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**In Our Opinion . . .**

**Enforce the Ordinance or Repeal It**

For the past two or three weeks now we, like many other area homeowners fortunate enough to have some shade trees on our property, have been confronted with the annual fall task of raking up leaves and burning them.

We all might as well console ourselves to the fact that it's a job we're going to have to keep planning on doing until the children grow up and we decide to give up our love for the land and pride in ownership and move into an apartment.

Where to burn the leaves had been a problem for us for a few years but we finally decided to put in a tiny, tiny garden in one corner of the back yard and now serves as a good burning spot for us.

As we have observed around the community for the past couple of weeks now, however, it seems that most people just don't have a spot on their property to burn or just don't want the mess in their back yards.

We noted that a large number of homeowners were burning their leaves at the edge of the curb or uncurbed roadway in many sections of the community.

Because of the damage that this type of burning is alleged to do to road surfaces and because of the fire hazards that prevail when such open burning is done, the City of Farmington has an ordinance on the books forbidding such burning.

Just one year ago at this time the City Council ordered a police crackdown on violators of this City ordinance and this year no such action has been taken. To the best of our knowledge, people have been allowed to burn pretty much where and as they pleased despite the fact that it has been an exceptionally dry fall.

While we recognize fully well that the edge of the road is probably the most convenient place to burn leaves, we can't see that it should be allowed as long as there is an ordinance on the books forbidding it.

Laws and ordinances, passed aren't worth the paper they are written on unless they are enforced and we say that any that aren't going to be enforced should be abolished.

We are sure that our position on this matter won't be very well received by many homeowners. We can only ask those who object to this position whether they will be happy a few years hence when the City finds it necessary to expend large sums of tax money to repair the roads in the curb and uncurbed roadway.

If such burning on roads does not cause real serious harm to the surface and a serious fire hazard does not present itself by such burning then steps should be taken right now to get this ordinance off the books and make these burning practices legal.

**Get the Facts for Yourself First Hand**

Have you been to one of the presentations on the three propositions you'll be asked to vote on in the November 18 special school election yet?

If you haven't we sincerely hope that you have a big red circle around a date during the next two weeks when presentations will be made at several more of the schools in the district. A listing of the dates is being carried on the front page of the paper each week.

Don't think because you didn't get to the one at the school in your neighborhood you should just skip going. The presentations being made throughout the district by members of the Board of Education and administrative staff at each of the schools are open to all citizens of the community.

We hope you just aren't going to rely on what is sent to you in the mail, decided on your door or published in the newspaper as a basis for making your decision on how you're going to vote on the propositions. And, what we really hope most of all is that you're not going to make your decision on the basis of what some friend whom you consider to be pretty well versed on these matters is going to tell you.

What is being asked for involves a substantial amount of money for school purposes during the next few years and a chunk of this money is going to be yours as a taxpayer in the community.

Go to one of the presentations and get all the facts and data first hand you possibly can. Don't hesitate to raise any questions you have during the question and answer periods.

Go to the polls on Nov. 18 confident that you know what is being asked for, what it is going to cost you as a taxpayer and what the consequences will be if the vote goes the way you cast your ballot.

Your vote on Nov. 18 will dictate to local school officials the direction you want them to go in coming years. Make your decision an intelligent one by getting all the facts.

**A Job That Takes Teamwork, Joint Effort**

We hear complaints from local business people quite frequently that citizens do not buy from them and support the community business establishments the way they should.

We concur with them to some degree on this matter. But, if business owners or managers in a community expect loyal support from the citizenry, they must do something to show that they are a real part of the community and working for its betterment.

Many think that all they need to do is open the doors of a business in a community and pay their real and personal business property taxes and that nearly every citizen in the community should flock to their store. It has been proven time and time again that a healthy community doesn't develop this way.

In healthy communities the business people are organized and work together to obtain worthwhile community improvements as well as jointly sponsoring community programs and sales for their own benefit. They grow as a community business unit.

Many chamber of commerce and businessmen's groups have come and gone in Farmington in the past for one reason or another. A new Board of Commerce was recently formed and now has many community betterment projects in the works.

Membership is growing but still only a small percentage of the total number of business owners are members of the group and working for its success. The organization now has about 60 members.

Our question is: Where are the rest who want to see Farmington become a healthy business community?

