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In Our Opinion

It's An Individual, Not Government Matter

A major item of news and frequent topic of conversation across the nation for the past couple of weeks now has been the recently published detailed report on the harmful effects of smoking.

We think it is well that such a detailed study of the effects of smoking on health was made, and that the harm to health that can be caused was disclosed in detail to the public.

Even we, the hardest of chain smokers, are making an all-out effort to cut down even if we have already determined that we are never going to be able to muster enough strength to give the habit up completely. The authorities who say we're not addicts have just never seen one of us chain smokers who's had to go without a cigarette for four or five hours at a stretch.

The habit of heavy smoking is one which everyone should try to slay away from. But we feel that, like any number of other bad habits, it is an individual problem, and not something that the government should get involved in outside of perhaps setting a minimum age at which smoking will be permitted.

We are deeply disturbed, therefore, with the announcement that the Federal

Cooperation on Plans Very Beneficial

The cooperation which now prevails between Farmington School District officials and officials of the City and Township of Farmington with regard to proposed new residential developments in the community is to be commended highly.

While it has been mentioned from time to time in the recent past, we are sure that very few citizens are aware of the fact that every plan for a new subdivision which is submitted to the City or Township also goes to the School Board for review and recommendations before final approval on the plans is given.

One of the purposes in doing this is to make the Board of Education aware of the size and characteristics of the subdivision proposed so that they can determine what future classroom needs will result. It gives school officials an opportunity to determine better where school sites should be acquired next. It also gives them an opportunity to suggest changes in the plans so that suitable outlet roads to the elementary schools that will serve the area to be newly developed will be provided and youngsters will not have to go out and walk along or across dangerous main artery roads to get to and from their school.

The cooperative spirit that has been developed on this matter is not only beneficial to the governing officials but also to the general citizenry itself. Tremendous sums of taxpayers' money is being saved because school officials can buy sites in advance before areas are developed and much higher prices are paid on parcels of land the school system will have to buy. Many possibly serious safety problems are being avoided. There are also other benefits but they are too complex to go into here.

There was not always this cooperative

Change in Policy

The steadfast position of Farmington school officials in refusing to pay hourly rates for the special day off from school that was called for on November 25 to mourn the death of the late President Kennedy is totally wrong, in our opinion.

The closing of the schools on this day for the funeral of the late President was definitely in order. But we just can't see the justification in paying all salaried employees for this day off and not the hourly rated employees as well.

Indications are that this is consistent with present policy. If it is, then we say the policy is wrong and should be changed. The pay policy in matters of this kind should be the same for all employees whether they are on a salary or paid by the hour.

If the hourly employees had been given a choice between taking the day off without pay or working, this would have been all right but that choice was not given them.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
JANUARY 22, 1959
Polio Clinic
The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored a polio vaccination clinic last week.

New Apartments
The Farmington City Council placed its final stamp of approval on a recommendation from the City Planning Commission to allow the rezoning of the northeast corner of Farmington Road and the Grand River Corridor to allow for the development of a 150-unit apartment project.

Warren "Tex" Cawley track star at Farmington High School has earned All-American honors for his outstanding performance in the boy hurdles during the 1957 track season. Cawley set a new state record of 1:40 in the low hurdles and won every low and high hurdle race he entered during the regular season as a Farmington sprinter. He is the first All-American from Farmington to receive the national distinction.

10 Years Ago
JANUARY 20, 1954
Parking Laws
The Farmington City Council enacted an ordinance to regulate off-street parking on public lots and the possibility of commercial property in the City at its regular meeting Monday night. The new parking regulation set a two-hour maximum time for vehicles to be parked on lots where there are no meters.

City Appointments
The Farmington City Council extended the terms of Mayor Hamilton and Donald Bates on the Board of Review. Bates' new term will run until 1957 while Hamilton's term was extended until 1958. Bates and Hamilton were all reappointed to two-year terms on the Board of Appeals. The terms of Tracy Connor and Bayard Tupper were extended to January 17, 1957, and January 17, 1955, respectively. Tupper and Donald Pearson were reappointed to one-year terms on the City Planning Commission.

15 Years Ago
JANUARY 20, 1949
Move City Hall?
A committee of three members of the Farmington City Commission have been directed to investigate the possibility of moving the City Police Department and Justice Court from the Municipal Building into the Town Hall.

