club will be held at the home of the hostesses, Ray and Grosse Duple, Ray has forwarded three maps to Jack Yates with directions for getting to his home. He will all at the following concerned please contact Jack in regard to directions. The meeting will be held tomorrow night, July 15th.

Caroline and Claude Mills and their two children have just returned from a week's vacation in northern Michigan and are now back at the old gradstone. Just about all of the first contingent of families in the Orchard Meadows Sub have returned to the old homestead. The Shaw's are back from the East, the Beemers have returned from their car-pool, the Brown's have returned from their trek to the wilds and Duluth and the Burts have arrived back from their trip to Illinois. Food on business and Ginny and son, Dave, are visiting with grandparents. Any day now the second contingent of vacationers should be taking off.

Welcome to our new neighbors who moved into the model home a couple of weeks ago. By the latest reports, we should be welcoming several of our new families before too much more time passes. Two of the three vacant homes on Gary are reported to be sold. Let's hope so anyway. Also we should see each day which require several hours time on the old DUE.

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## Over 5 Million Workers Handle Consumer Food

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There are many more marketing operations today. More sorting, grading, transporting, re-packaging, processing and packaging of food products than in the past. And a larger share of food is marketed in the form of restaurant meals.

Fourth, there are more workers employed in advertising, product promotion, selling, research and product development than in the past. The workers also play a role in marketing food products to the consumer.

Progress on Schools. It was reported at the Farmington Township School Board meeting Monday evening that new school construction in process in the district would be completed by the start of school this fall.

Cville Lighted Field. The Clarenceville Board of Education at its regular meeting Thursday evening awarded a contract to Jacob's Electric for the purchase and installation of lighting equipment for the high school athletic field.

Ed Wright of Wilmarth returned home July 6 from Holy Cross Hospital in Detroit after undergoing major surgery.

Doctor and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Massapequa Park, New York, spent the 4th of July in Farmington with Mrs. Gerbert P. Neal of Rockville, Maryland.

Mrs. W. B. Joyce has moved to Detroit to the Zenith, a very nice home for the aged. We will miss Mrs. Joyce and her humorous readings and gave at the parties and social gatherings. Friends may drop her at 4444 E. 12th Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Happy's quite unharmed and scarcely be called happy. It has no taste.

## Joseph Himmelspace Meet Your Merchants

Joseph Himmelspace, owner of the Farmington Dairy and Himmelspace's Dining Room, is the oldest established merchant in the Farmington area, having started in business nearly 40 years ago.

A businessman with progressive ideas, Himmelspace invested \$50,000 in 1933 to remodel his 80x120 building, making it one of the most attractive business establishments in the northwest suburban area.

The all grade A bulk tank milk purchased by Joe Dairy is processed with stainless steel equipment both in the plant and on the farm.

New Year's Day 1951 launched Himmelspace's career with the Farmington Dairy. On that day he produced 84 quarts and 14 pints of milk in a small building in the vicinity of Gill Road and Alta Loma. Now the Farmington Dairy produces one half million pounds of milk per month on the average and has recorded a production of 616,918 in its peak month.

At the present time the Himmelspace enterprise employs 25 people all living in the Farmington area. Seven milk trucks are in operation to serve both wholesale and retail customers and the dining room and dairy have the favorite eating spots of Farmington area residents.

Himmelspace first came to Farmington in 1928 while employed with Fisher Body in Detroit. Though he liked Farmington right from the start he soon tired of the long trip to Detroit's best kept secret each day which require several hours time on the old DUE.

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After outgrowing the original store the business was moved into the heart of town in the old bank building and then in 1933 the present store was constructed.

MUCH OF THE responsibility of running the business has now turned over to his son, Joseph Himmelspace, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Theresa Smith, who has charge of the dining room. The Himmelspace's have two other children, Mrs. William Wiseman and Mrs. Fred Warner, all of whom live in Farmington. They also have 16 grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 15.

