

In Our Opinion . . .

Scents and Common Sense

Now that it is once again time for the voice of the turtle to be heard in the land, it is also time, unfortunately, for the less delicate by-products of the "effluent society" to be smelled.

We would like to cite one plus and one minus factor in the never-ending war against effluvia. And, we do not draw any lines of demarcation between city and township. We believe not only in co-existence, but in friendly co-existence.

In this particular instance, at any rate, it would be pretty hard to stop the annoying odors at a specified point on the border.

First of all, let us rejoice that the gate has been locked upon the offensive Halstead Rd. dump. Everyone living within a mile of the spot can face the oncoming summer with a breath of relief instead of a wrinkle-nosed one of disgust. And those who merely drive by won't have to start rolling up the windows at Grand River.

The firemen, too, can relax a little as the fire threat from that area is somewhat reduced. And we won't have to call in the Pied Piper after all to rid the region of rats. Blessings on all who were instrumental in cleaning up this mess.

But now comes a letter to the city council from the good people who reside on Brookdale in the Nine Mile sector. They point out that:

• Indisputable evidence exists above ground that there is much trouble with septic systems thereabouts;

• The Rouge stream is so contaminated that no fish can live in it;

• This poses a very real threat to the health of the children who are irresponsibly drawn to play in it during vacation days;

• No alarm system is in service at the Nine Mile Pumping station to warn of a mechanical failure which could allow sewage content to go undetected for some time, and

• Citizens, presumably in the dark of night, are tossing all kinds of debris into the DPW storage area nearby.

As to the latter complaint, certainly the good people of Farmington can wait

for the coming of the trash truck. May is an extremely heavy work period for the DPW as it tries to keep up with mountains of brush trimmings and grass clippings besides the housewives' industrious weeding out of all the indoor accumulation of junk.

Just a little forbearance, if you please. Sometimes when it appears that your trash has been arbitrarily overlooked, it may be that the rubbish truck on its last trip was too late in reaching the dumping-off place and could not get rid of its load.

Then, with the booming economy which most of the community enjoys, contractors for services such as this are decidedly undermanned. This may be alleviated when the schools release a flock of husky young job hunters for the summer.

Only one contractor was interested enough to bid for the privilege of hauling away the city's refuse when the bids went out last month. And that bid was so high that the city fathers are still reeling from the shock.

The other problem, that of pollution and its health hazards is more complex. Patience on the part of the householders cannot cure it.

Possibly part of the answer is a health officer for the Farmington area as it had a few years ago. In an area so large, with the constant addition of more and more septic fields, it is almost impossible to expect the county health department to keep aware of the increasing number of trouble spots.

We strongly recommend also that every precaution be exercised before building permits are issued in septic tank areas.

Some time ago two local doctors in a position to know of some of the more drastic health effects of the community's sanitation problems offered to take on the health officer responsibility free of charge. If their offer is still open, maybe this is the time to welcome them with open arms to that roster of unsung heroes, the volunteers of America, waiting and willing to serve their community, believe it or not, at no expense to the taxpayer.

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Congratulations All 'Round

Congratulations are being exchanged throughout our beautiful Farmington area all this week.

They are in order for the graduates who number, in the three high schools, over 1,000 students. Surely, all of us outsiders feel a thrill of real pride as we see them walking forward to receive their diplomas and striding confidently into the future.

Most of us add a silent prayer that they will fashion a world somewhat better than the one we have so far come up with. Many of them may even have learned that a preposition has no business at the end of a sentence as in that last one.

Felicitations should be offered, too, to the winning school board candidates and college trustees. They fought a good fight, and to our knowledge nothing in the least opprobrious was attached to

their campaign.

And last, but far from least, we would like to cite for a special brand of congratulations the parents of the graduates who put in an appearance at the polls over 3600 strong to see to it that the younger brothers and sisters coming a long while have even greater advantages with new additions to the school plants, though it may mean some sacrifice to their pocketbooks.

