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# In Our Opinion . . . .

## The Die Was Cast Over 20 Years Ago

It was a joyous moment last week for many citizens in the south and southeastern portions of the Township when the announcement came of the awarding of the contracts for construction of water mains to bring Detroit water into the community.

To those in the community who have never experienced a real serious shortage of water for household use other than perhaps the unpleasantness of having to curtail their lawn watering, the announcement may not have been anything to jump with joy about. It was, however, for those who have had to carry in water in milk pails day in and day out for several years now.

Their repeated appeals for relief over the past eight to ten years have met with setback after setback as plans to get a suitable water system have been stymied time and time again for one reason or another.

With the construction contracts now let, about the only possible stumbling block that could be encountered would be that it would be impossible to sell the bonds to finance this nearly \$2.5 million project. Township officials have already carried publicly that they are buyers for the bonds waiting to bid, and we have no reason to doubt their word.

We are now looking forward to taking a picture the early part of next year of a family in the "dry area" enjoying a glass of Detroit water.

Naturally enough, bringing in an adequate Detroit water supply into a substantial portion of the Township is going to open the door for a considerable amount of new home construction in sections where there is still vacant land. There will also be a new impetus for the effort to get by developers owning vacant properties outside the present water district areas to have lines extended to their areas so that they can also start developments.

Bringing Detroit water to the Township points to one very obvious conclusion — There's a very big growth and development period ahead. There are some citizens, we are sure, who look on this direction as detrimental rather than beneficial for the community. They are the people who are still clinging to the idea that Farmington can be kept a quiet rural community with a lot of wide open spaces.

Perhaps 20 or more years ago when the Township was still pretty much rural countryside with only a few scattered homes, some of them could have been taken to keep this an area of pretty much limited development. But, such steps were not taken and homes were permitted to be built in many sections of the southern half of the Township relatively close together in the 1940's and early 1950's with little regard for water and sewer and other facilities which would be needed.

Like it or not, the die was cast on the kind of development that was going to have to come in at least a sizeable portion of the southern part of the Township over two decades ago, or before.

The need for Detroit water in substantial areas of the Township ten years ago and up until right now could never be denied and we only regret that it could not have been obtained earlier for those who have needed it and needed it badly. A dangerous and unhealthy situation has prevailed.

To those in the Township who still have illusions of living in a very much rural atmosphere, we can only suggest that they consider very seriously moving westward and still further away from Detroit.

## Why Isn't The Traffic Light Up Yet?

Where, oh where did the traffic light go?

This is the question we've been asking around about for the past couple of weeks now and with very little success, we might add.

Back in April or May of this year, the official word was given that the county was going to go ahead with the widening of Orchard Lake Road at the Grand River intersection and that in conjunction with this road widening a traffic light was to be erected at this heavily traveled and dangerous junction point in the community.

The county crews moved with what we believed to be an unusually fast clip for them in getting the roadway widened and back into use again. But, the second part of the job which was to be the installation of the light and was supposed to have been done by July 1, seems to have slipped into limbo.

City officials had no reason to offer us as to why the light had not yet been installed, almost two months after it was promised.

A contact with the county road commission turned up no real good answers either. Indications are now that it will probably go up in another month or so, over three months after it was promised. We are not going to believe it till we see the light up and working, though.

There is a definite need for a light at this intersection, and has been for years. The number of serious auto accidents and near misses that have occurred at this location over the past several years is proof enough of the need.

We would like to see some real effort put forth right now to get the light up immediately and see that the party or department which was responsible for getting the installation made called down for having failed to follow through.

## Looking Back in the Files

**5 Years Ago**  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1958

**Weekend Fatality**  
Farmington had the dubious distinction this weekend of recording the first traffic fatality of the long Labor Day holiday in the state of Michigan. A Walled Lake man was killed as his car was struck broadside as it entered the 14 Mile Road intersection from Haggerty Road. A Detroit man and several passengers in his car were injured in the crash.

