

In Our Opinion . . .

Slogans That Don't Mean Anything Useless

"Drunk drivers go to jail" or "Drive while drunk and lose your license" are slogans we have all heard often.

But, they are apparently just slogans attempting to scare people and don't really have much basis in fact. At least this must be the case in the City of Farmington and, as close as we can determine from pretty reliable sources, the case in most other Michigan communities.

The problem stems from the fact that law enforcement agencies in our state are not permitted to force drivers believed to be driving while drunk to take tests that can be used later to definitely prove in court that the offenders were in truth guilty of having been driving while in a drunken condition.

A rather bold new approach to prove that a man or woman driver was actually drunk was recently picked up by a proposal by the public safety director and city manager for the City of Farmington last week. This approach was to use a movie camera to actually take movie pictures of men or women picked up in a drunken condition and then use these pictures in court later as evidence.

Statistics show that very few in Farmington, and for that matter very few in the entire state, who are picked up and charged with drunk driving ever get convicted on this charge and have their driver's license taken away. The charge is often reduced to a type of offense with a far less severe penalty, on numerous other occasions, ruled out totally in court.

While the use of movie pictures of the alleged offender is not yet known to be a tried and true approach to proving drunkenness and getting more convictions on this charge, it does sound like it has some merit. We join with the city manager, director of

public safety and city attorney in feeling that it is well worth a try in the City of Farmington right now.

We can't say the feeling expressed by some members of the City Council last week that we should wait until the state police or some other law enforcement bodies in the state make the move to use movie cameras for this purpose before the city goes ahead with the plan. Neither can we share the feeling expressed by one of the councilmen that this could well be considered an invasion of a citizen's privacy or a "police state" method of attempting to obtain convictions.

If a man walks down the street with a loaded and cocked gun under his arm or swinging it around in his hand he represents a serious threat to the safety of everyone for some distance around in all directions from him. The police would have the right to pick him up and lodge serious charges against him. A conviction in court would be pretty certain.

Is a man with blurry vision and substantially impaired reflexes due to the consumption of an over abundance of alcoholic beverages any less of a threat to the safety of fellow motorists or pedestrians along the routes he will be traveling? He definitely is not and is equally as guilty of a serious crime as the man running around the streets with a loaded gun.

The time for a real crack down on drunk drivers in our state coupled with severe punishment is long overdue. A start has been made but we still have a long, long way to go in Michigan.

Nothing would please us more than to see the City of Farmington lead the way in this crackdown and to be following very quickly afterwards by Farmington Township as well.

"Capacity Crowd" Not Nearly Enough

We were disappointed, but not surprised, in the public turnout at the first meeting of the Township's Incorporation Study Committee last week. While we wrote, "... attended by a capacity crowd..." we meant that the number present was large in comparison to the number usually in attendance at Township meetings.

Fifty or sixty people out of a possible 14,800 registered voters, to say nothing of the number of eligible and unregistered voters, is a shockingly small percentage of residents showing interest in what is to be the most important election ever to be held in the Township.

Township officials have done their part in protecting the interest of the people through petitioning for incorporation. They are also doing more than their part in attempting to inform the public.

What are the people doing? How many people are even aware of the incorporation plans? How many are depending on over-the-fence, second-hand information?

We published the entire proceedings of the meeting and intend to give complete coverage on all future meetings.

ings. However, just reading about what has taken place is not enough. Public participation in asking questions and offering suggestions is the most important function of these informational meetings.

It is a fact, sad but true, that many people never know what is happening in their government until it is too late. There always seems to be more interest after an election than before.

The next informational meeting of the Incorporation Study Committee is to be held Monday, January 17, at East Junior High School, 25000 Middlebelt Road at 8 p.m. We would like to see the largest crowd ever assembled in Farmington at the meeting.

Other meetings are scheduled for February 7, February 21, March 7, and March 21. These meetings will all be on different aspects of the incorporation plans and attendance at each of them will be equally important.

There is one election. These meetings are not being held to see whether there should be an election. All registered voters in Farmington Township should be informed, and all eligible voters should be registered in time to vote.

Public Letterbox

Dear Friends:

The American Field Service Chapters of the Farmington and North Farmington High Schools were like your organization to know that Erwin Furlan, from Guatemala, and Monica Raffaeli, from Argentina, are our Exchange Students for this school year.

From now through May 1st they are available for speaking engagements. Arrangements may be made through Mrs. Stanley Thorpe (474-8578) for Erwin, and Mrs. Sheldon Watson (628-7929) for Monica. In the past many groups have availed themselves of these young students, who are enriching their lives as well as ours by this Student Exchange Program.

The speeches that Monica and Erwin make are their contribution to this community. As you enjoy these young people, you must also keep in mind that the American Field Service requires the financial support of both individuals and organizations.

Each year the AFS Chapters jointly sponsor the "EVENING GALA" to raise money to support their program. Part of our program is to provide scholarships for our American students abroad, and part to bring foreign students here to study.

In the past two summers, we have had two girls go to Brazil; Bonnie Britton from North Farmington, Summer 1965, and Jill McElroy from Farmington High School, Summer 1964. Our Dance helps meet this expense to further international understanding.

