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## In Our Opinion . . .

### Let's Be Sure Before Re-Zoning

As we enter into what appears to be the start of another period of accelerated building activity in the community we can't help but be disturbed by the exceptionally heavy number of re-zoning requests which are being made.

Zoning itself in Farmington Township is not very old and only a short time back the original zoning which was set up was thoroughly reviewed and revamped. It was necessary to require larger residential lot sizes and to eliminate undesirable zoning determined to have been called for in the originally established zoning. The City also recently revised its zoning on the basis of recommendations from experts in the field of community planning.

Zoning in a community was never intended to be so hard and fast that changes could not be made when it was found that re-zoning would be beneficial to the community as a whole and would allow for a more desirable and more reasonable system.

The right of a man to request re-zoning at any time cannot be denied but we feel that he should be required to prove three things before the request is granted. (1) That the re-zoning he is asking will not be detrimental to the community in general. (2) That the developing petition and if the re-zoning is approved will not adversely affect to a substantial degree surrounding property owners. (3) That he prove beyond a

doubt that the re-zoning is needed to allow him to profitably develop his property within a reasonable period of time.

It appears to us that at the present time more emphasis is being placed on how strongly nearby property owners object to a re-zoning request than anything else in the decisions that are made to approve or reject a re-zoning request.

A substantial number of the re-zoning requests are being made to permit apartment developments. Approval for developments with reduced lot size requirements to permit a cluster-type of housing plan with adjoining small neighborhood park sites is also being asked more frequently.

What ratio of apartment development to a community of our size and character can reasonably support must be determined before we go too much further in approving requests for re-zoning for this type of development.

When approving cluster-type single home developments we think a very careful check should be made to determine why the developer prefers this plan over building the homes on larger lots and letting the community provide the needed parks. We would hate to see homes built on smaller than normal lots required lots without firm reassurance that the adjoining vacant land areas would be suitable for use and well maintained in years to come.

## Tenure Offers Security for the Weak

Should teachers be retained on a school system's payroll on the basis of ability or on the basis of seniority? This is not a new question being posed but one that has been asked over many times, still keeps coming to crop up.

For some time now the Michigan Education Association has tried to get the state legislature to adopt a compulsory teacher tenure bill but without success. Now the M.E.A. is circulating petitions to get the compulsory tenure proposal placed on the ballot for the people of the state to vote on.

Teachers tenure as we understand it is a system whereby a teacher who has served a probationary period of two years is almost guaranteed against being fired or demoted forever unless the school board can prove a "reasonable and just cause."

If this were as far as it went we would say that the tenure plan was all right. But, the plan starts to go wrong when the right is added to appeal this "reasonable and just cause" to a state tenure commission.

History shows that incompetence is not determined to be a "reasonable and just cause." The state tenure commission apparently doesn't think so and neither does the Michigan Employment Security Commission which has been making unemployment checks even though you give them a long list of facts to prove incompetence.

We look on the tenure plan as one designed to protect the jobs of teachers who fall into the very mediocre or below average classification. Good teachers do not need this kind of security.

They can get good teaching jobs and keep them on their professional abilities without this kind of artificial security.

The citizens of a community elect a board of education and it is reasonable to assume that they strive to get members on this governing board who are competent. These men and women of community leadership provide a check on all activities of the school system's administrative staff. Teachers or citizens need only bring them to the board's attention.

Nearly all the school systems that we know of also have their own teachers' organizations, such as the Farmington Education Association which we have here.

If a teacher has cause to believe he has been unjustly fired or demoted by an administrator then he can take his case before the teachers' association and if still not satisfied directly to the board of education.

This to us provides teachers with enough protection against unwarranted dismissal or demotions from any immediate superior.

A spirit of close cooperation has and continues to exist between the Farmington Board of Education, the administrative staff and the Farmington Education Association. It is a type of cooperative spirit that any school system can have if they work hard enough and with enough understanding for it.

It is our feeling that adoption of compulsory teachers tenure statewide would tend to weaken this cooperative spirit that now exists. On this premise, we vigorously object to compulsory teacher tenure.

## Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

DECEMBER 4, 1958

Wood Creek Zoning

In a heated three-hour-long meeting of the Wood Creek Farms Village Council Tuesday night, a zoning ordinance excluding commercial zones and establishing one residential zone for all of Wood Creek Farms Village was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Post-Season Hopes

The Farmington High School football team which went undefeated this past season had several of its members come in for more honors this past week. The national All-State prep gridiron was named. The national had two linemen and one backfield man selected by the Free Press panel of All-State judges. Mike Agee, quarterback, Jack Lawler, guard, and Dan Resler, tackle, were all cited for All-State honors. The Detroit News All-Southern Team named center Frank Chapman from Farmington along with Lawler and Agee.

10 Years Ago

DECEMBER 3, 1933

Health Ordinance

A special meeting of the Farmington Township Board of Health was held Monday night, December 7, for the purpose of discussing possible changes in the Township Health Ordinance. Both legal and sanitary aspects of the ordinance will be discussed.

Christmas Spirit

The downtown Farmington business district is taking on the appearance of real Christmas spirit with street lighting, decorations and the festive spirit being decked out with yuletide trimmings.

