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In Our Opinion

Let's Stick to Facts in the Campaigning

In the heat of political campaigning there is a tendency to let statements and charges tossed around by candidates that don't present an absolutely true picture of things as they really are.

Thus far in this year's local political scrambling The Enterprise has come across a couple of misstatements of fact which we feel need to be clarified. One has to do with rezoning in the Township of Farmington and the other with the bringing of Detroit water into the "dry areas" of the township.

The charge has been made that the present township administration is guilty of rezoning properties or attempting to do so without properly notifying the parties quite directly involved or giving the general public reasonable notification.

It's a charge unfounded, in our opinion. We know of no rezoning that has been done in the township for as long as we can remember where property owners within the legally prescribed distance around the area proposed for rezoning have not been given legal notification of the rezoning request coming up for public hearing. Neither are we aware of any official public hearings on rezoning being held before the township zoning board where official notices of such public hearings were not published in paid advertisements in "The Farmington Enterprise," official legal newspaper for both the City and Township of Farmington.

We will not deny that there have not been a fair number of meetings where particularly controversial rezoning requests have been discussed where adequate publication of such discussion meetings has not been given. It's not really required by law but we still feel they should be publicized and the public invited to sit-in to get the background and details of the rezoning.

The Enterprise has been critical of "closed-door" or unpublished meetings of governmental bodies at nearly all times in the past and will continue to be in the future. There are rare occasions when "closed door" or "executive sessions" of governing bodies are a necessity due to the nature of the matters to be discussed but there should be very few.

On the township water situation, the charge of foot-dragging by our present township officials in getting Detroit water into the dry areas is quite unjust. The badly needed water for many areas has been a long time in coming but not as the result of any unnecessarily slow moving or poor handling on the part of present township officials.

Numerous legal technicalities and red tape setbacks have been encountered by our township officials but they have continued to grind away in getting them resolved. A most recent serious setback was caused by a prolonged strike by the underground construction workers on the project as completion was nearing. One just can't blame our officials for a delay of this kind.

We commend our present township officials for the persistence they have shown in continuing to work to get Detroit water flowing into the dry areas despite numerous serious and discouraging setbacks.

Our appeal to all political candidates is to stick to facts rather than making distorted statements in campaigning for election to any political office. The way to gain voters' confidence and get their votes is to remain factual in your campaigning. Constant political winners have proven this.

Lot of Red Tape Or Aid for the Future?

Citizens are often very critical of the legal red tape and numerous requirements called for just about any time a government body does anything or permits others to do things involving property, building improvements or the like.

In Farmington in bygone years, as in just about every other small community, it was not this way. Controls and regulations were few and far between. Things were done pretty much at will with few requirements spelled out and little or no record keeping done on actions taken or projects undertaken and completed.

A minimum amount of work was done to provide direction or guidance for responsible governmental officials in years to come. Many of these unrecorded actions and projects of by-gone years are constantly coming back now to present serious problems in getting things done in our community.

A good example presently presents itself in the city. An unnecessary and time-consuming procedure must now be worked out.

It seems that when a sanitary sewer line was put in near Valleyview St. in the valley lowlands many years back, it was not considered important to obtain proper easement rights or to even clear-

ly record the fact that a sewer line was being laid in this area.

Now the city has decided to repair this sewer line and put it into fuller use than in the past to relieve some sewer backup problems. But without clear easement rights onto the property where this sewer line runs underground, the needed improvement project proposed is at least temporarily stymied.

Condemnation action may be necessary to get the easement and this could take a considerable amount of time and money. If a little more time had been spent 30 or so years ago to obtain the proper easement and properly record it, the problem presenting itself today would not have come about.

Numerous examples of this kind have presented themselves in the city and the township in the past, and are continuing to do so.

Some of the things required today when we plan to build, make improvements or changes may seem to be entangled in a lot of red tape which appears to have little purpose. Perhaps this is true today but it may have real value for our officials and administrators to function more smoothly in years to come and could be very beneficial to the general citizenry as well.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago SEPTEMBER 3, 1949	10 Years Ago SEPTEMBER 2, 1939	15 Years Ago SEPTEMBER 1, 1934
New Manager Hughes C. Broough has been named manager of the Farmington office of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, replacing John D. Kammer who has been transferred to the headquarters office of Michigan Bell's Ford Division.	Water System Water pressure was restored to normal Monday evening after a 12-hour drought during which the city was without water. Work on the drilling of test wells on city-owned property will get under way this week in an attempt to find the growing City an added source of water supply.	Freight Accident Although no one was injured, a 1941 Ford pickup truck was quickly converted into scrap iron when it was flung against a tree by a semi-truck in a dense fog last Friday morning on Grand River Avenue. The tree was not moved by the impact. The smaller truck was squashed up like tin against the tree.
Enroll Over 11,000 Over 11,000 students will begin the trek back to the classroom next week as four area school systems—Farmington School District, Clarencville School District, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Paul's Lutheran schools.	City Tax Receipts The Farmington City Treasurer's office reported this week that approximately 88 per cent of the City's tax bills have been received. This represents about \$61,562 of the total tax statement of \$70,239.	Falcon Gridlers Jerry Plum, Jim Bates, Tom Tata, Bruce Yanke and George Barrons are a few of the ace gridlers in the backfield of Farmington High School's football team as it heads into another season. Coach Bill Niese plans an inter-town scrimmage this week to test his players who, in addition to the veteran backs, include Jimmie E. Smokey in fullback, Jack Boyce, Tom Sechler, Dave Diermeyer and Jerry Ditchfield.
Delinquent Taxes Of nearly \$200,000 in real and personal property taxes due the City of Farmington for 1950, all but \$12,500 was received by the City Treasurer's office as of August 31 was received.	Town Hall Sale The City Council, at the request of Township officials, has filed a formal bid for the sale of the City's interest in the Township.	



