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In Our Opinion.....

Small Businessmen Have Rights Too

We are all for eliminating major artery roadways bottlenecks to permit a smooth flow of traffic and prevent as many auto accidents as possible, but not to completely ignore the rights of small business owners on the major artery roads in the process of doing so. This is the reason we are strongly disturbed with the state highway department's rather uncooperative tactics demonstrated in the past in prohibiting parking on Grand River Avenue in area after area from Farmington going in toward Detroit. The highway department is presently proposing that parking be prohibited on Grand River from a short distance east of the Farmington City limits westward to Orchard Lake Road.

We don't deny that there is a traffic problem in this area and that eliminating on-street parking on Grand River in this location might be helpful. To do it without taking into consideration the adverse effects that such action could have on the business owners in that district, however, would be totally wrong.

The whole design for the Grand River Avenue route and the expressway by passing the City of Farmington at the east leaves a great deal to be desired. The road which has actually become a service drive to the Grand River Drive from the west is a real monster created by the state highway department. The way eastbound traffic must come onto Grand River a short distance west of Middlebelt with fast eastbound traffic coming off the expressway pouring into also presents a situation which is very undesirable.

Before state highway department officials start insisting that on-street parking be eliminated with "the small businessman be damned" attitude that they have demonstrated in the past, it would be well for them to take a long look at their own designing mistakes. Some corrective measures on their own mistakes might go a long way toward correcting the traffic problem which exists between the Grand River Drive in property and Orchard Lake Road.

When big shopping centers start going up it seems that some major road improvement projects are always undertaken to provide a smooth flow of traffic to and from them. But, the attitude toward the small independent merchant located on a major roadway seems to be much different. The parking area that he needs so badly to stay solvent is taken away with little regard for the adverse effects it might cause. Little effort is made to see that these small independent merchants have improvements to benefit them in business.

We were surprised last week that the Farmington City Council is not about to let parking be banned at the eastern limits of the city on Grand River without first attempting to come up with satisfactory alternate solutions. Our councilmen are to be commended for their position on this matter.

Homeowner Repeats Same Complaints Against Operation of Nor-West Lanes

To The Editor:

Seven months ago the homeowners that encircle the Nor-West Lanes signed a petition that I presented to the Township Board at a regular meeting. We asked that the sewage tank system be installed that was acceptable to the Township or to the County. At the time the sewage water was running into a culvert at Highway Ave. and into the creek. Many children play along this creek and many homes in Holly Hills baffle this water up to make back yard pools. Curt Hall promised to have this taken care of. For two weeks M & J Septic Tank Company pumped out their tank twice a week and on each trip they pumped out 1500 gallons. At the end of the second week the owners had a hole dug behind their building and since that time the sewage water is allowed to seep into the ground in this area. Mr. Goldman of the Oakland County Sanitation department said that if any sewage water layed on the surface this operation would be immediately stopped. Mr. Goldman was transferred the next week and sewage water is laying on the surface. I believe that every well in North Farmington is in danger of pollution from this operation.

In the petition we also asked that a dangerous swimming hole at the east end of the property be filled in. It was about 12 feet deep and was often filled with four feet of water. Since the petition did not go good, everybody from the Township Board and the police department to have this taken care of but to no avail. I placed one call to the State Police and the hole was filled in yesterday.

We also asked that pressure be put on the owners to stop the parking lot fights and drinking and swearing. At that time the Farmington Police Department was making an almost nightly stop at the Nor-West Lanes. The fights and the drinking and the swearing continue and to this day they have added hooliganism and wild races around the side roads. The Farmington police are more indifferent to this problem and the Farmington Police car check the area at 7 a.m. in the morning when everything has become quiet.

Three weeks ago 15-year old boy was killed while turning onto Northwestern Highway from Highway. The cars are allowed to park illegally at the Bar entrance at this corner.

Appreciation Voiced By Farmington Elks

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Farmington Elks I am taking this opportunity to thank the individuals and organizations who helped make our recent "O-Road" such a huge success. There are so very many to thank that we hope we don't miss anyone. First of all, we want to thank the thousands of folks from the Farmington Community who came to the event; next, the hundreds of merchants and business places that displayed our posters; the Farmington Enterprise for the outstanding coverage of the project; the Farmington Corporation, Ed Baldeen; the City of Farmington, the Mayor, the City Council, John Dinan, and Chief of Police Polla and his men; the D.P.W.; the Water Department; Conroy's Market, Trace Conroy; A & P Supermarket, Jim Pruett; Farmington Bakery, Frisbie Refrigeration Supply, Art Pulcher; the boys at Checker Cab; Scott's 5 & 10; Parker House; American Bakers; the U.S. Navy; and last but not least, six wonderful girls, Mary Hicks, Marie Curcio, "Gertie" Chambers, Beverly, Betty Ockerman and Ruth Campbell.

