

In Our Opinion . . .

A Revised Development Plan is Needed

The Township Board's action of last week in naming a nine-member planning commission as one of the initial steps in qualifying for federal funds with which to proceed with a detailed and up-to-date comprehensive master development plan was a pleasure for us to report.

It is our sincere hope that all the other details in applying for federal aid money with which to finance the extensive three-year study called for can be completed quickly. A lot of "red tape" always seems to be involved in projects of this kind, but the amount of aid which is expected can be obtained will make it well worth the effort.

The comprehensive development plan, that was put together almost ten years ago for the township has been up-dated and changed many times by the township's able planning consultants and members of the zoning board in an effort to keep pace with ever changing community conditions and situations. But, time and money have just not been available with which to do anything but piece-meal changes. At times, it has almost seemed that this has been nearly equally as detrimental as beneficial to the development plan which was originally drawn up for the township.

With the township now substantially more built up and some major but somewhat unexpected changes completed, it seems to us that right now would be a very good time to begin work on a total re-study of the existing plan with the idea of making all the desirable changes at one time. There are a number of new families now living in the area and more people seem to have a better understanding of the need for a balance of commercial and industrial development with new home development. A substantially revised master

development plan seems totally in order, therefore.

Also to be reckoned with is the change of thinking that has developed in the minds of many people in recent years with regard to the mode of living they desire. Eight or ten years ago the wish of most seemed to be to get out of the country and get as big a piece of property as possible in order to have a lot of fresh air and elbow room.

But, this attitude has changed a lot in recent years as evidenced by the ever increasing numbers who are choosing to live in apartments and leave the problems of upkeep on the living quarters as well as the facilities up to someone else. Maintained yards and landscaping as well as painting and numerous other chores around a household is becoming less appealing to greater and greater numbers of people each year. The idea of clustered housing with smaller individual lots and one central park or recreational area for a whole neighborhood also seems to be catching on rapidly.

The emphasis is on more leisure time with less worries about home and property care. It is also on getting a piece of property that does not carry with it such a substantial property tax burden that it becomes a constant worry on the part of the family as to how they are going to be able to keep their heads above water financially.

Our sincere hope now is that the members of the new nine-member planning commission that has just been appointed can work very close harmony in developing the best possible revised and up-dated development plan to take care of the balance of development that remains. As everyone knows, there is still an awful lot of property in the township yet to be developed.

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Mrs. Edge Cope, 23718 Long-Rose Road, is representing the Farmington Branch at the national convention of the American Association of University Women which is being held in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Cope, who holds both a baccalaureate and master's degree from the University of Michigan, is the newly elected president of the Farmington Branch.

AN ESTIMATED 2,000 college women from the 50 states are converging in Portland for the biennial convention of the AAUW. The convention theme, "New Paths of Exploration," will be developed by speakers of national repute who will discuss the decreasing capacity to communicate, the law and the citizen, the U.N., the willingness of educated women to cope with the problems of today's world, and trends in the higher education of women.

As an official delegate to the convention, Mrs. Cope will attend business sessions which include the election of a first and third vice-president and a treasurer, and five regional vice-presidents. One of the highlights will be the presentation of the Association's 1953 Achievement Award to a distinguished woman scholar.

GOP Women Hold Meeting

The Republican Women's Organization of Farmington met at the home of Mrs. Edward C. Elkhoff at 30133 Peardine on Monday, June 21. Following dessert a business meeting was held. The Parliamentarian presented additions and changes in the Constitution and By-laws which were accepted.

MUCH INTEREST WAS shown at the coming convention of the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan which will be held September 21 and 22 at Lansing. Many prominent and informed speakers are to be on the program. Discussion of current legislation and problems plaguing our country were discussed.

The concern of a teacher member, and the following discussion, prompted a motion, which carried, to protest a voting of eighteen year olds. It was brought out that many thinking eighteen year olds do not feel that they are ready for this responsibility.

PTA Council Gives To Y.G.C.

