

Editorial Page

Regulating Growth . . .

in a community such as Farmington is both desirable and difficult. The Township Board as well as the Planning Board and Zoning Board have recognized these facts for some time. However, recognition and actual accomplishment are often very far apart.

Last week the Township Board took an important step in the direction of accomplishment. They approved the recommendations of the Planning Board and Zoning Board to increase lot sizes in Residential Three and Residential Four Zones. The basic purpose of the amendment is to regulate growth in such a way as to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

As was pointed out at both the Zoning Hearing and at the Township Board meeting, this question is open to debate. Certainly there are convincing arguments on both sides of the subject. Yet we personally feel this is a step in the right direction from a layman's point of view. There can be no argument that Farmington Township has serious water and sewer problems. Nor can there be any dispute over the fact that our schools are crowded, our police and fire departments are faced with expansion problems and our tax base is inadequate. In our opinion, these are reasons enough for serious thought and action.

We are interested in seeing Farmington grow and develop, as a well organized, self-sufficient community. This can be done without undue hardship on anyone if it follows a practical and systematic plan. There is still ample opportunity for all classes of residential, commercial and industrial development in the Township. This will not always be the case, thus it is important that we adhere to an organized plan now so that we may be assured of the kind of community we want in the future.

Organization Plans . . .

of the newly formed Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce are developing rapidly. A wide variety of working committees are now being set-up for the express purpose of promoting various community activities designed to make Farmington a better place in which to work and to live.

In our opinion, this is the answer to a long needed and long desired objective. The business people of Farmington City and Township have stood apart too long. The time has come for positive and cooperative action. We believe this new organization has the foundation and the determination to do just that.

It is important to remember that a Chamber of Commerce is more than just a business promotion organization, it is a community group working together for the best interests of all the people. While its members are primarily businessmen and women and while its activities are basically promotional, a Chamber of Commerce must be concerned with civic affairs, health and education and the general welfare, if it is to fulfill its obligations.

We urge all business people in the City and Township to take an active part in this new movement. Only by cooperative support can we build combined strength.

The Fifth Amendment . . .

to the Federal Constitution has been getting a better than average work-out before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee these days. As a matter of fact, it is fast surpassing the Gettysburg Address as the most quoted words in the English language.

Last week alone one witness appearing before the Committee ducked behind the popular Fifth Amendment a total of 50 times in one afternoon. However, this game of hide and seek isn't fooling anyone. The Fifth Amendment was drafted and adopted for a very important reason—namely to reserve trial for a court of competent jurisdiction. Attempts to twist the Amendment into a protective shield against the truth is but to make mockery of our Constitution. This no man can do. Many have tried and many will try again . . . but they are fooling no one.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

LIVONIA—The City of Livonia has started legal action against a top soil remover because of the way he left the area where soil was removed.

The land lies on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and West streets. It is reported that the soil was removed in a haphazard way, floods badly, and is ugly to see. The violators cited in the court complaint are Westfield Top Soil and Sand Company and Sebastien Marceau, Van Dyke.

The complaint states that "the parties did remove from said parcel such quantities of clay and top soil as to cause an undue amount of water to collect and poisonous and injurious weeds to grow and that this condition has existed since about May 4, 1956 to the present time."

The City holds a \$7,500 bond and if a judgement is rendered that money would presumably be used to fill and improve the property. Neighbors have complained repeatedly about the site. Multiple dwelling units have been proposed for the site as a commercial development but zoning problems are involved and there are no known plans for construction at this time. —The Livonian.

FRANKLIN—The vote was 3 "no" and 2 "yes" on the granting of permits to fill village roads at the Franklin Village Council meeting until something new was added. Councilman Jack Roberts whipped out a piece of paper which he read to the council. He had permission to vote for an absent council member, Harry Rotiers. The proxy was accepted and the council voted 3-2 to grant the permit. Roseberry, village president, then voted to break the tie and voted yes on the granting of using oil on the roads.

Although Rotiers has been able to attend only six of the last 13 regular council meetings, this is the first time he had attempted to vote by proxy. The question regarding the legality of voting by proxy is still being raised. A resolution by Robert Mitchell that votes in the future must be cast by council members in person and not by proxy was passed later in the evening. In the meantime, however, applications for oiling roads are being accepted. The resolution was not passed until after the road oiling question had been decided upon. —The Four Corners Press.

