### **Industrial Development Should Be Controlled**

Several times recently a member of the Township Planning Commission has expressed concern over the fact that the Township has no control over development of the industrial park area. The chairman of the Township's industrial Development Committee was at last week's planning commission meeting and the concern was again expressed. According to the development committee chairman, the present trend in industrial building is towards attractive buildings and nicety landscaped grounds. In reporting on the progress of the industrial park area it was stated out that present and prospective businesses had questioned whether the area would be kept up in appearance and cleanliness.

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nesses had questioned whether the area would be kept up in appearance and cleanliness.
When the area was zoned industrial, there were no restrictions spelled outpresumably because we wanted to attract industry and not make restrictions which would discourage it.

The concern expressed by the commission member was that without restrictions the door might be opened to a number of small, garage type, undestrable, "junky" businesses.

We were quite surprised when full realization of this matter struck us. Why don't we have at least some minimum requirements for the industrial park area?

area?
Naturally we don't want to discourage industry. On the other hand, if industry is interested in attractive buildings and well-kept grounds, prospective

buyers should appreciate the establishment of regulations as a protection to their own property.

True. the trend today is towards more attractive plants and buildings—and most likely prospective businesses could be depended upon to develop them. But trends change. In our opinion we can't take this chance that the development of the country of the country of the country of the country of the towards the development of the industrial park area—whatever the "trends" might be.

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We respectfully suggest that minimum requirements be set for lot sizes, building sizes, parking facilities, set-back distances, outside storage, and all other points usually covered in business developments.

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If this is to be done, and we feel strongly that is should be, it must be done now before some undesired type of construction is established. If this should happen, the planning commission would be forced to make regulation—another case of closing the barn door—and would have to live with another type of "non-conforming usage."

We commend the planning commission for the good job they have been doing. We appreciate the fact that they give long hours of study, field work and discussion in solving the many problem at little time spent now on regulating the industrial park area will save long hours of back/tracking for them in the future.

### Clean-Up Drive - A Necessary Evil

This special edition of the Farmington Enterprise marks the kickoff of another year's community clean-up, fix-up, paint-up campaign and we are pleased to have a part in this annual community batterment project

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We would be more pleased however, if the campaign were not necessary the Enterprise along with officials of the South Farmington Township Civic association initiated the organized cientup campaign everal and the south farmington township civic association initiated the organized cientup campaign everal and the south Farmington town the south Farmington to the south farmington of the south farmingto

Although some line work has been done by the local beautification committee and many homes and business places have been remodeled and other community improvements have been initiated, there are still many areas in the city and township that are unclean, unhealthful and a plain disgrace to the rest of, the community.

During the last few months we have been hearing much about "beautiful" Farmington and "preserving". Farmington. When we speak of "Farmington"

we must include all 36 square miles of it and there are some areas that are just not a bit beautiful.

We always hear a lot about home valuation. Unfortunately for the community, valuation of the individual home is based on that of other homes in the based on the beautiful were based on the health and were based on the health are the better subdivisions and more exclusive areas would rise up and demand that something be done about the run-down, unkempt areas.

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We wish that we could say. "There is go need for a clean-up campaign in Tartington," but that is evidently wishing too much because every year we find even more need for a special drive.

Maybe it's because we're human. We save too many things, put off doing too many necessary jobs, and soon become accustomed to seeing the "junk" we've accumulated.

So let's admit we're human, roll up r sleeves, make this year's clean-up and resolve to do a our sleeves, make this year's clean-up drive the best ever, and resolve to do a continuing job of keeping our property clean, neat, and in good repair.

### Thomas Duke Speaks On Incorporation

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## **Public Letterbox**

And Auditoriums
To The Editor:
Eaclosed is a copy of a letter that I received from Bill Sanoka. Fagrading pools are desired to so many people who are vitally concerned with the need for the se facilities in our schools, I would like to share it with the earlier community. Mr. Ganoka has given his permission for the set facilities in our schools, I would like to share it with the earlier community. Mr. Ganoka has given his permission for the settler community. Mr. Ganoka has given his permission for the settler community. Mr. Ganoka has given his permission for his median was a settle shadown that he can be matched by any similar record in the control of the settler community.

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## Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

MAY 4, 1861
Library Beard Pest
The appointment of architect
John Allen to fill the vacancy
on the Farmington District Library Board left by the death
of Goddard Smith was unanimously approved by the Farmington City Council.

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Bailding Church
Construction work on the new
First Presbyterian Church of
Farmington at 11 Mile and Parinington as 11 Mile and Parinington Road is progressing rapidly and is scheduled for completion by the end of June.
The 8,000 square foot building will replace a much smaller old church which will be used as a Fellowship Hall.

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Old Ordinance

An ordinance on the books of
the City for the past 25 years
be forgotine in recent years
study made by City Manager
John Dinan. The old ordinance
sets up controls in granting liquor licenses in the City but
many of its provisions are now
antiquated by the Liquer Counertic Commission. The ordinance
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# 10 Years Ago

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MAY 3, 1956
Salary Increases
The Farmington City Police
Department and the Department of Public Works employee
received pay increases in a revision of the proposed\_1956-57
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unual pay book for patromen to
bring their base salary to \$4,20. A \$300 increase was approved for the DPW.

Honor Students

For the first time at Farmington High School, no valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected but instead "honor" and "high honor" students will be named with appropriate honors.

School Board Head Wendell Brown, President of the Farmington School District Board of Education, amounced this week be would not seek re-election this June. He has served on the Board since June of 1950 and as President since 1952.

# 1950 and 1952.
The Farmington Elks Lodge, R P.O.E., received a No. 1985 B.P.O.E., received a set of elk's antiers at ceremonies marking the organization of the local Lodge.

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