At its last monthly meeting, the Greater Farmington Youth Guidance Committee received a contribution of \$100 from the Farmington PTA Council. Mr. Edward Klein, the PTA representative on the Youth Guidance Committee, presented the check. He explained that the PTA Council was aware of the vital community services offered by the Youth Guidance Committee and that they wished to aid in the endeavors to publicize and expand these services.

The chairman of the Youth Guidance Committee accepted the check with sincere appreciation. He stated that this type of interest from the Farmington community was most encouraging.

The next meeting will be held on July 13, the second Tuesday of the month. Interested citizens are invited to attend.

In Summer Course At Memphis U.

Donald Christian, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Christian of 23381 Cors, is registered for first term summer courses at Memphis State University.

University officials report that more than 5,700 students registered for classes this month, an increase of 1,100 over the same term last year when 4,600 registered.

The first summer term began June 9 and will continue through July 15. A second summer term will begin July 20 and continue through the summer commencement Aug. 20.

Donald, a senior at Memphis State, is majoring in industrial arts and minoring in mathematics.

Change Name for Small Part of Road

A change in the name of that short section of Power Road, from 12 Mile Road to the 1696 Expressway requested of the Township Board was approved on June 22. It was proved at the regular Board meeting Monday night, June 28. This short section of roadway will now be known as Powers Court.



REPORT from LANSING

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker

Tuesday, June 22 at midnight, was the final day for passage of all bills and we in the House concluded our calendar at 11 p.m. The following summary of Legislative action:

On Thursday, Governor Romney signed into law 12 bills, including House Bill 2038 which will permit a previously registered and qualified Michigan voter, who has moved to another state and does not as yet qualify for voting in his new place of residence, to vote by Michigan absentee ballot for the President and Vice-President.

THIS ADMINISTRATION bill also permits a previously registered and qualified citizen of another state, who moves into Michigan and does not as yet meet voting qualifications here and has been disqualified from voting in his place of previous residence, to vote in Michigan for the President and Vice-President exclusively. Immediate effect was not given to this bill.

Also signed by the Governor was House Bill 2294 which provides that special attention shall be given to the nature of tobacco as well as alcohol and narcotics in the teaching of the required hygiene course in Michigan public schools. This bill did not receive immediate effect.

House Bill 2258 was signed authorizing the Probate Court to appoint guardians for elderly or physically infirm individuals without adjudication of mental incompetency. This legislation was given immediate effect.

GOVERNOR ROMNEY also signed House Bill 2324 providing Workmen's Compensation coverage for respiratory and heart diseases or illnesses resulting therefrom to county sheriffs, their deputies, and members of the state police. This bill had immediate effect.

Other bills signed at the same time were:

House Bill 2291 providing a statutory method for the election of municipal judges in cities of 1,000,000 population. The bill sets qualifications, terms, nominating procedures, etc. and election schedules. Immediate effect.

HOUSE BILL 2153 providing a punishment of not more than one year and not more than \$500 fine for those who raise false fire alarms. No immediate effect.

House Bill 2399 removing Chief clerks, Chief deputy clerks and employees of the psychiatric clinic from Civil Service. Immediate effect.

House Bill 2474 changing the recount procedure to establish a time limit within which recounts must be completed and to terminate the powers of legislation of the Board at the completion of the recount. Immediate effect.

House Bill 2402 providing many changes in the law covering the use of spark arresters by railroad companies. Railroad companies violating the act and causing fires are liable for damages resulting therefrom including the cost to the local governmental unit for fighting the fire. No immediate effect.

HOUSE BILL 2546 authorizing any city or township, singly or jointly with another unit, to construct, operate and

maintain waste disposal systems located in another state through agreements or contracts. Facilities must be financed under Michigan law, and any contracts with units located in another state cannot be contrary to any Michigan law. Immediate effect.

