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In Our Opinion . . .

Benefiting Property Owners Should Pay

A lot has been heard in recent weeks about the problem of a safe walking route for boys and girls who must travel along Middlebelt Road to get to and from the East Junior High School and Middlebelt grade school.

There is no question about it that a serious problem does exist but some of the proposed solutions we have heard just don't sound too reasonable to us.

One of these is that the school district or township should stand the expense of constructing a necessary amount of concrete sidewalk along the major roadway to serve the children walking to the schools. After all, the concerned contend, it would only cost a few thousand dollars and the safety of the children should be worth this much. What the people who suggest such action just can't seem to understand is that it would set a precedent and prompt similar demands from many other areas where similar situations exist, not only presently but for a number of years to come.

The couple of thousand dollars in cost to the school district or township which might result initially would thus trigger a necessity for the expenditure of many thousands of dollars worth of taxpayers' money in the school district in the years ahead.

Even in cities where substantially higher tax rates for city services are levied than in townships, sidewalks are not paid for by the city-at-large but by benefiting property owners in the form of special assessment made against them.

We are sure the people living on the east side of Farmington Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads or those on either side of Grand River Avenue east of the downtown Farmington business section would have liked very much for the city or school district to finance the cost of the sidewalks they were required to put in a while back. But, such was not the case and the benefiting property owners were required to stand the cost through special assessment.

If the people on Grand River and Farmington Road in the areas we mentioned must pay for their walks then we can't see how the people can feel that the property owners along Middlebelt Road shouldn't be expected to do the same.

No governmental bodies can be expected to provide all of these kinds of facilities for their citizenry and shouldn't have to at the expense of the general taxpayer, in our opinion.

Unwanted Home 'Callers' Can Be Curtailed

Throughout the year, but particularly during the spring and summer months it seems, the door to door salesmen and peddlers come out in force with nearly every imaginable kind of product or service that you "just shouldn't be without."

It has been something that has been disturbing to us and even more so to our better half for some time back now and we are sure equally as disturbing to many of you. Not all door to door sales are bad, but the number who are are far out-weighs the number who are not.

There are a couple of other unwanted sales pitches which have come our way quite frequently in the past which have also been quite disturbing. These are the phone calls from firms urging the purchase of the product or that the advertising pieces which get hung on the door knob-at our home or stuck under the windshield wiper of the car.

It seems that the only way to beat the unwanted sales pitches over the phone is to get your telephone number unlisted. The City of Farmington has legislation against advertising handbills being hung on doors but from the number we have been seeing still fastened on doors it doesn't appear that it is a regulation being too rigidly enforced. Of course, you can't expect enforcement if you don't let the public safety department don't call the public safety department in a manner other than that prescribed by city code.

The City of Farmington has had a solicitors and peddlers ordinance on its books for almost two years now requiring nearly all engaged in such work to be thoroughly cleared, authorized, and to pay a license fee to go door to door. Up until the end of January of this year Farmington Township had no legislation to govern door to door solicitors and peddlers, but it has such legislation now, and with some real teeth in it. It is now mandatory, therefore, that door-to-door salesmen anywhere in the community be properly licensed. The township will have no regulations against sticking advertising pieces on your door or in your mailbox but it is very likely that they will have in the not too distant future.

Ordinances and regulations of this kind are in no sense of the word easy to enforce. The only way they can be enforced well is with each and every citizen's full cooperation.

When a peddler or salesman calls at your door, insist on seeing his bona fide license from the city or township before dealing with him. If he refuses to show the same or says that he has no such license, call the police department immediately and report the solicitor. The police will then call them all your own, including the area he is working in.

You are never going to be able to completely eliminate door to door salesmen calling on you, but through the licensing now required you will at least be able to get rid of nearly all of those who are trying to sell inferior products or services. It will take only your cooperation in reporting any unlicensed salesmen who call at your house or business place.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
MARCH 12, 1949
Regional Title
The Farmington High School wrestling team took top honors at the Regional tournament with three Falcon champions taking first place points. Winning Regional championships in their weight divisions for Farmington were Tom Pockman, Jerry Cassell and Dan Beesler.

Spring Election
A large field of candidates will be on the April 6 ballot voting for three city council seats up for reelection. The Town vote will pit Democratic and Republican candidates against one another in a fight that is getting pretty warm.