They voted for worthy candidates to represent them on the school board. And they have been in the background for the past thirteen years encouraging, urging, possibly even demanding a better performance from their sometimes unappreciative offspring.

Blessed are the taxpayers, for they shall inherit the continuing responsibilities of the community.



DAVID LEE DECKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Decker, 22600 Middlebelt has a route of 180 customers in the Farmington Trailer Park area. He is 14 years old, attends East Junior High in the ninth grade and has two sisters, Barbara and Ellen. Baseball is his favorite sport, and he likes to build models from kits or take summertime hikes. His favorite spot for hiking is through the woods of the thumb area in Michigan. At present he hopes to become an agricultural scientist or an agent for the Co-op program.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

MARIE LONG

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Mr. and Mrs. George A. Gazah, 2845 Minglewood Ct. are planning to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 19. They have been residents of North Farmington for a number of years. They have two daughters, Nancy who will graduate from Wayne this summer, and a younger daughter, Gloria, at East Junior High.

Mr. Gazan owns French Enterprises, Inc. Nine Mile and Middlebelt Roads. He and Mrs. Gazan recently returned from Europe where he was invited by the United States government to show his special patented machine at the Frankfurt-U.S. trade center. It was reviewed by the large manufacturers of Europe who acclaimed it the most unique in the world.

The Gazans were married at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak by Father Coughlin who is celebrating his golden anniversary this month.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ralston, residents of the Farmington Plaza Apt., announce the

birth of a daughter, Pamela Ann, on June 3 weighing seven pounds, seven and a half ounces. Mr. Ralston was graduated from Farmington High School seven years ago and is now on the staff of Northville State Hospital. Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Ralston are former residents of Farmington now residing in Allen Park. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith of Detroit.

Miss Martha Joyce Keegan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Keegan of Kalamazoo, formerly of Westbrooke Manor, Farmington, was a graduate from Central Michigan University on Saturday, June 11. Martha, a mathematics major received a bachelor of science degree and will teach next fall in Gobles, Michigan.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Keegan to the commencement exercises in Mount Pleasant were their daughter Patricia, their son Christopher and Mr. Keegan's mother, Mrs. C. C. Cheadle of Dearborn.

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School is out for some of our kids, and will be for the others shortly. One can tell by the tremble in the summer air. That little fact may be viewed with mixed emotions.

The local brownie troops, 212 and 303, held a combined fly-up ceremony at Larkshire School and all the area brownies powered at the Farmington park on Shawansee Rd. Girls present were Lorraine Ardvidson, Cynthia Babb, Cathy Bessonen, Cathy Blackwell, Jill Bonem, Andrea Bee, Maureen Frye, Lynn Korby, Debbie LaPrise, Andy Lesch, Tammy Nelson, Cindy Petchell, Stephanie Prieskorn, Lorie Froust, Kim Peden, Gail Shaw, Debbie Smith, Karen Smith, Laura Stomberg, and Vivian Vassiloukos. The Mrs. Froust and Petchell presented as each brownie received her annual membership star for the year past.

Prior to the fly-up ceremony and the big she-bang which marked the close of their activities for the summer, Troop 303 had made and filled candy containers for the children at Northville, and made an enjoyable and educational trip to the Velvet Peanut Butter Plant.

STILL WITH THE young set, we have a scattering of birthday parties around the sub. Ann Olewski who was six on May 27 celebrated amid Mickey Mouse trimmings by serving the traditional fare to Donna and David Gilewski. Ann McCarthy, Roger Becker, Mimi Hernandez, Cindy Rossen, Cathy Safford, Kevin, Stephen, Timmy St. Clair, Kathleen Stevens and Mary Olewski.

Carrie Lin Morgan, newly a two-year-old, marked the event with a barbecue on the eve of the big day. Carrie's mom and dad, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burr, and aunt and uncle, Peggy and George Janowski, who are also her Godparents, were all there on No. Stockton Court to help their little girl celebrate in a big way. Adding moment to the celebration was the baby's great-grandmother, Mrs. Rutledge, who herself has just marked an important birthday on June 1, her eightieth!

