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## In Our Opinion . . . .

#### A Right Step to Curtail Drainage Problems

At its last regular meeting, the Farmington Township Board took important action in an effort to curtail drainage problems from developing in the future and we commend them for their action. A resolution has been ordered drawn up which would not only require any new developers to provide for adequate drainage of their own developments as they are now required to do, but also to take steps to assure that their development will not create drainage problems elsewhere. nearly.

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Several developments have been permitted in the past which have filled in lowland areas. Natural drainage courses for surface waters have not only been changed but in a few cases completely filled in. Proper drainage has been provided for in the area developed but there has been complete disregard for the adverse effects it has caused to nearby property owners.

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As the Township continues to develop more and more changes in the community's topography will be taking place.

The owner of any property has a right to change the general topographical characteristics of that property to allow him to make the best possible use of it. But, in so doing, he must not create problems for owners of land elsewhere around him.

Up until this point the Township has had no provisions to protect against this and some serious drainage problems have been created. How soon and to

what degree corrective steps can be taken is anyone's guess. We can only hope that they will be taken as rapidly as possible so that serious flooding will not result in future years.

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It now appears that we are on the threshold of another building boom period in the Township and it will therefore be very important that the Township gets its resolution requiring developers to have both off-site and on-site drainage plans approved as soon as possible.

Why the county drain commission requires only that a plan for adequate drainage within the area proposed for development itself be submitted to them is a little hard for us to understand.

It would seem to us that the county even more than the township should be concerned with drainage problems that could be created over a broad area as the result of good sized individual developments. The changing of filling in of natural water courses which would be allowed in Farmington might very well cause some serious drainage problems in other communities around us and this should be of deep concern to the county. We feel it is a matter that should be considered seriously by the county board of supervisors but our principal concern is with our own community of Farmington City and Township aid we are therefore glad to see that the Township Board has taken the action that it has.

## A Tribute to a Courageous Businessman

A businessman in Farmington who made a deep impression on all who knew him was Ray Cranston who owned and operated the Cranston Paint Store on Ten Mile Road just east of Orchard

on Ten Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road. The fact that he conducted a successful operation despite his severe handicap of total blindness was marveled at by all and an inspiration to many. We are printing here portions of an eulogy to Mr. Cranston written by another prominent local citizen who knew Ray quite well. We feel it expresse quite well the feelings that many of us had for Ray. The writer has chosen to remain anonymous.

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"Ray coranston died Christmas night. If it had to be, there could have been no more appropriate time for Ray was a man of God and it was perhaps fitting that he leave this earth on the birthday of Jésus Christ.
"Farmington is fortunate to have had as a citizen for so many years this sightless man of infinite courage who uplitted and inspired all who knew him." Despite the crushing burden of total blindness, Ray became a successful Farmington businessman as well as a civic and religious leader in the community.

sight of Ray as a crew-cut young man, wearing dark glasses, unerringly moving along the shelves, selecting the precise can of paint ordered by the customer and even running it through the electric mixer, will live long as a testimonial to an indomitable human spirit conquering physical disability.

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"As a former president of the Farmington Lions Club, Ray sparked many civic projects and events. He served for many years on the vestry of the Trinity Episcopal Church and was a leader in the church's development.

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"He was independent and self sufficient despite his blindness. He was equally at home arguing a point in a church or club meeting or dancing with his charming wife, Beulah, at a party. Ray played bridge with Braille cards better than most with full sight, and he was skipper of his own sail boat at Kensington Lake.

"Ray was even a candidate for Farmington Township supervisor in the last election until a stroke took him out of the race.

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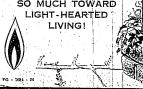
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