WAYNE—Some 25 teachers are still needed to fill vacancies in the Wayne Schools, and at least 20 more teachers will be needed as the rate of home building in the area sustains, according to the latest teacher recruitment program presented to the Board of Education. The schools plan to use some 25 to 30 substitute teachers to fill in until any new teachers are able to remain when school opens, September 3. —The Wayne Dispatch.

WIXOM—The village of Wixom, barely one month old, found itself involved in a legal suit this week. The suit, brought by James P. and Mildred Walden against Dick B. Roach, Inc., questions the authority of Wixom to subject land to zoning regulations which existed under township rule until the village prepares its own zoning rules. Specifically, the plaintiffs propose to build a gasoline station on a Wixom Road site across from the Lincoln plant formerly designated M-4 (light industry) under Novi Township zoning. Section 7.1 of Chapter 7 of the Wixom Village Charter states that all ordinances and regulations of the townships will continue in force until new regulations are enacted by the village. This section has been challenged as invalid by the plaintiffs. —The Novi News.

LATHRUP—The city will launch a "Dutch Elm Crusade" at a special meeting scheduled to take place between the city council and an enlarged city tree committee. This was the outgrowth of Monday's council meeting at which a handful of residents strongly urged the city to make a general survey of city trees in face of what appears to be an increased death rate in elm trees. A four step course of city action was outlined by the mayor: (1) Remove all diseased elm trees now condemned of which it is reported there are still 24 standing. (2) Spray the critical northeastern portion of the city. (3) Make a survey of the entire city and have all trees suspected of having infection tested by the State laboratories. (4) Undertake sanitary and pruning program in an attempt to make remaining trees healthy and remove dead wood which may shelter the virus-carrying beetles. —The Birmingham Eccentric.

BARBECUED CHICKEN—Poultry raises encloses all summer. The summer outlook is for plenty of broiler fryers and the largest turkey production on record reports the MSU Marketing Information Agent, Mrs. Josephine Lawvay. If barbecue is your favorite way to prepare meat in summer, then look to poultry for smart choices.



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Now Seeking Ways To Reduce High Unemployment In State

THERE ARE 235,000 more workers than jobs in Michigan. In an economy based on work for everybody, lack of it has become a crisis, and state government is looking for a solution. Gov. Williams was told in July that 150,000 were idle and the forecast of 235,000 unemployed by mid-August was made. This dramatically emphasizes the strange outlines of Michigan's peculiar economy.

Williams (laughed on it when he described unemployment as a "public emergency," and sent his aides off on a quest for facts on which to base a program of self employment recovery.

For better or for worse, the state and its people are linked inextricably to the fortunes of the automobile industry.

Parts and fabricating plants employing a relatively few men and women fan out from the big industries in Detroit. When the auto industry is down, business generally suffers.

Eventually, it means less money for schools because people must buy fewer goods. The sales tax in now, a liquor and cigarette tax increase, help support education.

Neither Williams, nor Republicans, nor the unemployed want another depression era WPA.

Three years ago when the smartest of unemployment crisis hit Flint and Detroit, appeals were made to the Federal Government for some form of public works.

It was not forthcoming then because the Eisenhower administration said it would not do the job. Now, the analysis finds agreement in the present Michigan crisis.

"Men trained for factory jobs could not be put to work even temporarily on something like that," said one administration spokesman.

The point is, Williams and his aides agree, to find some method of keeping the large and skilled working force on the job.

Part of the trouble lies in auto shutdowns for model changesovers, resulting from an increasingly long correction among the Big Three; Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

There are no answers yet. State government will base its actions on findings of a survey showing the areas of unemployment, which industries are affected, the work record in industrial versus non-industrial work, and whether automation is creating a shortage of jobs.

Officially, the General Motors model changes will be more pronounced this year, delaying the period of full production with maximum employment into the late fall. Ford is believed to be planning changes too.

Chrysler made its big remodeling last year. As a result of the larger number of unemployed this year, Republicans are looking for a Democratic campaign next winter to increase the size of the weekly unemployment compensation checks.

