

## Laws Worthless Without Enforcement

All the laws and ordinances in the world can be adopted by a city, township, county, state or nation but if they are not enforced then they aren't worth the paper they are written on.

This is why we were so pleased earlier this month when announcement of the appointment of a zoning enforcement officer for the township was made. That there was a need for such a person and will continue to be was attested to by a report made to the Township Board at its last regular meeting. It was revealed that a total of 209 property owners had been cited for having unsightly junk cars on their property and numerous others for unsightly and unhealthy conditions about their property during the first ten days the enforcement officer was at work making a street-to-street canvass.

Even when a canvass of the entire township has been completed the need for an enforcement officer, at least on a part time basis, will still exist. Enforcement is a continuing thing and not something that can be done once and then forgotten about.

Probably the most important set of laws that the township has is its zoning ordinances and they should be enforced to the fullest. For far too long Farmington Township was without any zoning at all and even when the first zoning ordinances were adopted they were quite weak in an effort to try to satisfy everyone. Many of the problems which we are confronted with today in the township are the direct result of this lack of controls situation of the past.

Enforcement of the zoning ordinances now have is not going to solve all the problems that have been created in various areas in the past but we look to it as a big step in the right direction. Unlike any laws, the township's zoning ordinances have been drawn up with the

intention of trying to protect the individual rights and property rights of the majority of the citizens. Some sections of the zoning ordinances we now have may not be to the liking of everyone and some provisions in fact may even cause hardships and inconveniences to a few.

But, regardless of what law you might name, it is quite certain that it will never totally satisfy the wishes of everyone or even be to the best interest of everyone. The important thing to remember is that the laws that are in the best interest of the vast majority must be enforced against everyone in almost every case. When exceptions start being made then the whole effect of the law soon becomes lost.

What is best for the vast majority must be accepted by all.

We have always been and will continue to be firm advocates of a minimum amount of government controls so as not to stifle individualism in everyone. But some laws and controls are needed. This is why we believe that every law or ordinance considered for adoption should be weighed carefully by our governing bodies to establish clearly the such controls are needed and that it will be to the best interest of the bulk of the citizenry. Once this is done and the law or ordinance adopted then it should be enforced to the fullest.

Far too many laws and ordinances have been adopted by local city and township officials in the past and enforced for only a little while if at all and then been allowed to be flagrantly violated. Some of these laws and ordinances which are good ones are still on the books today and we feel efforts are not going to be made. If they are not going to be enforced then they should be repealed and taken off the books.



MANY HANDS were on hand at the Alameda School Family Night Program held Tuesday evening, May 14, under the sponsorship of the Alameda PTA. Shown above with "Raggedy Ann" and "Andy" who made appearances at the school to help encourage book donations from the children, are some of the students who will benefit from the proceeds which will help provide supplies for the Alameda Library. In addition to the book sale, baked goods were also on hand for purchase.

Second Marking Period  
O.E. Dunkel Honor Roll

\*Denotes all "A" students.

**7th GRADE**  
Calvin Abbott, Carolyn Accioli, Gary Adams, Richard Abbaugh and Norman Allen.  
David Armstrong, Robert Bailey, James Baker, Gary Barlett, James Bevan, Howard Broadman, Mary Ann Bugas, Mary Kay Burr, JoAnne Casper and Linda Chalfant.  
Wendy Chambers, Keith Casar, Janice Davis, Norman DeCoursey, Coyle DeLang and Debbie Dolan.  
Gayle Donovan, Linda Downen, James Eaton, Steven Ely, Craig Emmert, David Fleming, Barbara Frankel, Alleen Garner, Thomas Guzik and Mary Ann Heinzen.  
Bonnie Humm, Sharon Huth, Leslie Jackson, Bernice Johnson, Gary Jones James Kennedy, Gregory Konke, Lee Kornfield, April Kornmiller and Donald Kriss.

**8th GRADE**  
Dale Adcock, Sharon Anderson, Debra Angie, James Arnold, John Bagnasco and Elizabeth Barber.  
Doug Barth, Susan Berard, Fred Boratynski, Lawrence Bugas, Harriet Davidson, Harry DeSimone and Brenda Dreyer.  
GEORGE DUKE, Frances Eglebrecht, Patrick Foley, Robert Gabel, Thomas Gayler, Mark Goodwin, Kathy Greeley, Nancy Green and Martha Hansen.  
Suzanne Hansen, Marsha Harlan, Ted Harriman, John Harter, Gregory Hendee, Jim Hosler, Richard Karbel, Alan Kikka, Robert Kopicko, Myron Kopp, Judy Kubicki, Diane Lau and Gail Little.  
KAREN LOVETT, Katherine MacLean, Lynne Manilla, Donald Martin, Brad Mazi, David McCaig, Brian McCullough, Darby McGinnis, Paul Mingo and Kathy Murphy.  
Dor Nelson, Richard Nielsen, Eric Nutter, Thomas O'Connor, Mark Patterson and Robert Raymer.  
Susan Robb, Elaine Rodebeaver, Russell Roth, Steven Sager, Anne Salsbury, Margaret Sell, Mary Shaw and Frederick Slans.  
Pamela Slade, Sue Stevenson, Tamara Tabb, Robert Taylor, Susan Thomas, Michael Thompson and Walter Wiloughby.