**Water Petitions**  
Work is continuing on the securing of signatures on water petitions aimed at establishing special assessment districts to bring Detroit water into the south and southwest portions of the Township.

**Sheriff's Dogs**  
Dogs running at large in the Township have recently been spotted by the John Spicer property west of the City limits. A three-year-old lamb had been carried off by the stray dogs and its mother and another lamb were badly injured during one recent nocturnal frays.

**10 Years Ago**  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1953

**Dan Burnett** happened to take in a movie the other night and about fell out of his seat when scenes from *Mevagvis Cornwell*, England began to appear on the screen. The scene showed where his brother, Bill, was born. He could hardly wait to get home to tell Bill about it. He said he was going to see for himself. He won't have long to wait because the picture is soon to arrive at the Civic Theatre in Farmington.

**School Enrollment**  
Farmington School District administrators are predicting a record enrollment when classes begin for the start of the 1953-54 school year next week. Approximately 2,000 students are expected to enroll in the elementary schools while 1,000 are expected at the junior and senior high school. This represents a boost of some 250 students over last year.

**City Tax Returns**  
A total of 91 per cent of the City's 1953 taxes were collected prior to the deadline of September 1st. The total \$7,825 of the total \$8,616 tax issue.

**15 Years Ago**  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1948

**Army Hostess**  
Miss Margaret Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leach of Farmington, is now serving as an Army hostess with the Eighth Army Special Services in Japan. She is a graduate of Farmington High School and Franklin College and taught school in South Bend, Indiana and did secretarial work in the Farmington Public School System prior to joining the Special Services branch of the U.S. Army.

**All-Stars Edged**  
The Farmington Junior Legion Baseball Team was edged 4-5 by Wayne in a disputed game played last Sunday on the opponent's field. Due to the fact that only one umpire could be obtained for the game, there was some question as to the part of fans and players alike as to whether some of the decisions were made with complete fairness.

**Pic Contest**  
Farmington women will vie this coming Thursday in the picky contest sponsored jointly by the Farmington Kiwanis Club and the Oakland County Apple Growers Association. Cash prizes will be awarded the three top local winners.

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THE TEN MILE P.E.A. Board is busy at work planning an interesting and informative schedule for the coming year. They are (left to right) Mrs. M. Van Wagner, Teacher Vice-President; Mrs. J. Ralph, Principal; Mrs. M. Savely, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Morris, President; Mrs. D. Brayton, Secretary; and Mr. G. Perkins, Mother Vice-President and Mr. B. Sisson, Father Vice-President.

## Farmington Acres News

**MARGE STOKES**  
GR. 6-2489

**IRENE WALKER**  
GR. 6-2532

Terry and Jack wish to announce the birth of a son, a son, a son. The baby, a son, was born on August 19 at St. Michael's Hospital. Big brother, Terry, welcomed his little sister home. Congratulations to the happy foursome.

Kirby Avenue introduces newcomers, Jack and Jane May, to the neighborhood. Ken, Doug, Anne and Laura.

**CAROL LAWSON**, our translated Spanish Senorita, is home again with her family on Meadowlark. She spent a wonderful two months as an exchange student in Madrid, Spain. Carol will have a busy season ahead as she already has 3 speaking engagements to tell of her experiences. Carol is now a senior at Farmington High and hopes to become a Spanish teacher.

Laurelwood welcomes their new neighbors, Shirley and Bob Smith and family. Bob will retire as a Major in the U.S. Air Force. The family includes Gary, 15; Mike, 13; Bob, 6; and Debbie, almost 4. The Smiths moved here from Battle Creek the last place they were stationed with the Army. Mrs. Smith's parents live in Farmington Township. Shirley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy White, came from Wisconsin last weekend to help with the many odds and ends of moving.

**PAT AND ROLAND** Clouse entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schurter and their son, Steve, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Schurter was Pat's roommate during her college days. Although they corresponded, they hadn't seen each other in seven years so their visit was truly enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lawson of Oakland were in Farmington last week visiting the Bob Lawson's of Meadowlark.

