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In Our Opinion . . .

The Real Answer for Economic Development

Numerous communities throughout the state and in every state in the United States are putting forth efforts to attain some degree to improve their economic climate and stimulate economic development in their own sections. There are a lot of different methods being tried to accomplish these ends and they have met with varying degrees of success. There is probably no real fool proof answer on how to accomplish this end.

We feel that a fellow newspaperman and personal friend of ours hit the nail pretty well on the head recently, however, in an editorial which he wrote in his paper.

"One of the biggest problems in the economic development of a community is getting people to shop at home," he stated. "The community can hope to grow and to improve unless it has the support and the enthusiasm of the people who call it 'home.'"

Those who do their business outside the community make it tougher for the local business to expand his service and to keep more people in the community, he commented.

He went on to emphasize the fact that when we make it tough for the local business people we are actually making it tough for ourselves. Taken from the community is tax revenue which could be used for municipal and school improvements as well as new job opportunities.

Time for General Review of Our Zoning

When zoning is set up in any community it is understood by just about everyone that as community conditions change some zoning changes are going to have to be made.

This is as it should be for even the best of planners and governing officials have no crystal balls to tell them exactly what changing conditions are going to take place two or three decades hence or even two or three years ahead. As community conditions change there is good reason to consider zoning changes which are in the best interest of the whole community.

At the present time it seems that both the city and township are considering an exceptionally heavy number of requests for zoning changes. As we look back, however, we recall that this seems to have been the case at rather frequent intervals over the past three or four years.

Perhaps in a growing and rapidly changing community such as we live in this is as it's going to have to continue to be. But, we can't help but feel that perhaps the time has come for a general review by both city and township officials of their zoning for their whole governmental areas.

It could well be time for consideration of changes throughout the community prior to any specific requests being made by owners of parcels yet to be developed.

We don't mean to imply that we think the time has come when either the township or city would be able to come up with zoning changes that could be considered to be absolute until the whole community is totally developed. But, we do feel that some revisions without being petitioned might now be in order due to changing conditions that have developed in the past few years.

There would still be reason for more zoning changes in the future for more and more communities which have had the best of planning for their proposed future development expect that they will have to make changes from time to time. This is why just about every community we know of has established in its governmental framework a zoning board of appeals.

Looking Back in the Files

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Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel



PHLOX are now the highlight of many local gardens. The large trusses of brilliant flowers on three-foot stems provide a lavish and dramatic display. The glowing shades of pink, rose and red account for the name which in Greek means "flame." Phloxes are one of the few plants that have no popular name. The common name and the botanical name are both phlox.

Despite the Greek name, phloxes are native American plants. There are about sixty different wild species. All of these are native to North America, with the exception of one which grows in Siberia.

Phlox subulata is the popular "moss pink" which provided patches of glowing color in rock gardens and on slopes in early Spring. It grows wild in eastern states from New York to Carolina.

Phlox stolonifera is another low growing early Spring blooming phlox.

Phlox divaricata is the beautiful bushy wood phlox that blooms in May and June. It is often used in the rock garden or border and it combines strikingly with clumps of tulips.

A most unusual variety is Phlox diffusa which grows on volcanic slopes. It roots in the volcanic sand and forms a beautiful spreading mat.

An annual variety comes from Texas and is known as phlox Drummondii. It blooms throughout the summer on short stems and is a choice annual.

The summer phloxes have been developed from several wild species. Those that are varieties of Phlox suffruticosa bloom early in summer and are characterized by glossy deep green leaves and red or pink flowers. Miss Lindgard is a lovely white phlox of this type, and Reine du Jour is white with a crimson eye.

The phlox that are blooming now are varieties of Phlox paniculata which grows wild from New York to Georgia and Arkansas, or of Phlox caroliniana which is found from Ohio to Florida. Surprisingly, the pink flowered plant named Bouncing Bell that is a common roadside plant at this season is not a variety of the caroliniana family although it looks much like a phlox.

The summer blooming phlox come in a wide range of glowing colors. August is cherry red; Charles Curtis is sunset red; Leo Schlager is American Beauty red; Sir John Falstaff is salmon; Elizabeth Arden is mauve pink; Daily Sketch is pink with a crimson eye; Purple Heart is deep blue purple; and White Admiral is white. Mary Louise are sparkling white. There are many other beautiful shades and many other varieties.

Phlox thrive in full sun or in part shade. They need rich, moist soil and do not grow well in poor, dry, or sandy soil. Adequate moisture is a must, and a mulch to conserve soil moisture is beneficial because all the roots are very near the surface of the soil. Compost, peat moss, or well-rotted manure are

Area Engineer Elected Treas.

Mr. Donn C. Achtenberg has been elected Treasurer of the Southeastern Michigan Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers for the 1933-34 term.

Mr. Achtenberg, an Electrical Engineer who graduated from Michigan State University in 1930, is a Registered Professional Engineer. He resides at 2834 Westwood in Farmington, Michigan.