Principal Job
Gerald W. Harrison, principal of the Farmington High School, has been appointed to serve as a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The committee of which Harrison is a member will review the reports of member schools and study new applications for membership.

New School Units
The new classroom school unit on Ten Mile Road and a two-room addition at the Bond Elementary School are expected to be ready for use with the beginning of the second semester of school in the Farmington Township School District.

Susan Hadsall Installed Job's Daughters Queen



The three young ladies shown above were installed as the top officers of the local chapter of the International Order of Job's Daughters at a formal ceremony held recently. They are, left to right: Teresa Grana, Senior Princess; Susan Hadsall, Honored Queen; and Charlotte Anne Legg, Junior Princess.

Torch Drive Contributions From Farmington Tabulated

Farmington business places and residents contributed \$16,429 toward the total of \$47,637 raised in Oakland County for the 1963 Torch Drive, according to final figures compiled by the United Foundation, 2234 First St., Detroit 16, Mich.

Mr. Donald Schick, 2234 First St., was divisional chairman in charge of the residential campaign. Mrs. Bayard D. Tupper, 33725 State St., was associate chairman. Residents gave \$14,809 through the house-to-house solicitation.

MRS. ARTHUR MAZUR, 22860 Manning, was co-chairman for the Oakland County townships.

Business solicitation, which yielded \$1,570, was led by James P. Thorne of Metropolitan National Bank as chairman. The figures were announced in connection with the observance of the 15th anniversary of the United Foundation. Complete list of audits of money received during the Oct. 15-Nov. 7, 1963, showed that a total of \$3,892,224 had been raised, bringing to more than \$24 million the amount made available during the past 15 years for operating worthwhile services.

The United Foundation was organized in January, 1949, in an effort to bring chaos out of the many overlapping and conflicting fundraising efforts being put forth in the community. A goal of \$5,550,000 was set for the first Torch Drive in 1949, and exceeded, setting a pattern which has been followed each year.

GOALS HAVE BEEN RAISED as services have expanded. The first Torch Drive solicited funds in, and provided for 154 services which served the City of Detroit and some of its nearest suburbs in Wayne and Oakland Counties. The 1963 Torch Drive provides money for 197 health and community services. Solicitation and services cover 1,840 square miles, including all of Macomb County; all but nine

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US Internal Revenue Service Completes Nat'l Identity File

Internal Revenue Service has announced completion of a "National Identity File" consisting of a nationwide listing of taxpayers for the first time in history.

Internal Revenue said individual tax returns filed in 1964 will be checked against this listing.

The "National Identity File" is the first nationwide application of Internal Revenue's new automatic data processing (ADP) system, which is centered around the National Computer Center at Martinsburg, W. Va., and is being installed by stages.

THE NATIONWIDE listing, Internal Revenue said, provides an effective basis for identifying and locating taxpayers regardless of whether they move from one area to another. It will help in the detection of failures to file returns, duplicate or multiple filings, erroneous social security numbers, and other discrepancies.

As of January 1, with new regional service centers at Austin, Texas, and Dallas, Texas, 210, becoming operational, about half the nation's taxpayers will have their Federal tax returns processed electronically. Seven states in the Atlanta Region, and five in the Philadelphia Region already are processing federal tax returns through the new computer system.

In addition, three long-established area centers at Lawrence, Mass., Kansas City, Mo., and Ogden, Utah, have been redesignated as regional service centers. This redesignation has been made as the centers prepare for incorporation of the electronic system by January 1, 1965, at which time Internal Revenue's ADP will be in operation nationwide.

UNDER INTERNAL Revenue's ADP system, information from tax returns is converted to electronic tape at the regional service centers, and then processed through the master file of taxpayer accounts maintained at the National Computer Center at Martinsburg, W. Va. Individual accounts for each taxpayer are kept up to date on electronic tape.

Internal Revenue said the ADP system will provide better service for taxpayers, improve the compliance capabilities of the tax agency and greatly improve tax administration generally.

Quintessence new service centers, operational for the first time in 1964, are located at Austin, Texas, and Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition, Senior Service Centers are being opened in Virginia, initially will process tax returns filed in the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Wyoming, Kansas, and Colorado will be added next year.

The Cincinnati center, located in temporary quarters until a new building is completed in nearby Covington, Ky., in 1964 will handle returns from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia, adding Michigan later. THE SERVICE center at Philadelphia began processing

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