On June eleventh, another turned two, and followed that milestone with a party on the thirteenth. Who would make a trip from Muskegon just for young Eric Evans' birthday but his grandparents? Mr. and Mrs. Burt Ruffner were on hand for the whole weekend, enjoying the fun and visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Randy Evans. Monday capped off Eric's big weekend as David and Leanne May, Edna Hamilton, and David and Donna Gilewski were invited to

come for cake.

THERE WAS ANOTHER party in the neighborhood last Saturday, this one marking something a bit rarer than a birthday. Ronald Ender's wife, and kids too, are just tickled till they can hardly stand it over his bowling victory in the Royal 185 Individual Classic. (See sports page.)

Among our summer wage-powders this week are Mary and Ed Olewski of Truck Rd. who, in the best tradition of vagabonds, had a pleasant jaunt to Mackinac recently.

Just returned from South Roxanna, Illinois and Bloomington, Indiana are the Slewarts and Plemans respectively. Phil and Barbara were visiting her mother, Mrs. C. W. Hack, while Sharon and Don spent our Thurs on a combined business trip and visit with the elder Plemans.

YOU MUST HAVE noticed that many of the dwellings on Shawansee are now occupied.

Although we haven't had the opportunity to speak with all of the new occupants, our three neighbors on the south side, south end of that street seem like very pleasant people. The Bensons who have been in residence about three weeks are from Detroit, and have three children. Russell Benson drives for Suburban Motor Freight and his wife Victoria is afternoon supervisor of nurses at Receiving Hospital. Their nineteen-year-old son Jim is employed at Puritan Auto, and Judy, eighteen, will be camp counselor this summer, returning to Bradley U. at Peoria, Illinois in the fall. Michael who is twelve will probably spend the summer squinting out the new surroundings.

Next door are Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Van Meter and family, all five of whom were born in different states. That can happen when a man makes the U.S. Coast Guard his career. Now retired from the service, Mr. Van Meter is with Martin Place Hospital West in Detroit. Mary Van Meter hails from New York City, but her husband's roots are here. As a matter of fact he has a twin brother now a mile distant. Their children are Ward, fifteen, Alan, nine, and Karen, three.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Polenz complete our trio of new-comers. They came to us with their nine-month-old daughter Deborah, from southwest Detroit. While Cynthia occupies her father's rooming, Debbie and a tending the home fires, husband

Kenneth is busy with accounting duties for General Motors. A REALLY NEW newcomer is to be found as of April 22 at the Callicouette home on Montclair. Young John Thomas, who weighed five pounds, five ounces on his natal day at New Grace Hospital, is the fifth son for Gerry and Romeo Callicouette. Romeo, Gregory, Lyon and Alan are John's brothers, Theresa Marie, his sister.

Our congratulations this week are to be doled out mostly in pairs. Three couples marked wedding anniversaries this week past. Rottenbergs of Glenmoor on June ninth, Freudenbergs on the tenth and Barb and Troy Williamson on the twelfth. Joan thinks it's really coincidental because Ronald Freudenberg, on the fifth chance, finally remembered his anniversary, but we don't see anything so remarkable as since all the experts tell us that it takes at least five years to adjust to marriage!

Birthday banners are flying for Debbie Weiss on June tenth, Doug Andregge and Craig Bloomer on the 14th, twins Danny and Janet Zatsick on the twelfth, and twins again, Kathleen and Kristine Kane on the

Ralph McCort Dons Navy Blue

From a job as a district sales engineer for the Cutler-Hammer Co., to that of a pilot for Aviation Anti-Submarine Squadron 736, is just a matter of changing from his business suit to that of a Navy blue uniform. For the past two weeks Commander Ralph W. McCort, executive officer of VS 736, has been on two weeks' active duty at the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Va.

