

Improvement Is More Than A Building

A funny thing happened at Monday's session of the City Council.

It wasn't really funny, though. In fact, it was a sad indication of the public's feelings.

The Council banned parking on some more city streets. Stated reason for the action was that residents had complained about the overflow of parking for the nearby commercial district.

This isn't the first time this has happened.

Everyone wants business and industry to locate in town because it improves the tax base. That's where the welcome seems to stop on the part of the residents.

The section represented in Monday



night's action is not the only part of town. Granted, most of the parking problems extend along Grand River, but that's also where most of the city's commercial businesses are located.

A FEW WEEKS AGO we heard the almost unbelievable story of a short constructed during the 1950's denied access to the side street because the residents objected.

There was quite a political campaign in the state during the '50's which had much talk about the "economic climate for business."

Maybe that's something that both the city council and the residents should think about.

The city officials and administration have worked hard to attract additional business to locate within the city boundaries and are concerned about improving the tax base. They have hopes of developing Grand River west of the city hall into a commercial section in time.

Great. But what about the people who

are currently located in the city? Probably no businessman is going to move but simply because there is no spot for the customers to park.

However, when that same businessman thinks about expanding or building a larger structure, he might think twice about locating in the city again.

Maybe the residents who complain about the taxes should think twice before complaining because someone is parked in front of their house. And maybe the council should think twice before granting no-parking requests in such cases.

Sue Shaughnessy



A FAVORITE GATHERING place in old Farmington was Schroeder's Market which was located next to where the Civic Theater now stands. Henry Schroeder founded the business. After Henry's death, his younger brother, Herman, took it over in 1897 or 1898.

Herman ran the business until his death in 1929. Oakland County Supervisor Delos Hamlin went into business at the location in the early 30's.

In this picture, loaned by Herman's daughter, Ruth Schroeder, some of latter day Farmington's leading citizens are shown passing the time of day with Herman Schroeder, who is behind the counter.

FROM THE LEFT they are Tom Lytle, John Johnson, John Thayer and James Hogle, all members of that day's township board. Johnson had a dairy farm across from the present Fairview School. Townswomen would put pitchers outside their door and he would make rounds to fill them with milk. Chatham Hills Subdivision is part of his original farm.

Thayer was a surveyor and justice of the peace. His grandson, Howard, is now on the city council. Hogle was an official of the old Warner Dairy Co., whose offices were located where the Grand River Observer office is now.

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Serves In Vietnam

Army Specialist Five Friedrich W.K. Eichhorn, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Eichhorn, 32625 Folsom, Farmington, recently returned to the 1st Infantry Division base camp near Di An, Vietnam, from "Operation Junction City," the largest military operation to date in Vietnam.

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Kendallwood-C- Colony Park Independence Day Celebration Committee, I wish to thank you and your staff for your cooperation in reporting and publicizing our third annual and successful event.

We truly believe that community participation in a small, localized patriotic celebration, such as ours, gives the adults cause to remember what a great country and heritage we Americans enjoy and helps make the historical facts of our founding fathers and their deeds more real to our children.

Also, we express our appreciation to Congressman Jack McDonald for his fine speech, "The Contribution of Virginia to American Independence," which was our 1967 theme.

Thanks to the Farmington Township Police for their usual efficient and courteous assistance of traffic control during the parade and for having their trap on hand in case of an emergency.

Hooryay for the space age, but let's not forget our great past.

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READERS SPEAK:

Little League Charges Paper With 'Dereliction Of Duty'

EDITOR:

The 1967 little league baseball season is drawing to a close. Just about completed are the months of effort that involve countless local adults who donate their time and energies to our young boys. There are the men who devote themselves to the responsibilities of organizational work; the dads who coach and manage teams; the moms who coordinate the candy sales; the many local businessmen who sponsor and support teams; the high-schoolers who

umpire games; even our police department, who so diligently make the opening day parade possible. All these, and countless more, devoted to a single goal: a program of safe, educational, organized baseball for our little guys.

Despite the fact that little league baseball is so broad and popular an undertaking, the Enterprise-Observer has declined to cover any league activities other than the occasional publishing of an out-dated list of standings. Cheated particularly are the very heart of little league baseball; the boys themselves who play so hard, work so hard, and try so hard. What a thrill it used to be for them to see pictures of the opening day parade, or weekly write-ups of their games, or maybe you got really lucky and were chosen for an all-star team and got your picture in the paper!

We strongly protest your lack of cooperation in refusing to publicize little league activities. We feel it represents a dereliction of duty on your part as a self-claimed local paper, involved with local news, to show so little interest in a program as popular and widespread as little league baseball. We can find no justification whatsoever for your attitude, which is made all the more intolerable by the fact that the Inter-Lake News (which doesn't even service the Farmington area) has been most cooperative in reporting our activities this season.

We hope that you will reconsider your position and that next year we may look forward to full coverage of our program in your paper.

JACK GARCIA
Commissioner
North Farmington
West Bloomfield
Baseball for Boys

EDITOR'S NOTE: During the NF-WB Little League's organizational drive, a number of articles carrying the message to prospective players and supporters were published. Perhaps Mr. Garcia should have read the paper more carefully. The philosophical problem he

raises has been long discussed by this newspaper, other newspapers, educators, psychologists and so on. The best current thinking holds that it's unwise—probably even harmful—to cover, photograph and publicize nine-year-olds the same way as late teenagers or adults.

Little League is not fully a spectator sport but a participation sport, its spectators being chiefly blood relatives of the players. It is organized for, and should be played for, the benefit of the boys, not for "publicity."

Many individuals in the Observer Newspapers organization are direct supporters of Little League. This quiet support, we feel, is somewhat and journalistically more mature.

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