**9th GRADE**  
Jeree Bachelor, Sandra Barry, Julie Brakora, Karen Burns, Mark Campbell, Barbara Collins and Nancy Conn.  
Gail Courville, Elaine Croul, Patricia Dickson, Geraldine Doells, Sandra Dunham and John Egan.  
Randy Fluter, Mary Foley, William Garrison, Linda Gatzke.

Spring Concert Planned  
By O. E. Dunkel Choirs

The O. E. Dunkel Junior Choir will present "May Melodies," their sixth annual spring concert, on Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25.

The vocal concert, under the direction of Eddy Ellegood, will include numbers ranging from the serious to current numbers from Broadway shows, and will feature the 200 voices which compose the Mixed, Girls' and Boys' choirs.

Tchaikovsky's "Moon Love" will be used as the opening theme and will feature the voices of the Mixed Choir. From the sacred literature of music the Mixed Choir will sing "Cherubim-Song" and "With a Voice Of Singing." Other numbers in this portion will include "Shalom," "Green Fields," "Bare Bye Bye Birdie" and "A Many-Splendored Thing."

THE SECOND PART of the Dunkel concert will feature the Boys' Choir and they will be heard singing "Now Thank We All Our God," "On, Won't You Sit Down," "Jamica Farewell," and "Seventy Six Trombones."

"Swal Away," a spiritual written by Noble Cain, will be given an interpretation by the Dunkel Girls' Choir as they open the third portion of the concert. Other numbers performed by the Girls' Choir will include "While We're Young," "Our Language Of Love," "Get Happy," and "The Sound Of Music."

The fourth portion of the concert will feature the Melodians. This singing and dancing group will perform "Empty Pockets Filled With Love," "Magic Moments," "There Are Such Things," Every Street's A Boulevard," and "Ballin' The Jack."

For the final portion the Mixed Choir will feature such numbers as "The Sweetest Sounds," "There But For You Go I," "A Patriotic Tribute," and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

During the evening special acts will include the Boys' Sextet featured in a song and dance routine to the spirited "Consider Yourself," from the musical, Oliver.

SOLOISTS FEATURED will be Jill Seeley singing "As Long as He Needs Me," Diane Butler singing "I'd Do Anything," and Gordon Armstrong singing "Where Is Love." The Trebblers, a quartet composed of Evon Gutierrez, Lynn Guion,

and Dan Turpin, will also be featured.

Cadet Turpin, who is a student in the Roosevelt High School, Illinois, was cited for excellence at special ceremonies honoring award winners for the thirty-third quarter of the school year.

Cadet Turpin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Turpin, 32215 Leeland Road, Farmington, Michigan, has attended Roosevelt for one year and is an eighth grader.

The University of Michigan was the first U.S. university to establish a professorship in zoology and botany, in 1842.

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## It's A Selling Job for Everyone

Now in the midst of our annual observance of Michigan Week we can help out a little concerned about the large number of people whom we have come in contact with who don't seem to really appreciate the great state we live in.

In pondering on this matter a bit, we couldn't help but feel a little critical of ourselves and other people in the field of writing and news dissemination for not doing as good a job as we should in telling the story of Michigan's many great features to the rest of the world. But, in thinking it through a little more, we feel we are personally responsible for the real answer that this wasn't the real answer.

It's not a newspaper or story in a magazine or television show that sells a state but each and every individual citizen making an effort to attract good people to our state and treating all visitors as if they were personal house guests. Bringing this thinking down to the local level, the very same applies. It's not the local newspaper or local government officials who place a community and make it a really fine place in which to live. They play a big part in the effort but it really takes the efforts of each and every individual citizen in the community in

their day to day contacts with those outside of Michigan week and visitors to the community.

Not just during Michigan Week or a Farmington Week, if we had one, should we be heralding our state and the community we are from. We should be doing it every day of the year and when we say "we" it really means you and each and every other citizen who lives and makes his living here.

Far too many just don't know enough about this, their home community, or the great state we live in. Make it a point to know all there is to know about Farmington and then a point to learn all you can about our fine state.