He is one of 85 other members of VS 736 have been flying anti-submarine warfare training missions off the Atlantic Coast. Flying Grumman S-2F Trackers, the pilots and crewmen of VS 736 joined with fleet-based aircraft in simulated search and destroy missions.

A 1949 graduate of Ohio State University, McCort joined the Navy in 1942 and served on active duty until 1945. In 1946 he joined the Naval Air Reserve and has been attending week-end drills and two-week active duty training missions since that time.

He is married to the former Joyce Freeman of Columbus, Ohio. They reside with their five children at 28810 Lorikay Rd. He will resume his job at Cutler-Hammer May 30.



Understanding your HEALTH

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One of the most alarming statistics I have seen in a long time is the rejection rate of young men who are examined for military service. It is a startling fact that over one-third of these Michigan rejectees were deemed unfit for service because of medical or mental defects this past year.

When you realize that as many as 100,000 soldiers may be examined during the next 12 months, you can readily see the extent of the problem.

Obviously, some of the rejectees were not considered fit for reasons which are not amenable to effective treatment. But it is estimated that at least 75 per cent of the men would probably benefit from treatment.

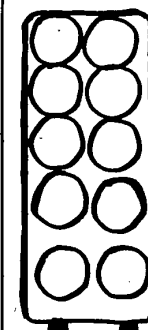
IN ORDER to assist these young men in getting medical help, the Michigan Department of Public Health, under contract with the United States Public Health Service, is developing a state-wide counseling and referral follow-up service for those rejected for medical reasons.

After an individual has been medically rejected, he has a chance to talk over his problem with a state health department representative located right in the Armed Forces Examining Station.

Arrangements can be made to refer him to the health department in his home town. Then, after he gets home, he will have an opportunity to talk at length with a nurse about his defect, and what he should do about it. The nurse will see to it that he consults his own doctor or gets help from one of the health or welfare agencies in his community.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago	10 Years Ago	15 Years Ago
JUNE 15, 1961 School Election Only 1700 of the school district's 15,772 registered voters bothered to get out to the polls. This figures out to only 10.7 per cent of those who should have cast ballots.	JUNE 14, 1956 Jitterbug's In The Clarenceville School Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening approved a resolution accepting the recommendations of the Student Council to allow jitterbugging at school dances with certain restrictions.	JUNE 14, 1951 Budget Approved The City Council formally approved a record \$122,252.56 budget for the City of Farmington for the year 1951-52 at the regular budget meeting held Monday evening.
Zoning Opposition Strong protests to the proposed rezoning of both sides of Grand River from Oakland Ave. to Gill Rd. in the city were voiced Monday night at a public hearing before the planning commission. The proposal is to rezone the property fronting on this main highway from residential to R-10 (residential-office buildings).	Race Track Petitions Petitions bearing the signatures of approximately 1200 registered voters were filed with the Township were filed with Floyd A. Cairns, Clerk, Tuesday afternoon calling for a referendum vote on the rezoning of property in the southwest section of the Township as a race track site.	School Election In one of the lightest votes in recent years, Farmington Township School District voters approved by nearly 2 to 1 Monday the \$1,750,000 Bond Issue and the 12 1/2 mill tax levy to finance the construction of new school buildings. Only 711 out of approximately 4600 registered voters cast their ballots at the annual school election.
Cawley Honored Rex Cawley, sophomore track star at the University of Southern California, was recently named the "track and field star of the year" and "most valuable athlete" at the recent Southern California Track and Field Writers Association banquet.	For the first time in the history of the Farmington community, over 2,000 persons went to the polls in a school election. The first in a series of roadshows to be presented throughout the summer in Detroit is now under way at Grand River and Seven Mile Rd.	Two Look Out Below Hicks on the repair of the Municipal Building were read at a special meeting of the City Council Monday evening. Mayor Kenn Loomis stated that repair to the building is an emergency and immediate action is necessary to avoid any getting injured from falling concrete.

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