**West Point Park News**

MISS L. A. AULT  
Phone GR. 4-4294

On Halloween the Neighborhood Sunday School room will be open from 7 until 10 p.m. for the "Beggars, ghosts and goblins, and any of the neighbors, old and young, are invited to stop in to rest, rattle and visit. Ladies will be on hand to make them welcome.

Mrs. Merrill Johnson and her three children of Parker Ave. spent a few days of last week with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Shook, near Gallopia, Ohio.

MRS. EULA KNIPPLE of Farmington Rd. has been visiting relatives in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Painter and their nephew, George, from Harold, Jr. and Jim. Plans are near West, W. Va., are house-being made for the three brothers, Harold, Jim and Bob to sojourn and company their father on a deer hunting expedition.

Mrs. Robert Farrow of Shady-side Ave., visited in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen, Mayfield, visited with relatives in Jamestown, Pa.

Robin and Kevin Cox of Pembroke Ave. accompanied friends on a camping trip last weekend.

Stanley Chavay, Mayfield, who has been convalescing from surgery, expects to return to his employment shortly.

The McVickers of Shady-side Ave. are anticipating visits soon from Harold, Jr. and Jim. Plans are near West, W. Va., are house-being made for the three brothers, Harold, Jim and Bob to sojourn and company their father on a deer hunting expedition.

Goodwill Industries from Detroit collect usable, repairable household discards in the Farmington and West Point Park areas every Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a target need of material to help keep busy a handicapped employee of Goodwill Industries. To arrange to have the yellow truck stop at your door call Miss Lora Ault, GR. 4-4294.

Humility leads to strength and not to weakness.

John J. McCloy

**Pvt. William Martin Stationed In Alaska**

William Stanley Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Travinski, 33202 Oakland, is now at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska.

Known to his friends as "Bill Martin," he is very lone some for his home-town.

BILL WENT through his schooling in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High in 1937. Before he left for service he was manager at "Roman's Pizzeria" for nearly 5 years. The same day he flew from Seattle, Washington to Anchorage, he became an uncle for the first time. A baby girl, named Victoria Margaret, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gross.

MRS. GROSS is the former Mildred Marie Martin, Bill's sister.

Friends can write to Bill at the following address: Pvt. William S. Martin - US 55-741-107; Hq. and Hqs. Co., USARAF, Sp. Command, APO 949, Seattle, Washington.



PVT. WILLIAM MARTIN

**Career Classes For Students**

On Wednesday, October 9, Doctor David Schwartz of 33120 West Twelve Mile Road visited Deputy U. S. District Judge Charles O. E. Duncel (Career Classes). Doctor Schwartz, a pediatrician, spoke to the students about careers in medicine and answered their many questions relating to this field.

Mr. Arthur Mulkoff, a civil engineer with the Concrete Steel Company, visited the Career Classes on October 11 and shared with the group his experiences in and views of engineering as a possible career choice.

Men and women from other occupational fields have been tentatively scheduled for later dates so as to better inform Duncel students as they begin making tentative vocational choices and to plan appropriate educational programs for themselves.

**Farmington Cadet Gets Sergeant Rank**

Stephen Floyd Steele, son of Mrs. Harry Steele who resides at 2290 Manning Avenue, Farmington, has recently been promoted to the grade of Sergeant in the Cadet Corps of Howe Military School, Howe, Indiana.

The Academic Department of Howe Military School has announced for honor standing during the first six-week period. Cadet Steele is one of 26 in the corps of 400 students receiving this distinction.

Howe Military School, located in northern Indiana, is a college preparatory school of recognized excellence.

**Looking Back in the Files**

**5 Years Ago**  
OCTOBER 30, 1958  
Hot Election Issue

The proposed incorporation of the City of Farmington Woods will come before the voters of Farmington Township in the November 4 election. Arguments for and against incorporation have been waged during the past months in an often times heated fashion by the opposing factions.

**Grid Contest Winner**

The winners in last week's Farmington Enterprise Football Contest was Mrs. Margaret J. Gess, a clerk for the past eight years in Bradley's Retail Drug Store. She missed two of the games but was only one point off on her guess of the final score on the contest tie-breaker.

**Post Office Flag**

The flag which was presented to Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley by Congressmen William Bromfield last week was one which had been down over the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. It now waves over the City's new Post Office Building on Slocum Street. Master of Ceremonies for the Post Office dedication was Delos Hamlin of Farmington, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

**15 Years Ago**  
OCTOBER 23, 1943  
Expect Record Vote

Both Farmington City and Township officials issued a warning to voters this week to vote the polls early this coming Tuesday, November 2, in the General Election. More than 900 new registrations have been taken in the City and Township.