Holiday Rush

Postmaster Henry Trombley of the Farmington Post Office announced this week that ten mail carriers will be added to the present staff to take care of the holiday rush of mail.

Season Opener

The Farmington High School basketball team will play host to the Detroit team in the 1953-54 season opener this Friday night.

15 Years Ago

DECEMBER 2, 1948

Eligible Voters

Next Thursday, December 3, eligible voters in the City of Farmington will go to the polls to decide whether Florio Park Subdivision should be annexed to the City.

Plane Forced Down

A plane forced down over Farmington for several minutes last Sunday night and then the pilot, a 22-year-old Detroit man, forced landed the light craft in a field east of the city. The pilot was not injured and the plane suffered only minor damage.

More Teachers

Superintendent of Farmington Township Schools announced this week that four new teachers would be added to the teaching staff for the next school term.

Baseball Team

The Farmington High School basketball team will open their 1954-55 season tomorrow night, Friday, December 3, in a home duel with Wayne.

## Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to The Editor for publication in this column should be signed and addressed to the Editor, Public Letter Box, 23623 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48334. Letters may be submitted by mail or by hand. Letters by hand should be submitted to the Editor's office, 23623 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48334. Letters by mail should be submitted to the Editor's office, 23623 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48334.

### Violent Approach

Dear Editor:

I remember once when I lived in my home state we were having here with our public officials over placement of traffic signals. Having an Editor that was concerned about the safety of the public, we fathers and mothers got together and decided to harmonize these terrible instructions which we did not wish to have on our bodies in a Human Barren. The editor printed pieces. Some of us were threatened with complete sequestration. But you could find us back the next day again in our "Human Barren."

Public sentiment and the paper are not the same thing so-called public officials decided they had to do something. They did - we got the traffic lights and complete set of new public officials at the next election.

The same thing can be done here since apparently this is the only way these public officials understand.

Sincerely,  
John Mintz  
23623 Farmington Road, Farmington, Mich.

**EDITOR'S REPLY:** A strong citizen effort, such as we advocated in one thing, but taking the law into our own hands and flagrantly disregarding the laws by blockading a road as you suggest is going too far, in our opinion. Some of the other side of officials just going to work everything isn't going just the way we would like it to or fast enough to suit us is not the right approach either.

### Which Comes First?

I read in today's paper where the Farmington Development Commission and chose that the businessmen of this area want better transportation and a department store for the downtown area.

Please refer to your June 18, 1960 issue, page 2B, in which I wrote the following:

"We have noted with interest that the City of Farmington is attempting to get some sort of a program going where more people in the Farmington area will shop in your downtown area. The main concern with the program is to locate enough parking space for cars downtown."

"My estimation you are getting the cart before the horse. The first thing on my list, if it were in charge, would be to get a Police Station, Montgomery Ward or Federal's store here. You need a basic store to start with - a department store, such as the foregoing building. THEN START WONDERRING WHERE E-VERYONE IS GOING TO PARK! If people couldn't find the parking space, they wouldn't be here to get them interested in shopping downtown first."

"Now that someone officially agrees with me, maybe something can be done about it."

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Farmington

## Offers Answer For Unordered Merchandise

A frequent problem during the Holiday Season involves unordered merchandise sent by mail. Complicated, received by the State Attorney General's office, indicate Michigan citizens are often sent merchandise they did not order and then are asked to pay for it.

The Post Office Department advises that mail can be refused at any time and that a person is never required to accept either letters or packages. Any mail, including packages, that are unopened may be given back to the post office. However, once mail has been opened, the receiver cannot take this action.

"POST" OFFICE Department regulations do prohibit the sending of any unordered merchandise (C.O.D. Violations of this regulation should be reported to the Post Office Department.

Anyone who receives unordered merchandise should return it at once to their mailman or their local Post Office with explaining it. To otherwise may well result in your being legally responsible for the payment of merchandise you did not order and do not want.

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## At Home in Old Homestead

MARY CHECKETTS 474-5705

Since the weather has turned cold many "sneaky" boys and girls planning to attend the hayrides and corollas on December 13 dress extra warm. The boys will be glad to go with you, but a blanket might prove helpful. Everyone should also bring a flashlight to light the road for Mr. Wadsworth. If the residents will turn on their outside porch lights this also would help.

The 8-11 year olds should be in the children's garage prior to the hayride, while the older group should gather in Orvis' garage where they will begin their hayride at 7 p.m. We used records, dancing afterwards, at Orvis'. There'll be a four-wheel drive available to play them on. Please put your name on our sign-up by 5 p.m. you won't lose them.

I have a few pieces of leftover from our potluck last month. Give me a call if you are yours.

GLORIA BOWEN, Don and Marlene who have been driving would like to thank all of you.

### Farmington Acres

MARGE STOKER GR. 6-3489

IRENE WALKER GR. 6-2539

Our belated welcome to Don and Norma McLean of Lombard, Illinois. The McLeans have five youngsters, Kathy Ann, 12, Donald Ray, 10, Carol Joyce, 8, and Kenneth Hugh, 6, Thomas Gordon, 2.