To all of these, and especially to anyone we may have missed, the Farmington Elks say, "Thank you!"

The help and cooperation you have given us makes us proud that we are part of this community. Sincerely yours, Donald R. Stewart, Chairman Entertainment Committee Farmington Elks B.P.O.E. 1966

Name Teachers As Delegates To Convention

William P. Rowe, president of the Highland Park Federation of Teachers Local, and Lois Nachman and Frank Bucholtz, members of the union's executive board, are registered delegates to the 48th annual convention of the AFL-CIO American Federation of Teachers, to open here Monday morning, Aug. 17, at the Pick-Congress Hotel.

Rowe, 22136 Malden, Farmington, is a special education teacher at the Ford School. Miss Nachman, 15 Western, is a junior college teacher of English, and Bucholtz, 44 Highland, Highland Park, is an instrumental music teacher at Ferris Junior High School.

The UP to 1,000 convention delegates will consider school and teacher problems including collective bargaining and curriculum, as well as others. Programmed speakers will include Ellis T. Baker, editor of the Washington Post, and a Union Teacher Press Association luncheon, and Dr. Philip M. Hauser, chairman of the sociology department, University of Chicago, at a Civil Rights luncheon. The convention will run through the week, closing Friday.

The delegates are to elect a successor to Carl J. Meigs of Chicago, retiring from the union's presidency to become its Washington representative. Appointed candidates are Charles Cogen of New York City; Herick S. Roth of Denver, and Charles O. Smith, Jr. of Gary, Ind.

The State Highway Department is making a comprehensive study of traffic movement in the South. State Marie area. State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackle said the origin and destination study will give state and local planners complete information about transportation needs and habits in the Soo and the surrounding area.



CLIFFORD KUBIT, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kubit of 29550 Highmeadow in Farmington, is pictured above receiving congratulations from Governor Romney after winning first place honors for having the best decorated car in the recent Soap Box Derby competition. Clifford's "Beetle Bug" was up against some 400 cars competing in the Class A Suburban Division. He will be an eighth grader at East Junior High School in Farmington this fall.

Democrats Plan Final Drive For Support on Referendum

A final push for petition signers to place the Massachusetts Ballot before the voters election to sign a petition to "preserve their American right to vote for or against their party by pulling one lever."

O'Brien urged all electors to place the Massachusetts Ballot before the voters election to sign a petition to "preserve their American right to vote for or against their party by pulling one lever."

"If we do not obtain sufficient signatures, the voters will be deprived of using the free choice of Michigan Ballot, prohibited from voting a straight party ticket with one vote as 15 percent of the people do now; forced to cast up to 50 individual votes within a three-minute time limit."

Drivers over 70 years of age now have to have a medical examination every two years in Farmington. After the age of 76 the examination will be an annual one. 1st East Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake; Corner of Flint and Lapeer Streets, Lapeer; Dor-Ray Grocery, 1890 W. 15, Orionville.

Ratliff Named Autolite Mgr.

E. E. Ratliff has been named sales operations manager for Autolite Division of Ford Motor Company by E. R. Stroh, general sales manager.

Ratliff will develop plans to implement marketing programs for execution by the field sales offices and will be responsible for all sales administration matters. He has been with Ford Motor Company since 1953 and was with Lincoln-Mercury Division prior to coming to the Autolite General Sales Office in November, 1961.

Ratliff lives with his wife and four children at 28341 Bay Tree, Farmington. He is a native of Stanton, Texas, attended University of Texas and received BBA and MBA degrees.

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GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; That a General Primary Election will be held in the City of Farmington, County of Oakland State of Michigan on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1964

AT THE PLACE OR PLACES OF HOLDING THE ELECTION IN SAID CITY AS INDICATED BELOW, VIZ:

PRECINCT NO 1 — City Municipal Building, 23600 Liberty

PRECINCT NO 2 — American Legion Home, 31775 Grand River Avenue

PRECINCT NO 3 — Farmington Senior High School, 32000 Shiawassee

PRECINCT NO 4 — Farmington Flanders School, 32600 Flanders

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING IN NOMINATION BY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATING THEREIN, CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, VIZ:

STATE Governor

CONGRESSIONAL United States Senator Representative in Congress

LEGISLATIVE State Senator, Representative

COUNTY Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Auditor in Counties electing same, Drain Commissioner, Coroner, Surveyor, and such other Officers as are elected at that time.

