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In Our Opinion . . .

The Advantages Outweigh the Disadvantages

Those who complain about the noises, unpleasant smells, increased traffic congestion and other minor annoyances which industrial plants sometimes cause better start looking at industrial advantages as well as their disadvantages. We have been for sometime now, and are continuing to do so.

Last week we received from the City of Farmington, at our request, some detailed comparative figures on the amount of taxes received from an area developed with light industry and a comparative amount of land area developed with an average type of single family residential homes.

The figures serve to show very conclusively and factually that every community needs a balanced amount of industrial development with its residential growth if the citizenry is to have the services and facilities it wants and should have without being buried under high tax bills.

For the comparison, actual assessment and tax figures were used and not estimates or average figures. The figures showed the exact amount the community is now receiving in tax moneys from that portion of the small industrial park which is under development on Eight Mile Road just east of Farmington Road.

The taxes realized from the same amount of land area developed with above average single family homes in the nearby Farmington Acres Subdivision were then stacked up against those derived from the industrial park area developed to date.

The ten industrial plants now in the industrial park have a total real and personal property assessment of \$776,000 and pay a total in taxes to the community of over \$40,000. On a com-

The Only Answer Is Better Enforcement

In a "Letter to the Editor" which we received and published last week, the writer made it clear that he saw no need for expansion of the Farmington Township police force. We wholeheartedly disagree with him and the reasons he gives.

The writer pointed out in his letter that he often sees two or three police cars parked at a police department office and that the department has no regular schedule for patrolling. What he apparently doesn't seem to understand is the fact that there is a tremendous amount of investigation and detailed report work that must be done by policemen in connection with the performance of their duties.

Some of this work might possibly be able to be done by women office workers but an awful lot of it has to be done by the patrolmen themselves and it can't be done anywhere else than from the police department office.

A larger police force would definitely make it possible for a regular road patrolling schedule and still allow the patrolmen in off-time to do the investigation, interrogation and paper work that is required of them.

The writer suggested moving stop

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

APRIL 9, 1959
GOP Sweeps Town
Long time Republican Farmington Township showed Monday it was not about to roll over and play dead. Voters kicked out one-term Democratic Supervisor Francis Stephenson by a margin of 1,086 votes. Republican candidates also won five contested races with about the same margins.

Busy Library
The new Farmington Public Library is really doing a big volume of business. A report by library officials disclosed this week. Open for 22 days during the month, the library distributed a total of 11,244 books - an average of 511 books a day.

Chapman, leading scorer for the Farmington basketball team during the basketball season, was selected for one of the four first team Inter-Lakes League All-Conference berths.

City Council Race
Howard W. Thayer and Hugo Peterson were given top-side victories Monday in the race for Farmington City Council.

10 Years Ago

APRIL 8, 1954
Blueprints for proposed parking lots in downtown Farmington were completed and filed with the City Manager last week. The area is located on a group of interior lots east of Farmington Road and south of Grand River. The other proposed public parking area is located along Thomas Street between Farmington Road and Warner and in the rear of the business places facing onto the north side of Grand River.

Twp. Annual Meeting
Citizens attending the Annual Meeting of Farmington Township held Monday afternoon approved a motion urging the supervisor to employ an assistant to aid him in the appraisal of property under an approved system.

Motions were made and approved to appropriate \$2,500 to the Library Board, \$1,250 to the F.A.R.C., and \$500 to the Clarionville Recreation Commission for the coming year.

Barn Razed by Fire
A barn on the John Lutz farm, 2884 Drake Road, was completely destroyed by fire.

15 Years Ago

APRIL 7, 1949
Incumbents Re-Elected
In the Biennial Spring Election held April 4, all City and Township incumbents were re-elected to office. Delia Hamilton was re-elected Mayor by nearly a four to one majority over Cecil C. Beebe. Ernest Blackburn, up opposed a Republican Township Supervisor, polled the largest vote in the Township.

6 Youths Apprehended
Police Chief Joe DeVriendt reported the apprehension of six boys Sunday evening. The boys, all Detroit residents, were caught siphoning gasoline from vehicles on Grand River Avenue.

Junior in State Festival
Chuck Gronlund - (F.S.S.) Junior - will compete in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Ann Arbor, Saturday morning, April 9.

Editorial
The people who have a stake in the township, who wish to protect their homes and maintain Farmington a better place to live, must act. The Township Board must be petitioned for a re-consideration of a zoning fire ordinance.

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.

Longacre Teachers Praise Principal

Dear Mr. Kiley,
We, the staff of Longacre School, recently nominated our principal, James A. Langan, as National Elementary Principal of the Year. Although he was not selected for this special honor at this time, we would still like to show our appreciation to him by relating a summary of our statements to your paper and, thus, to your readers.

The following statements by us (the teachers at Longacre School) will stress his leadership as a professional in his school and in the community, as an effective administrator, an outstanding leader, and a dedicated educator:

"The welfare and education of children are utmost in his mind."

"Teachers are free to teach and are respected for their own worth."

"He is always willing to listen to every problem and to support the teacher in every way."

"He deals diplomatically with people and has good interrelationships with children, parents, and teachers."

"He gives stability without undue pressure."

"Mr. Langan takes time to plan with you and is always willing to listen to your suggestions."

"His faith is in our ability as teachers. He has a sense of humor yet understands the problems of others clearly."

"He is always ready to hear views, not in agreement with his own and will always try to weigh the merit of these views with an open mind."

"He treats his staff as equals and not as inferiors."

"Mr. Langan is willing for the teacher to try out new ideas, even though he may feel they are not likely to succeed. He will follow through to try to help make these ideas work or to point out where the weaknesses are that will keep them from working."

"Mr. Langan is aware of the uniqueness of each individual, student or teacher, and encourages each person to develop and grow as a creative being."