Jacqueline Kay Steele, daughter of Lynn and Evelyn Steele, was baptized last Sunday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Godparents are Norman and Betty Raymond. A celebration dinner was held at the Steele home in honor of Jacqueline.

Brigitte Mary Cole, daughter of Thomas and Ellen Cole was baptized last Sunday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Godparents are Donald and Whitford Esper.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McLoughlin and six of their children held an "open house" last week in celebration of the McLoughlin's 25th anniversary. Friends from neighboring cities and states, including Indianapolis, Indiana, Toledo, Ohio and Detroit area, came to offer congratulations. Due to studies at the seminary, their son Paul was unable to attend, and their eldest daughter, Mary, is able to leave her family at this time to attend the celebration either.

Lynn Slack and five college friends drove to Washington during this past weekend to pay their personal respects to our late President.

JOHN MCCORRIE spent a week recently with his family hunting deer. While Joanne and the children visited her mother and dad.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Emswiler came from Canada to be with their daughter, Joanne, and the children visited her mother and dad.

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Joanne Friedman was hostess to Bridge Club No. 2 for November. Members present were Janet Streng, Mickey Emswiler, Agnes Stanger, Barbara Adams, Joanne McCorrie and Mrs. Marian Oral and Irene Walker. Winners were: 1st prize, Marian Oral; 2nd prize, Joanne McCorrie; and Mickey Emswiler won booby prize.

A farewell party was given for Pat and Neil Thibodeau at the home of Barb and Bob Adams of Livonia. Pat and Neil will move sometime after the first of the year to New Hampshire, where Neil has been transferred. The party was given by the Adams, Barretts, Greys, Helms and Nikels. Guests were the Arnolds, Brunettes, Dozers, Emswilers, Higgins, Helms, Karwowskis, McCories, Michaels, Nuts, Stranes and Wellens. A buffet dinner was served, and the Thibodeaus were presented with a farewell gift of a crystal martini glasses, cordial and a martini pitcher.

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You've been in the process over these past four weeks or so here at my house making the two pinatas for the children's Christmas parties. I'm sure you've had more fun than I have. Mary Ellen Orvis and Lorry Zaglen came to the party last Saturday and helped me decorate the pinatas after they dried into a porky pig and the other into a sophisticated fish. Now they're bringing fun and just waiting for the little boys and girls to come and break them open so they can pull out all the toys and candy for them to scramble after and gather up.

The Homestead Assn's annual dance after the holidays this year is set for Feb. 7, a week before Lent starts. It will be held at the Parker House Restaurant. Town and Bob Zimmerman's band has been engaged to play. Residents of Old Homestead and Pleasant Valley are invited to attend and bring along their friends. A buffet dinner will be served after midnight. Because of the need for a parking lot, we will have to be about the third week in January.

Two of our neighbors observed their wedding anniversary this past week. On Monday, November 25, Joseph and Yvonne Craig, 36201 Quaker town Lane, observed their 25th anniversary. On Saturday, November 30, John and Mary Pheny, Old Homestead Road, observed their 25th anniversary.

Plan to Hold Bridge Club Meetings Here  
The Farmington Junior Duplicate Club has found a Farmington address. We expect to move to the Botsford Inn, at 28000 Grand River, in January. The title will be announced. In a Thanksgiving Eve game the first place for NS went to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, with Mr. and Mrs. Al Collins placing second.

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## Urges Vehicle Safety-Check

The month of May is national vehicle safety-check month, but this is November—going on December. Why, then, should we check our cars now?

Police Chief Joseph C. DeVriendt takes his valuable time to discuss the importance of a vehicle safety-check. Since the chief did support the nationwide safety-check program last May, it's obvious that he's a "double-check" man.

"SPRING AND FALL safety checks are for different, but mutually supporting purposes," he explains in the spring. The fall check is to make sure the car is ready to carry us safely through another winter. Both are involved in our city's safety record—not to mention the convenience and safety of the driver and his family."

The normal car winterizing precautions are vital to the life of the car and its ability to perform efficiently in cold weather. Chief DeVriendt points out that adding to this thorough check is vital to the lives of the people who will be using the car.

What does a pre-winter safety-check involve? The answer is found in the very name: winter weather and its demands on cars and drivers.

For one thing, much fuel and winter driving is done after dark. This means lights must be checked out once, but constantly.

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## FLORAL PARK

E. R. PHILLIPS GR. 4-6375

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gates of 23068 Floral have been spending the last few weekends at their resort on Long Lake near Alpena. They call the resort, "Stardust," and it is located on Highway 23.

Mrs. Eunice Lubinski of 23007 Floral has been appointed Chairman of the Bake Sale that the Shawansee PTA will hold this Saturday, December 7, starting at 10 a.m. The sale will be held at two locations, the Downtown Farmington A&P Store and the doorway of the S.S. Kresge Company store at the Farmington Plaza. This is one of the methods this PTA has used for raising funds each year. Mrs. Lubinski says that they have been very successful in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonald and their family of 23229 Violet enjoyed Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey in Farmington Oaks. Mrs. Anna McDonald, the children's Grandmother, and their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Kapsman, were also present.

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