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING IN NOMINATION, CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING IN A NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, VIZ:

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS

PROBATE COURT JUDGE

ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS OR PROPOSITIONS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED

Notice Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls

ELECTION LAW, ACT 116, P.A. 1954

SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

TRENA M. QUINN,
City Clerk

August 13, 20, 1964

Public Cooperation Definitely Needed

The problem of people making obscene telephone calls is no new one and reports of this lowly act keep coming in to us from time to time. The vulgar act seems to flair up for awhile, then diminish, only to crop up again.

A new state law which will become effective August 18 has been passed to try to put a curb on this activity. It says in part:

"Any person who telephones any other person or causes any person to be telephoned, and uses any vulgar, indecent, obscene, threatening or offensive language, or suggesting any lewd or lascivious act over any telephone shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The crime is punishable by a \$50 fine, 90 days in jail, or both.

The law is fine and we're glad to see it passed, but it will have little if any effectiveness unless the full cooperation of the public is extended to area law enforcement agencies.

Just calling the police and filing a complaint will not be enough. It will be necessary for the parties receiving such calls to work with the police to set up traps to apprehend the parties with warped minds making such vulgar calls. This particular kind of crime definitely requires assistance from the party the offense act has been taken against.

There are many other wrongful acts which are committed each year which could result in prosecution of the offenders if only each and every citizen would understand that his or her full cooperation with the police and assistance when requested is necessary.

Too many citizens still feel that all they need to do is call the police department and voice the complaint and that from this point on it's up to the police to speedily do the rest. It just doesn't work that way; full public cooperation with the police departments is necessary.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

AUGUST 13, 1959

Parking Plan

Perhaps the largest project ever conceived in recent years by the City of Farmington, a plan to provide parking in the downtown area with public funds and special assessments on State and local business places, each of the business places to be affected, drew over 100 residents to the public hearing, on the matter, held at the Farmington Junior High School Monday night.

Industrial Park

A request to re-zone the property owned by Norman Lawton west of the Farmington Township Board, following a public hearing on the matter held Tuesday night.

Mail-Box Boom

A rash of firecracker-explosives mailboxes in recent days has prompted the Farmington Township Police Department to issue a special word of warning that violators caught would be subject to federal penalties.

New Grade School

Officials of the Farmington School District announced this week that although completion of the new Farmington Elementary School is not expected by the opening of school on September 10, they are well satisfied with the progress on the building. Part of the building will be usable by September 10 and additional units will be made available later in the school year.

10 Years Ago

AUGUST 12, 1954

New Water Pump

The City of Farmington received approval this week for the installation of a 400 gallon water pump on the site of a new water pump in the City Park. The new pump will materially increase the City's present water supply.

Garbage Pick-Ups

The City of Farmington announced this week that, effective August 18 and continued through the month of September, garbage pickups will be conducted twice a week throughout the City.

Township Water

Letters from the Township Health Officer and south Township property owners have been filed with Governor Williams requesting his assistance in the establishment of a water system in the southern portion of the Township.

Road Construction

Construction work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks on the re-surfacing of Orchard Lake Road from 11 Mile to Ten Mile Road west of Farmington Road.

Post Commandant

Joseph H. DeVriendt will be installed as the new Commandant for the American Legion, Groves-Walker Post 346 of Farmington, at ceremonies this Friday night.

15 Years Ago

AUGUST 11, 1949

Swimming Program

Farmington registered a total of 117 participants in the American Red Cross swimming program at Kent Lake this year.

PARK Program

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission's Summer Recreation program closed last Friday with more than 80 youngsters taking part in the latest track and field meet. An average attendance figure of 1,106 youngsters per week during the six-week program was reported by director William Nuse.

On Top of League

The Conroy Lookouts won their tenth game last Wednesday night by the score of 15-2. This puts Conroy's back in top place in the high school softball league, leading the City Club Blue Caps by a game and a half.

New Parking Lot

Work is nearly completed on a new City parking lot just east of the Farmington Fire Hall on Grand River, Mayor Delos Hamlin announced this week.

Going on vacation? When you return, you have an interesting story to tell? The places you saw, the fish you caught? Or will it be a list of figures... 600 miles a day... 4500 miles on the trip. Or the accident that ruined the whole vacation for the entire family?

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