On April 18th, 1966, a Dinner-Dance will be held at the Armetown Cultural Center on Northwood Highway at Southfield. The cost will be \$12.50 per couple, and the money will go to the AFS program.

Local News Items

MARIE LONG
GR. 4-3114

Miss Susan Ingram has returned to Houston, Texas, after a holiday visit with her family. The G. A. Ingrams of Farmington, Miss Ingram is returning to Texas to finish her senior year at Leander High School. Her father, a district manager for Avis Rent-A-Car System, was recently transferred to the Detroit area.

James R. Frieling, Jr., USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frieling of State Street, has returned to Norfolk, Virginia, after a ten-day leave and visit home. Jim was formerly employed at Barbas Drug Store in the Downtown Center.

Mrs. Esther Edley of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has arrived here for an indefinite stay to help care for her sister, Mrs. Theodore Hopper. Mrs. Hopper (Clare), who suffered a heart attack, was recently hospitalized for ten days in Carmel Mercy Hospital. She is now at home and progressing very well under the supervision of her husband and her sister.

It seems everyone around has had a bout with the "virus" or pneumonia. My whole family has suffered since the holiday season started. I thought I was immune, but none-the-less I came down with something early Saturday morning. Please telephone late afternoon or evenings and on the weekend with your news. Thanks.

Completes Training
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will be provided by the Erwin Kanter Orchestra. Will you please announce this date and urge your group to attend our fourth annual "EVENING GALA" which has been so successful in previous years. We know you will have an enjoyable evening with your Farmington friends.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Lyle K. Young
Chr. N.F.H.S. Committee
Mrs. James Read
Chr. F.H.S. Committee

To The Editor:
As we enter the New Year, we should like that you share with your readers our kindest appreciation for their thoughtfulness during the recent Christmas Season. Your readers' responses to our appeal letter, in behalf of our forgotten patients, were generous and most helpful.

Clubs and groups which regularly sponsor parties on the wards of our hospital planned extra treats and programs which added greatly to the Season's meaning. And carolers and special hospital-wide programs told all of us that Christmas certainly is Christendom's season of sharing.

Louis J. Schuld, Director
Community Relations Dept.
Northville State Hospital
Northville, Michigan

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RESOURCES

Cash and Due from Banks	\$32,802,846	
United States Government Securities	228,225,719	\$ 461,028,565
Public Housing Authority Bonds and Notes		75,264,522
State and Municipal Securities		88,670,705
Other Securities		4,675,000
Federal Funds Sold		None
Loans and Discounts	\$541,207,398	
Real Estate Mortgages—F.H.A.	152,108,539	
Veteran	29,155,290	
All Other	128,612,056	\$51,083,283
Direct Lease Financing		4,823,590
Bank Properties and Equipment		16,904,323
Accrued Income and Other Resources		9,128,850
Total		\$1,511,578,838

LIABILITIES

Demand Deposits:		
Individuals, Corporations and Banks	\$598,267,000	
United States Government	42,039,439	
Other Public Funds	26,854,520	\$ 667,160,959
Time and Savings Deposits		722,830,372
Total Deposits		\$1,389,991,331
Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities		25,885,751
Capital Funds:		
Capital Notes	\$ 25,000,000	
Common Stock (\$10.00 Par Value)	14,799,850	
Surplus	35,200,150	
Undivided Profits	20,701,750	95,701,750
Total		\$1,511,578,838

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

JANUARY 12, 1961

First Baby of '61

Farmington's first baby of 1961 is Eric John Bower, the son of Earl and Helen Bower of 11643 Bella Vista in West-brooke Manor Subdivision, born January 5.

Raccoon Bill

Farmington Township has decided not to pay the \$30 bill sent in by a local veterinarian for boarding a pet raccoon. Police had dropped the animal at the vets for observation after it had hit a township bus. The State Conservation Dept. offered to pay part of the bill and the Raccoon owner must pay the balance.

Detroit Water

Detroit water is expected to be flowing in southeast Farmington Township as a result of action taken by the Township Board authorizing the Oakland County DPW to contract for the necessary construction.

No Parking Ban

Signs went up along the east side of Grand River Avenue prohibiting parking "at any time".

10 Years Ago

JANUARY 12, 1956

FHS Captains

The Farmington High School basketball team bowed to Inter-Lakes Conference rival Walpole State in a final quarter struggle trailing the Falcons most of the game. Bud Jones led the Falcons with 21 points.

District Post

Lloyd Smith of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, instrumental music instructor in the Farmington elementary schools, has been appointed Chairman of Programs and Music for the Michigan District of Kiwanis International.

New Schools

Open house activities are planned at the three new elementary schools in the Farmington School District. The new grade schools are Eagle, Glik and Shawansee.

City Manager

Farmington City Manager James Tennant officially terminated his duties January 14. Tennant, City Manager in Farmington for the past four years, resigned to take a similar position in California.

15 Years Ago

JANUARY 11, 1951

Heads Businessmen

Farmington Justice of the Peace Max Hulet was installed as President of the Farmington business and professional men's Exchange Club.

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