Highways have been unhappy ways for politicians over the past few years. Democrats for years have attacked former Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler. He left office and a Democrat took over July 1, leaving word he was "going fishing."

John C. Mackie started work immediately, despite legal threats (Continued on Page 4B)

LOOKING AHEAD

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Glenn A. Green, Associate Director of the National Education Program, is studying political and economic systems in Europe and Scandinavia this summer. Dr. Benson is incorporating Mr. Green's dispatches in his regular columns.)

A TRAGEDY IN NORWAY
OSLO, NORWAY — Dear Dr. Benson: This is a particular story in Norway that needs to be told. The Socialists are not going to tell it. The Conservatives are so close to it they seem unable to recognize its significance. It is the story of the Erisons. That's not really their name; but they are real people. I have just spent a day and a night with the Erisons in their Oslo home, partaking of their sustenance, being privileged to observe and to hear the intimate facts of their lives.

The Erisons are a typical middle-income Norwegian family. Their Norwegian forebears sailed in the Viking ships. He is in the late-thirties; she is a few years younger. Both speak English; she speaks four languages. They have three school-age children. Erison is a junior executive in the business world, a college graduate, a man of creative talents and busy mind. If Norway is to go forward and upward through the years ahead, the thinking and the imagination, the enterprise and the push must be developed from among "the Erisons" of Norway.

Supporting Welfare State
Erison's yearly salary in Norwegian kroner (28,500) is the equivalent of about \$4,000 in 1957 U.S.A. And in Norway that places him in the first level of the upper middle-income bracket. The graduated income tax, which starts its first sizeable jump at \$2,000, hits him hard.

Just a few years ago the Erisons purchased, for \$10,000, the very plain home in which they now live, a three bedroom unit of a typical Norwegian "collective" housing tier (joined together) all alike but each painted differently. There were no cabinets in the kitchen, no bathtub in the bathroom. On Erison's income, a severely taxed to support the Welfare State, they could not afford the kind of improvements they wanted. In fact they had to secure a second loan to pay for the quite modest accessories they now have (they still do not have an electric refrigerator, for instance). And they cannot afford a car.

A year and a half ago, Norway's newest housing project for low income (Continued on Page 4B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 18, 1932)
—Highway Selling

Action to keep highway salesmen who are not producers of the profits taken out of the Township was taken by the Township Board at its August meeting. A resolution was passed that the County Road Commissioners be requested to take necessary steps to curb the influx of the salesmen. The resolution, proposed by Ward Eagle, was passed after members of the Board had expressed the opinion that the highway salesmen, many of whom do not even live in the County, were taking a considerable amount of money out of the Township and spoiling trade for local merchants. It was pointed out that the resolution does not apply to farmers and others living in the Township who are selling their own produce.

School Economy
Further economies, amounting to more than \$3,600 were made in the Farmington School budget for 1932-33 by eliminating the use of one school bus in operation. By the end of last year, between 40 and 50 children living within the School District were being serviced by the bus. Another saving of \$1,485 was made by not replacing a teacher, Maxwell Shadley, who was granted a leave of absence.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 21, 1947)
Farmington Township Board approved the issuing of a license to Sam Karden and Mr. Zimberg to operate a junk yard at Grand River near Eight Mile which was formerly used by Richard Bezesky. The yard is now being used for dismantling of old automobiles and storage of junk until such time as it can be disposed of on the market. Karden stated that it is his intention to dispose of all junk material in the yard. He is proprietor of the Dearborn Point Company and indicated that he intends to make the Farmington location another outlet. It was also indicated that the new owners intend to put up a new building facing Grand River to be used as a sales room and, in addition to paint and other products, they hope to carry a line of new automobile parts.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 21, 1952)
The Township Zoning Board last week turned down a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow individual home builders to live in trailers on their property while building their homes. It was decided by the Board that the processing of temporary certificates of occupancy as well as the inspecting would add greatly to the large amount of work already being done by the Zoning Inspector. Under the proposal, individuals would have been allowed to use a trailer on their own property during the period when building their homes. A temporary certificate of occupancy would be issued for a limited period.



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