There is much to be seen and enjoyed in Farmington day by day and when it comes to planning a vacation or weekend, make it a trip to some beauty or interesting spot in Michigan.

From the northern most part of the state (the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula) to the Indiana and Ohio borders on the south there are countless spots that should be of interest and enjoyment to all.

See Michigan first and the rest of the nation later.

## PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

## Farmington Earns a "Thank You"

To the Editor:  
The Senior Girl Scouts of Farmington, Michigan, would like to extend their thanks to the people of Farmington, the Downtown Farmington Center Corporation, the City Council, and the Farmington Enterprise for their cooperation in making our car wash May 4 a success. The proceeds from the Farmington area car wash were combined with the proceeds from the four other car washes in Southern Oakland and totaled a sum over \$200.

This money will be put to use next November 9 and 10 at our

Let Freedom Ring

To the Editor:  
Your Historical Society is very interested in joining the nation in the ringing of the freedom bells on the fourth of July, and respectfully request your assistance in collecting the public on this matter.

The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia will be rung for two minutes starting at two p.m. EDT, which would be three p.m. EDT. We would like to contact the churches in our area and anyone else who has bells and join the rest of our wonderful country in this symbol of blessed peace and independence.

Yours truly,  
Ann Courville, Sec. Farmington Historical Society  
2635 Holly Hill Drive  
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Special thanks go to the District Chairman and Area Captains who spent many hours in organizing the crusade, and the Crusaders who did such a good job.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Arthur Erickson

CRUSADERS

To the Editor:  
As the Farmington Crusade Chairman for the American Cancer Society, I would like to thank everyone who donated their time and money to help fight cancer.

In spite of the terrible weather, the crusade made their rounds and collected \$3,949.51. Thank you.

## Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago  
MAY 27, 1948

School Election  
Three candidates have filed nominating petitions for election to the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District to be held Monday, June 14.

Falcon Nine Wins  
The Farmington High School baseball team earned two victories over Inter-Lakes Conference rivals in action this past week. The Falcon nine turned out to be a real team on Friday afternoon on the Farmington diamond and then scored a 7-5 victory over the Vikings at Walpole Lake on Tuesday afternoon.

FHS Thunders  
The Farmington High School track team tied for third place in the State Regional Tournament held at Ann Arbor High School.

Traffic Ordinance  
The City of Farmington's new by enacted Traffic Ordinance goes into effect this week and motorists are reminded that several new regulations regarding the operation of motor vehicles in the City. Bicycles are also covered under the provisions of the new City Ordinance.

Trojans Win  
The Farmington High School baseball team scored two more impressive wins last week to bring their season's record to 8-2.

10 Years Ago  
MAY 28, 1953

No Parking Areas  
The Farmington City Council took action this week to relieve the City's traffic situation by introducing seven revisions to the present Farmington Ordinance. Several no parking areas will be established in the downtown section to try to relieve certain congested locations.

Zoning Changes  
Steps are now being taken by the Township Zoning Board of Appeals to set up a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Township Zoning Ordinance.

Little Leaguers  
The Farmington Little League baseball season will open Saturday, June 6, with all four teams getting into action in an afternoon doubleheader.

Two Health Code  
More rigid enforcement of the Township Health Code discussed to dominate the discussion at the last Farmington Township Board meeting. Dr. Melvin Goldman of the County Health Department told the Board that between 6 and 10 complaints have been referred to him this past week in regards to alleged "nuisance health complaints" against Township residents.

5 Years Ago  
MAY 28, 1958

New Councilman  
Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton was sworn into office Monday

night as the new City Councilman replacing John Lapham who resigned recently. Councilman Brotherton has been active in Farmington as the president of the Bel-Aire Hills Civic Association, belongs to the Elks Lodge, Groves-Walker Post 346 in Farmington and the Farmington Players.

Clareville Vote  
Action has been taken to seek a vote for incorporation of the Clareville area as a City. Petitions were filed Monday in Pontiac requesting the vote for incorporation in a move to preclude the possibility of annexation by the City of Farmington.

Freedom Road  
The old Grand River Cut-Off finally has its new name. The Farmington City Council approved at its meeting Monday night the name "Freedom Road."

In Sheriff Race  
Farmington Township Supervisor Frank J. Stephenson has filed petitions with the Oakland County Clerk's Office to seek election to the Democratic ticket to the office of Oakland County Sheriff. He will be running against Republican incumbent Sherbitt Frank W. Irons.

On June 28, 1836, the U. S. Treasury declared a surplus of \$38,000 and divided it among 26 states. Legend has it that the sage of Indian rested in the shade of the banana tree—the botanical name of the common banana "Musa sapientum" means "fruit of the wise."