RAY INTERIORS, a new furniture store in Farmington, was opened last week on Slocum Drive just east of Farmington Road. Pictured above are the owners and operators of the new store (L to R) Ron Ray, George Ray and William Ray. Ron, who heads up the company's manufacturing



RAY INTERIORS is one of the latest additions to the Farmington business community. Pictured above are (L to R) George Ray, who established the business 30 years ago in Detroit, and his two sons, William and Ron, who are now the owners.

Ray Interiors Opens New Farmington Store

Ray Interiors has opened a store in Detroit. Ron Ray, who also graduated from Mackenzie High School, at Slocum Drive just west of Farmington Road, is the owner and operator of the new store. The store is located on Slocum Drive in Farmington. The store is a modern building with large windows and a prominent sign that reads 'Ray Interiors'. The store is open from 9:30 to 5:30 p.m. daily.

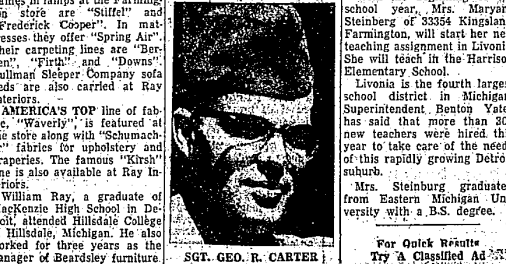
The old location of Ray Interiors will be maintained as a furniture manufacturing center, servicing old customers in their upholstery needs. The new store will be a furniture sales center. The new store will be a furniture sales center. The new store will be a furniture sales center.

Summer Camp For Staff Sgt.

Staff Sergeant George R. Carter of Farmington is currently participating in a two-week summer camp with the 191st United States Air Force Dispensary at Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena, Michigan.

A GRADUATE of the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Carter has completed better than five years reserve duty with the Air Force. He has direct responsibility of reviewing all flying safety restrictions and the medical effects of high altitude flight. In addition he administers routine medical exams for all of the Detroit based squadron personnel.

As a civilian, Carter is a systems analyst for the automotive assembly division of the Ford Motor Company. After completion of summer training, Carter will return to wife, Corlette, and family who reside at 23075 Mooney, Farmington.



SGT. GEO. R. CARTER

Adult Ed.

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Here is a man down on the course offered by night in the 1954-55 Farmington Adult Education program. A complete description of the course and the times they will be taught will be published in next week's Enterprise. The classes begin the week of September 21.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Business English Woodworking Oil Painting Watercolors Rapid Reading Simplistics for Women Football for Mothers, Wives	Office Practice Spanish I Modern Mathematics for Parents Knitting Dancing American and Latin American Men's Gym Duplicate Bridge Dialects Class	Typing Jewelry Upholstery Drawing and Sketching Organ Study Skills Sewing Psychology of Child Development	Stocks and Bonds French I Effective Public Speaking Bridge Women's Health Creative Arts and Crafts

TUESDAY and THURSDAY
Shorthand ABC Stenographer
Nights to be determined
Clothing Construction (Bishop Method)
Skiing

George W. Fryer Wins Sgt. Stripes

George W. Fryer, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Fryer, 1230 B. & L. W. Farmington, Mich., was promoted to sergeant Aug. 29, while assigned to the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood, Tex.

Sergeant Fryer, who entered the Army in December 1947, is a squad leader in Company C, 1st Battalion of the division's 1st Infantry.

His wife, Janet, lives in Killeen, Tex.

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Elementary Teacher in Livonia Schools

With the beginning of the school year, Mrs. Maryann Steinberg of 33354 Kingsland, Farmington, will start her new teaching assignment in Livonia. She will teach in the Harrison Elementary School.

Livonia is the fourth largest school district in Michigan. Superintendent, Benton Yates has said that more than 300 new teachers were hired this year to take care of the needs of this rapidly growing Detroit suburb.

Mrs. Steinberg graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a B.S. degree.

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