Church Building
Rev. Thomas P. Seabam, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington, announced this week that more than half of the funds for the new parish, a total of \$38,176,000, has been subscribed to date of the total goal set of \$60,000.

Sale of the 1 1/2 million dollars
of 1958 school building and site bonds has been completed, it was announced at the regular meeting of the Farmington School Board Wednesday night.

10 Years Ago
MARCH 11, 1944
Postal Appointment
The promotion of Clifford H. Desmarieux to the position of Assistant Postmaster at Farmington has been announced by Postmaster Henry Trombley. The new assistant Postmaster has been in the postal service for a total of 28 years.

Twp. Building Code
The Farmington Township Board agreed to consult with its attorney on the possibility of enacting a building code. The action was initiated by a group of property owners from St. Francis Street who appeared before the board to protest the moving of dwellings into the area.

FARC President
The Farmington Area Recreation Commission elected Robert Cassell as its new president for the 1954-55 year.

Now Jet Pilot
First Lieutenant Richard H. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Miller of Farmington, graduated February 23 at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas as a jet fighter pilot. He graduated from Farmington High School and attended Michigan College where he majored in physical education.

15 Years Ago
MARCH 10, 1949
District Champions
The Farmington High School basketball team swept to victory in the District tournament which opened March 5. The Falcons beat their first opponent, Bentley High School, by the lopsided score of 70 to 21. Farmington won the District finals of the District by turning back St. Mary's of Orchard Lake, 44 to 32.

New Fire Engine
Farmington Township will receive their new top high pressure fire engine and fire fighting equipment this Friday. According to township board officials, the new fire engine and equipment was purchased because of its efficiency and economy of water in putting out fires. The new fire fighting equipment can be used as a fire spray fog or as a stream of water by regulating the nozzle on the fire hose.

Ministrel Show
The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce presented a minstrel show March 16. This year's end men are Nate Smith, Roy Erdman, Bob Sayre, and Ed McLean, Ray Oldham and Bob Metz.

Annual Speech Assembly at NF Set March 12

North Farmington High School speech students will present their annual Speech Assembly on Thursday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. at North Farmington High School, 13 Mile and Farmington roads.

Ninety speech students making up four advanced speech classes will present a program of skits, entitled "A Time To Live And A Time To Die" created and directed by Judith A. Smith, speech director. Other interested persons are invited to attend. There is no charge.

The impudence and imagination of the assembly is captured immediately in the introduction which brings the participants into the auditorium in a solemn procession accompanied by Jim Lind on the clarinet, Terry Kaplan on the drum, and Mr. Lloyd Smith at the piano. This dramatic effect is followed by a series of skits depicting various stages and forms of life.

SOLOISTS ARE: John De Groot who reads "The Creation," Sue Smith who reads "Kill A Mockingbird," Kris Frank who reads "The Rainy Day," and Pat Precha who reads "The Wind." "God With This Wind" is read by Laurie Cairns, and "How Far To The Grave" by Cathy Gessner. Willie David reads "Our Town."

Three recited pantomimes are soloed by Phyllis Sand, Bob Thomas and Linda Andridge. The choral reading group presents interestingly as the role of interpreting the various scenes of life's span. The entire group of thirty voices in this play is a most impressive sight in black. The two dramatic sets flanking the choral readers are in costumes depicting the various scenes of life's span. Formal dancers grace the upper stage area. Stage crewmen, light and sound technicians bring the total cast to nearly 100 students. The assembly has been termed a unique and sophisticated experience in the field of speech arts.

The students and teachers cordially extend a warm invitation for all interested community persons to attend the performance on Thursday evening next week.

Also Missed at the Training School Recently was Al White who makes a point of greeting one of the young people.

Old Homestead

Albert and Phyllis Bors of Lyman Road have exciting news! They are grandparents! Their son, Chuck, and his wife, Janie, have a new son, named Robert Charles. He was born at St. Simi on February 16. Grandma reports he is behaving like a good boy. She is helping out temporarily. When she is unavailable, Janie's mother, Mrs. Bors, takes over. The lucky little fellow has great grandparents on both sides.

Being a grandchild isn't the only thing Phyllis has been doing, as the Pinocchio Club met at her home Tuesday night, February 23. First prize winner was Thelma Macheche of Padelford Lane.

Meeting Held By Quakertown Questers Here

The Quakertown Chapter of the Quakers held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Newman, which is on Power Rd., Farmington.