House Bill 2894 allowing for an increase in the number of members on Community College Boards of Trustees in those instances where the district consists of 2 or more counties by providing that largest county receives an additional member. Also a right of a Board to appoint additional members to the Board is removed. Immediate effect.

House Bill 2958 increasing fees paid to bailiffs by the clerk of the Common Pleas Court. Immediate effect.

We will be in recess until July 23 when we will come back for any action on the Governor's vetoes and then will recess until September. I appreciate the many comments that I have received concerning my newsletters and I hope the citizens and readers of the required hygiene course in Michigan public schools. This bill did not receive immediate effect.

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Interest High in New "Sub."

The planned unit type of residential home development whereby houses are clustered and open area left is developed into park area for the common use of all homeowners in the subdivision is attracting a lot of interest not only in this area but statewide.

Farmington Township has been one of the first communities in the state to permit this type of development, according to Township Supervisor Curt Hall.

One such development started recently is Canterbury Commons, a Thompson-Brown development on 13 Mile Road, a short distance east of Farmington Road.

Because of the interest shown by officials and planners from other communities, a special open house for these

officials as well as local officials has been planned by the development company for Wednesday, July 22.

Formal announcement of the special open house and an invitation to all local township officials to attend was extended by the Thompson-Brown Co. in a letter read at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, June 28.

Plan Golf Tourney

The Kendallwood Ladies Golf League held their qualifying round for match-play tournament on June 28. Another event for the day was low net, with score minus handicaps. Joyce Cardwell, Peg Jenks, Maxine Benish, Dulcie Vincent, Dolores Geddes, and Alice Farber were winners for the day.



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Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO JULY 7, 1960 K of C Hall Official ground breaking ceremonies were held this past week for the new building of the Knights of Columbus, serving the Farmington-Southfield area, at the site, 21900 Middlebell Road in Farmington Township. A \$100,000 building is planned for the five and one-half acre site.

New President Leland Clifford was elected President of the Board of Education, Farmington Public Schools, at the Board's organizational meeting.

Building Activity Building activity in Farmington Township has increased considerably during the first six months of this year over the same period of 1959. Building activity in the City of Farmington held steady to its pace of 1959 for the period.

10 YEARS AGO JULY 7, 1955 Holiday Accidents A total of sixteen persons sustained injuries in automobile accidents on area roads over the busy Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Water Contracts The Farmington City Council has let the contracts for the construction of the expanded water system and new pumping station in the City.

Record Enrollment An increase of 21 per cent in the student enrollment in the Farmington Public Schools was reported with the release of final figures of attendance through June of this year.

Summer Recreation The Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer recreation program brought a record response of 585 children during the first week of activities.

15 YEARS AGO JULY 6, 1950 Zoo Excursion Approximately 85 youngsters from Farmington attended the annual summer recreation program excursion to the Detroit Zoo this week.

Weekend Wrecks The long holiday weekend ended in tragedy for some as mishaps on Farmington area roads resulted in serious injuries for six persons.

Heads School Board Curtis H. Hall, Farmington automobile dealer, was elected President of the Farmington Public Schools' Board of Education at their June organizational meeting.

Liberty Bell Dozens of Farmington youngsters, participating in the summer recreation program, turned out this week to see a replica of the Liberty Bell when it stopped in Farmington on its tour of the state.

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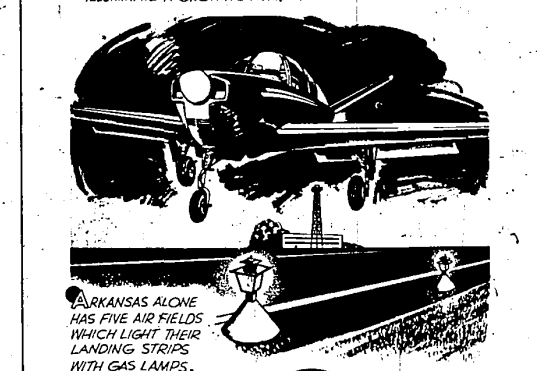
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