MR. ACHTENBERG is a Co-ordinator in the Administrative Systems Planning Department of The Detroit Edison Company.

The I.E.E.E., formed in 1963 by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers, is the largest technical society in the world.

The Southeastern Michigan Section has approximately 2,100 members in Southeastern Michigan and Essex County, Canada.

FLORAL PARK

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New residents to the Floral Park area, having arrived in July, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy. They formerly were residents of northeast Detroit, and have now made the home at 2284 Lilae their abode. Mr. Murphy is employed at the Art Van Furniture Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gordon of 2302 Hawthorne enjoyed a visit from their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leschinski and their two sons, Donald, 12, and Richard, 12. They have left to return to their home in Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of 2329 Violette are pleased that their son, Tommy, who was injured and sojourn in the hospital, last June he fell and received a skull concussion but, once again plays like any other four-year-old.

THE BROWN FAMILY also includes, Billy, 9, Cindy, 7, and Linda, eight months. Mr. and Mrs. Brown say their neighbors were simply wonderful.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nieheiser of 2249 Lilae gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nedelec of Toledo, Ohio. It commemorated Mr. and Mrs. Nedelec's return from their European vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. Roddy London were guests. The party also served to give the wives news from home as all came from overseas and have relatives in France.

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Burton are sisters, and came from Brittany. Mrs. Nedelec also came from Brittany.

MRS. NIEHEISER is from Paris. One small serving was served. The dinner was planned for outdoors, but rain caused a hurried move inside.

The party was a success, in spite of this. Each guest picked up an article and the transition from outdoors to inside was made in a jiffy.

YOUR PHARMACIST SPEAKS

By: JOHN D. SCHMALZ, R.Ph.

Here are a few medical odds and ends we picked up along the way. According to statistics, regardless of what an illness turns out to be, it is 4 to 1 that it started as a result of emotional upset. . . . Ever wonder how much medical services tap the pocketbook for? Recent statistics disclose that the American per capita annual cost of doctor and dentist fees, drugs hospital costs and health-insurance premiums comes out to \$540 . . .

If you are over 19 years of age, consider yourself fortunate that this isn't the 17th Century. The infant and expectancy at birth in the era was a scant 18.2 years . . .

You're also fortunate that this isn't the 17th Century in that cures in those days were often more terrifying than the disease. For 20th Century prescriptions call on JOHN'S PHARMACY, 3151 13 Mile Rd. Phone GR. 4-4700.

Name Chairman Of Democratic Fall Jamboree

Robert Friebe of Royal Oak has been named Chairman of this year's Jambayla Jamboree by Oakland County Democratic Committee Chairman Sander M. Levin.

Friebe, who has been active in the Democratic Party affairs for six years, is a warehouseman and a relative in the Industrial Installation Firm in Detroit.

The Jamboree will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 16, at the C.A.T. Building in Waterford. Proceeds from this event will be used for party activities.

United States citizens - with 50 have won more Nobel prizes than those of any other nation . . .

African Zulus believe that a rainbow is a giant serpent that emerges after a rainfall to

Nat'l Safety Council Report Shows St. Needs More Hwy. Cops

(EDITOR'S NOTE: One of a series of articles prepared for the Farmington Enterprise on Michigan's critical traffic accident problems by F. Granger Weir, editor of the Post-Tribune Herald and for 10 years chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee of Michigan Press Association.)

The National Safety Council has this concerning our State Police: "To compare favorably with the top 30 per cent of the states in our inventory program, Michigan would need to add 332 full-time personnel."

The problem is one of money, of course. The crime and accident rates are climbing but budgets for police to enforce and supervise the laws have either remained static or been reduced.

THESE ARE FACTS, even though they don't seem to make much sense. Come to think of it, the state has money enough for almost everything else but when it comes to law enforcement we permit our efficient, young troopers to operate at a minimum in numbers and with equipment of questionable adequacy.

State Police Commissioner Joseph Childs has said he would like to see that he should have 500 men to meet his total needs, 382 of these for highway duty.

The Legislature provides funds for a State Police budget which won't do the job of protection that we here in the State of Michigan ought to have regardless of our budget. It puts a few million more in an adequate State Police force would save many times the number of dollars in damages and property damage and personal injury.

St. Historical Commission Cites Twp. Farm

The farm owned by Howard and Eleanor T. McCracken of 35700 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, Mich. has recently been designated as a centennial farm by the Michigan Historical Commission.

This farm, located in the township of Farmington, county of Oakland, has been in the possession of the family since 1863. It was originally purchased in the year by Jane McCracken, great-grandmother of the present owner, from Levi and Hulda Pettibone.

THE MICHIGAN Historical Commission established its centennial farm recognition program in 1948, and since that year has awarded certificates and metal markers to some sixteen hundred Michigan farms. The program is administered by the State Historical Museum, Lansing, Michigan; and the markers have been provided through the courtesy of the Detroit Edison Company and the Consumers Power Company.

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