Mrs. Newman not only presided but also presented an excellent and most interesting study paper on "Victorian Furniture."

This fascinating subject was a made more interesting with three charming chairs of this period which, though grace the lovely Newman home.

R. W. Shafoe assisted at the tea.

IT WAS REPORTED that the Farmington Library graciously acknowledged the annual donation made to them. It is a custom of this group to annually hold a sale of antiques which are donated by the members. The proceeds of which are turned over to the Library to be used toward the purchase of new books on antiques and related subjects.

This tradition serves as a dual purpose, for these unusual books or antiques are not only available to the various Quakers of our community, but also available to anyone with a quest for antiques and their historical background.

Among the Quaker members and guests in attendance were Mrs. H. P. Adams, Mrs. Philip Day, Mrs. J. T. DeVries, Mrs. K. P. Deven, Mrs. D. Freeman, Mrs. F. E. Hardin, Mrs. C. M. Timmons, Mrs. R. J. Truesdell, Mrs. Wm. Conroy, Mrs. E. E. Dolan and Mrs. Zimmerman.

The Quakertown Chapter meets the last Wednesday of each month at noon. Anyone interested in antiques is welcome as is a guest or prospective member. You may call Mrs. Newman at GR. 4-4485 or Mrs. J. T. DeVries at GR. 4-9265.

Receives Degree From Iowa State U.

David H. Cargill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen H. Cargill of 33317 Macomb Avenue in Farmington, was graduated from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa in commencement exercises held February 29.

Mr. Cargill received a degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State.

Local News Happenings

MARIE LONG GR. 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Jills just returned from a trip to Boston where they were guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson in Salem, Mass. who formerly resided in the Farmington area.

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Student Council President John Hogan directed the discussion and a general question and answer period afterwards. There were 21 exchange students who participated in the program including Clarenceville's two exchange pupils.

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Expain County Nurses' Work in School System

A detailed report was given to the Farmington Board of Education recently on the public health nursing services provided in the Farmington School District by Oakland County.

Miss Helen Clark, a nurse assigned to this area, and Byron Oliver, an administrative assistant in the school district, explained to the board the many and varied services rendered by the four county health nurses assigned to Farmington.

It was pointed out that two of these nurses also provide part time service for that portion of the Clarenceville School District in Oakland County.

The scheduling and supervision of dental clinics, tuberculosis, vision and hearing testing were mentioned as some of the services the county health department nurses provide through the Birmingham office. They also have been helping in the supervision of the tropical fluoridation treatment program that is being conducted throughout the system, it was added.

The public nurses also work directly with the teachers in arranging a and planning class training in areas related to health and work with the teachers and school principals with individual pupils having health problems. Direct home calls are often made by the nurses, it was emphasized.

My precept to all who build, is, that the owner should be an ornament to the house, and not the house to the owner.

—Cicero

No woman does her housework with real joy unless she is in love—and a woman may go on being quietly in love for many years almost without knowing it.

—D. H. Lawrence



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Mrs. Dora Jones of Oakland Avenue attended the meeting of the West Farmington Club last week when she heard the home of Mrs. Mildred Hunt of 11 Mile Road.

MRS. EVA PETTIBONE of Macomb Avenue is due to return home from the hospital this week after undergoing surgery. She will be convalescing at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mable Bradley of Oakland Avenue.

Mrs. James Darwin of Broadmoor has been suffering with Neuralgia in her face and a bad case of virus for more than a week. Get well wishes go to this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Love of Farmington Road returned home on Monday evening from a wonderful two-week's vacation trip to Phoenix where they visited their daughter, Mary, and her family and also their friends in the area. On their return trip home, they stopped at the middle of a road at White Sands, New Mexico.

Spending the weekend with grandma and grandpa Long of Grand River Avenue was Chuckie and Ann Long of Wildwood in Nankin Township. So I am sorry I won't have very much news this week.

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In Michigan... after bowling, beer is a natural

After you've bowled a game or two, or when you're winding up the evening at the neighborhood bowling center, it's good to relax with friends and compare scores. What better way to add to the fun and the sociableness than with a refreshing glass of beer? However you take your fun—dining, skating or your own game room—beer always makes a welcome addition to the party.

Your familiar glass of beer is also a pleasurable reminder that we live in a land of personal freedom—and that our right to enjoy beer and ale, if we so desire, is just one, but an important one, of those personal freedoms.

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