"As a principal, Mr. Langan is inspiring not only with his joyful humor, but also with his ability not to let any feeling of pressure from any source be felt by his staff in his reactions to school situations."

"His classroom curriculum, planning, purchasing, and discipline are all areas of service by the principal, in his opinion. He gives when asked and asks when given without threatening teacher security or morale."

"He expresses praise for accomplishment and points out weaknesses. In addition, there is a minimum of interference with classroom procedures."

"All teachers' meetings are democratically conducted."

"He is a comfortable person with which to work."

"He makes one feel that he is trustworthy and can take care of himself adequately. We feel we are responsible adults and he makes us feel as such."

"Mr. Langan gives the positive impression that he is in firm, friendly control of the situation and that nothing is beyond his ability to manage with competency."

"He is able to inspire children and teachers to do the things he expects of them."

"He radiates a relaxed atmosphere, stands behind each teacher, and gives them freedom to teach."

"In addition to his school work, he serves on many community functions."

Respectfully,
The Teaching Staff at Longacre School,
Farmington, Michigan
P.S.: Congratulations on winning the "1963 School Bell Award" sponsored by the Michigan Education Association.

Art, Musical Program Slated

An art exhibit and musical program is being planned by the Livonia Artists' Club to help celebrate National Library Week. This event is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg Library, 3010 Seven Mile. Mrs. Orlie Harrington is executive chairman with Mrs. Steven Bodman as assistant chairman. Refreshments will be served.

To make this a more interesting and varied program, the Livonia Women's Chorus will offer a group of songs from the musical comedy field.

Several ballet numbers will be presented by senior dancers from the Rosedale School of Dance directed by Charlotte Neuhann.



JOHN BRICKNER, a member of the Greenfield Village staff, shown gathered around participants some of the background material which will be used in the flower arrangements exhibition at the Clara B. Ford Garden Forum to be held April 22-24 at the Henry Ford Museum. Local women who met this week to plan the display of flower arrangements at the Museum during the Forum include (left to right) Mrs. Kenneth Trombley, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. Joseph Ziska, Mrs. Glenn Leland and Mrs. Keith Willoughby, all of Farmington.

East Junior High Announces Honor Roll Students for Period

7TH GRADE
Richard Austin, Susan Bell, Carol Cox, Dale Eby, Janson Eckert, Sandra Esved, Lynn Garner, Terence Grow and Carolyn Hagmann.

8TH GRADE
Susan Heinzen, Lynn Johnson, James Joseph, Pamela Leard, Forre, Linda Lotts, Gunnar Sharon Richmond, Michael E. Ludwig, Claudia McDonald, Linda Murphy, Patricia Neer, Linda Ott, Gail Palmer and Jean Patrick.

9TH GRADE
Sandra Polyn, Barbara Rankin, Susan Reader, Jerry Reeves, Thomas Russom, Vicki Sahba, Leslie Schneider, Doyle Sharbach, Louella Sharpe, Teresa Stephen, Nancy Weedon, Linda Weiss, Karen White, Ronald Winfree, Michael Wypysizki and Susan Young.

10TH GRADE
Robert Barkdull, Kenneth Benardino, Howard Broadman, Greg Camen, Wendy Chambers, Christine Courier, David Cronin, Jacobs, delange, Mary Rose Dicks and Gayle Donovan.

11TH GRADE
Steven Ely, Joan Fathman, Peggy Flora, Lynn Grant, Mary Heinzen, Nancy Hornacek, Bernice Johnson, James Kenney, Kevin Kerkhoff, Kristine Kourtjian, Coleen Kowalski, Douglas Lam and Timothy Lambert.

12TH GRADE
Larry Lebling, Kathleen Lemon, Bridget Lipa, Shelley Lewis, Sandra Mathis, Joyce Mallon, Michael Martin, Scott Nelson, Diane Northen, Donna Olson, Laura Plichta, William Reader, Cheryl Rollings, Kathleen Ryan, Jane Seppanen, James Smithen, Janice Stark, Margaret Sylvest, Nancy Wheeler and Dennis Wheeler.

Scout Troop 110 Has Campout

Boy Scout Troop 110 enjoyed campout over the weekend of March 23 and 24. The boys left for Brighton, Friday night where they pitched tents on the beautiful "Little Acres," which is wooded mostly in hard wood, such as Oak and Maple.

Saturday they devoted the day to advancement of their outdoor cooking and fire building tests.

Scoutmaster Thomas Mahony wishes to thank all who helped and all who donated their papers to help the boys in the paper drive just completed. Mahony says that the drive was a marvelous success, and should help the Troop immensely.

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Mrs. F. O'Keefe Succumbs at 79

Funeral services were held on March 23 for Mrs. Francis J. O'Keefe of 3350 Valleyview Drive, Farmington, who died March 20 at Providence Hospital following several days illness.

Mrs. O'Keefe, 79, was a retired office supervisor of Macabees Mutual in Detroit where she had worked for over 30 years. She moved to Farmington from Detroit three years ago.

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Mrs. O'Keefe leaves to survive her a son, John F. O'Keefe, and a daughter, Patricia O. King of Farmington.

Barch With Armored Unit Now in Germany

Army Specialist Four Richard W. Barch whose wife, Sharon, lives at 28300 Wildwood Drive, Farmington, is serving with the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment's 15th Ordnance Company in Germany.

The members of Specialist Barch's unit maintain constant surveillance of the sensitive East-West German border through the use of jeep-mounted patrols and observation and listening posts.

The 23-year-old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Barch, 2432 W. Moreland, entered the Army in November 1961 and completed basic training at Fort Ord, California.

He was graduated from Farmington High School in 1958 and attended the University of Oklahoma.

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