The oldest grandchild, Mary Warner, graduated with honors from Farmington High School last month and will be headed for the University of Michigan in the fall.

Anton has made the greatest contribution to the grandchild collection with four.

Alta Martha Himmelspace, like her husband, is interested in flowers and has devoted considerable time to the development of a fine garden at their farm near William Lake. Her husband limits his flower interest to roses and maintains some 200 tea rose plants across the front of the home.

MRS. HIMMELSPACE is active in the Eastern Star and White Shrine organizations while her husband is a Past Master of the Farmington Masonic Lodge and a Past Commander of the Northville Chapter. He also belongs to the Moslems in Detroit and is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

As a businessman Himmelspace anticipates continued growth in the Farmington area and feels that merchants must be prepared to capitalize on the potential increase in business by being alert to what their competition is doing and then acting accordingly.

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## At Home in Old Homestead

Jacqueline Davis GR. 4-1230

The Steele family moved into their new home at 3637 Quaker Lane a few weeks ago from their home in northwest Detroit. Helping their parents, Harry and Kay, were 10-year-old Joy and Mark who are six. To relieve the Steele of continually being asked the same question, the answer is no. This family is not related to the Steeles who once owned part of the property that is now Old Homestead.

Several vacations ended with the 4th of July weekend. Virginia and Debbie Carless returned home Friday, July 1, from New York and to Pennsylvania at Vassar. On the return trip they stopped in Saginaw where they met a friend of Don's from his years in service. Much of the weekend was spent reminiscing about past experiences.

The Simmons family will arrive home Sunday from a week at the cottage. Shirley, Terry, Brenda and Tracy enjoyed the sun and water while Bill drove into Plymouth each day to work. They were joined one evening by the Humms.

NATH AND AL Shobe planned their vacation trip of ten days around places that were designed for children. The camping trip was to the Adirondacks in New York and to Pennsylvania. They camped outside Lake Placid where the youngsters visited Santa Claus and made their requests for next Christmas.

At Upper-Jay, New York the Shobes spent a day at the Land of Make Believe which is a complete village built to children's proportions. One section of the village contains the homes of fairy tale characters, complete with a castle and coach, while the rest is a replica of a western town.

The stopover at Lake George, Pa., included an afternoon at Storyland, USA. This was made up of sections depicting nursery tale characters, a ghost town complete with sheriff and laws and a jungle land with animals and jungle atmosphere.

On Sunday Mark Leidein celebrated his 7th birthday at a family party. To add the gift he has been the greatest use has been a camera. According to Bob, Mark takes a lot of pictures but needs a little more practice to get good results.

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known as Maverick, in "John Loves Mary". The play was enjoyed by all and half a dozen of the girls went back stage to get the star's autograph. The evening ended at the Davis home for dessert and coffee.

Congratulations this week go to Bradley Craig who celebrated his second birthday on Saturday.

EARLY SUNDAY morning Lu and Mary Toffel met Lu's sister, Giovanna Toffel, who arrived by train from New York. The train ride was the end of a trip that started when Giovanna left her home, Milan, Italy, on June 30. She sailed from Genoa on the new DeVinci. Giovanna plans to spend six months here with Lu and Mary, much to their delight.

Although they have been corresponding for five years, this is the first time the sisters-in-law have met. Although Giovanna speaks no English at present Lu and Mary plan to help her as much as they can. Welcome to the United States and to Old Homestead, Giovanna.

This is the last reminder to those men who will attend the stag party steak roast. It is this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Lati-nas. Please take your own plate and silverware and any beverage that you wish other than coffee.

WHERE'S CHARLIE? WHEN THAT GUY TAKES A NOTION TO GET HIS CAR FIXED... HE JUST TAKES OFF!

We don't think Charlie really meant to leave his weak skinn friend in this fix. But he is really a bug on keeping his car in top running order and that's why he always takes it to General Auto. He has one of the smoothest running cars we've ever seen.

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