Norma and Bob Burrell host a farewell party in honor of their son, who is leaving for the service.

**YOUNG BOB BERGDAHL** is hospitalized at St. Mary's with second degree burns on his face due to an unfortunate accident. Mickey Ennor is recovering after her operation in St. Mary's Hospital. Ruth Vandenhoeve has been on the sick list.

Celebrating birthdays last week were the Sherpards' boys, Joey and Davey. The boys celebrated Davey's 10th and Joey's 11th birthday with friends at the swimming pool and local cream and cake. Butch Nash.

## Local Soldier In Artillery

Army Pvt. Albert E. York, Jr., 24, whose wife, Patricia, lives at 21323 Roosevelt St., Farmington, completed a flash ranging crewman course at The Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Okla., in early August.

During the course, York received training in recording artillery fire and efficiently operating equipment to relay critical information to the firing unit.

HE ENTERED the Army in March of this year and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

A 1957 graduate of Concord (Ark.) High School, York was employed by the Radio Specialties Co., Detroit, before entering the Army.

His parents live on Route 2, Farwell.

See you at the Legion meeting

## Michigan Bell Announces Robert W. Frezzy Promotion

City of Detroit's Committee for Neighborhood Conservation and Improved Housing.

Frezzy and his wife, Mary Jo, have two sons, Drew, 10, and Michael, 8.

Robert W. Frezzy, 26331 Westmeath, Farmington, was promoted by Michigan Bell Telephone Company to executive assistant in its public relations department.

Frezzy, who started his telephone career as a salesman in 1945, has been a public relations manager since April, 1960.

PRIOR to joining the public relations department, he had been district commercial manager at Grand Rapids and had held several supervisory positions in the company's direct sales department.

In 1947, Frezzy, who had attended Albion College, completed a course at Williams College's Institute of American Civic Education in Williamstown, Mass.

He is a member of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce, and the

## Farmington Family Adopts Girl Thru Foster Parents Plan

Mr. and Mrs. Myron B. Schiller, 3220 Bennett Hill, Farmington, have financially "adopted" Mariou M. Dionisio, an 8-year-old Filipina girl, through Foster Parents' Plan, Inc., 332 Park Avenue South, New York City.

The Foster Parents have promised to contribute \$15 a month for the child's support for at least a year.

They have already received a picture of the new overseas relative. A complete case history of the child accompanied the photograph.

Mariou is one of four fatherless children. She has a brother, Manuel, 10, and two sisters, Meritida, 6, and Meveline, 4. In February of 1962 their father, Manuel Dionisio, died of advanced tuberculosis. He had been a tailor by trade, able when he was well to provide for at least the basic needs of everyday life for his family. He is the mother, Alicia Magbana Dionisio, who works for the children. It is hard for a woman alone and she has no education and no training or experience. She takes in laundry, but unfortunately so do countless other poor women of the Islands and there isn't enough work for any of them. Mrs. Dionisio earns about 10 cents a day when she can get work.

The first letter has been arrived by now, both original and translation. In it a Foster Child may describe how it feels suddenly to have shoes on his feet, a mattress to sleep on instead of a dirt floor, and the comfort of a full stomach. In Farmington, Mariou will be fifteen to twenty couples will be required. Please contact Ray Sherrill at GR. 4-3676 after 4 p.m. if you are interested.

**MARY LOU DINAN** is interested in forming a car pool for the younger students going to Our Lady of Sorrows this Saturday. Youngsters are invited to participate in games and goodies at Flinders between Robinwood and Meadowlark. Letters are exchanged monthly.

A Foster Child starts learning about generosity. "American style," as soon as he is selected by a PLAN social worker in his country, and okayed by the local Director. He draws all benefits while PLAN matches him with a Foster Parent who wants someone his age and nationality.

Eligibility is determined by need and the ability to benefit. This means that every PLAN Foster Child must go to school. PLAN's purpose is to guide a Foster Child toward economic independence, and subsequently to responsibility for his family and service to his country. American — help as a stepping stone to self-help is the PLAN way.

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