**10 Years Ago**  
OCTOBER 29, 1943  
United Fund Quota

The United Foundation's Torch Drive Campaign in Farmington has as its goal this year \$18,899. The Community Chest Fund Drive which is run concurrently with the U-F campaign will receive \$12,525 from the amount collected during the Farmington fund raising.

**New Church Opens**

The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington held its first church service on Sunday in the Farmington Senior High School. The Rev. Richard Geiger, conducted the services in the high school cafeteria.

**House Moving**

The Farmington City Council took quick action this week to prevent a repetition of the occurrence last week in which a house was moved onto a lot in the City, causing considerable reaction from nearby residents.

**Falcons Lose**

The Farmington High School football team lost to Walpole Lake 13-0 in an Inter-Lakes Conference game played last Friday afternoon on the Falcon gridiron. The Falcons will be looking for their first victory of the season as they play host to league rival Berkley this Friday in the Homecoming game for Farmington.

**Falcons Victorious**

Farmington High School's football team won its fourth straight game last Friday afternoon when they downed the Walpole Vikings 6-0 in an Inter-Lakes Conference "A" quarterback George Barrons' outshined over the only score of the game to give the victory to the Falcons.

**New Edition Office**

Detroit: Edison manager Harry Walters announced this week that the local branch will move into its new quarters on Grand River Avenue just west of Farmington Road on Monday November 1. Force of habit may take you around the corner to the old business location for awhile but the new modern building will certainly be easy to get used to according to reports from those who have inspected the new office.

**Bill Conroy Does Tool**  
Phone GR. 4-3511

**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.

**Lays It On (Bus) Line**

Gentlemen:

For WHOM is the Farmington bus line running?

A bus that leaves at eight o'clock in the morning will certainly be no help for anyone going out to work in a plant or an office — or downtown anywhere. It may help those who work in stores a bit. I do not know.

What good is a return-trip bus that leaves at 4:30 p.m. — even the workers in the stores — enough money to operate, to pay salaries and buy gas and oil, with the few passengers they are now carrying.

If this bus were on the line, the DSR might be able to come out. If they could come from the city, at reasonable hours, they would pick up quite a few riders. I believe. How about it?

Mrs. G. Groves

**Speed Reminder**

To The Citizens of Farmington:

As citizens of this fine community we feel it necessary periodically to be reminded of our responsibilities.

We remember to vote, take care of our homes, be active in civic affairs but sometimes the most obvious duties are forgotten.

One of these is obeying our traffic laws, particularly speed.

**Raises Questions**

To The Editor:

The recent lawsuit brought against the City of Farmington to prevent the purchase of a small parcel of land has resulted in many controversial statements being printed in your paper.

While it is obviously too late to argue the need or propriety of subsidizing this particular private business with public funds, I am sure that many other "newcomers" would be interested in the answers to the following questions:

1. What was the total amount of funds spent by the City in connection with the Downtown Farmington Center?
2. What was the total investment of the owners of this shopping center?
3. What is the evaluation of this property for tax purposes?
4. What are the total yearly taxes paid to the city on this property?
5. Have any other private businesses received a written or verbal offer of any assistance from the city or any of its officials?

A Citizen

Seven Michigan counties each contain more than 300 lakes. Victory to Michigan's famed automobile plants may sour the assembly lines and observe the piece-by-piece construction of new vehicles.

Many of Michigan's outstanding manufacturing plants offer many county of their facilities throughout the year, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

**Do Not Be Influenced by Price Alone!**

When Buying Milk, Give A Lot of Thought to the Importance Of

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**Bon Ton Gift Shoppe**  
Increases Sales Staff

The Bon Ton Shoppe in the Downtown Farmington Center announced this week that it has now increased its sales staff to better serve all customers.

The new employees of the gift shop are all local ladies. They are Dorothy Mutchler, Geneva Patrick and Ann Cour, who are currently associated with sales staff of Nanav Wyman, Olive LaRoe, and the owner, Sedla Wingerter.

Dr. Herbert Winkler Teacher at Harvard

Dr. Herbert Henry Winkler of 33300 Wayburn, Farmington, has been appointed Teaching Fellow in Physiology at the Harvard Medical School and its affiliated teaching hospitals.

He received the B.A. degree from Kenyon College in 1921 and the M.D. degree from the Harvard Medical School Department of Physiology.

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