

In Our Opinion . . .

Estimate Revenues Conservatively

City Manager John Dinan has again this year come up with a proposed budget which we consider to be as complete and as easy to understand as a budget could be found in any community of comparable size anywhere in the state.

While we have not yet had an opportunity to review the proposed budget thoroughly our initial, rather hurried run through the bulky and very detailed sections has left us highly impressed. The thought and detail, as well as countless hours spent in preparing the proposed budget, demonstrates quite clearly that the City of Farmington has a well trained and highly qualified manager.

Most comments that we have heard about the city manager's budgets in the past have been highly complimentary. There has been some negative comments expressed, however, because of the fact that the estimates made on some revenues to be received to satisfy the budget have been lower than the amounts that actually did come in from these sources.

It would be nice to estimate revenues for the coming year right on the button but we just can't see how anyone could expect even the most learned city administrator to do this. Our feeling is that it is much better to under-estimate a little on expected revenues and come up surprised with some extra money at the end of the year than to over-estimate on the basis of some rosy predictions on the economic outlook and then see a downturn and come up short to meet the budgeted costs.

The Enterprise commends the city

manager in being conservative in his estimates on money to be received from rather uncontrollable sources. There is nothing wrong with a healthy surplus in a good year when it is earmarked for worthwhile extra community betterment projects in the following year as has been the practice in the city in the past.

At the risk of being labeled a "conservative", our hope is that all of our local governing officials will continue to estimate revenues to satisfy their budgets a little on the low side and not be caught short in the event of an economic dip as the result of some other slippages over which they have no control.

The salesman working on a fixed base pay of \$100 per week plus 10 percent commission on all sales may estimate that he'll be able to average \$500 in sales every week for the coming year. But, we sure would consider him very unwise if he were to make personal financial commitments requiring expenditures even as high as \$140 a week. Only the \$100 is guaranteed and we say the salesman should stay conservative in his weekly expenditure commitments beyond this point.

In our opinion the same principle applies in budgeting for the operations of a city, township or school district. Anticipated revenues in state aid, sales tax returns and the like can not be guaranteed. Because they can't estimate income from these sources should be set on the conservative side, in our opinion.

Need Special Clean Up Committee

Spring is upon us again with the usual problems of some very bad roads to get up and down and some pretty ugly conditions to view in Farmington in both vacant land areas and built up areas in our community.

A week during the early part of May will again this year be designated as Community Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up Week and a real push will be made by many to get citizens to clean up around their property.

The Enterprise has and will continue to be active supporters of a yearly clean-up week program but still can't help but feel that this in itself is not enough.

Extremely bad unsightly and unhealthy conditions prevail in a few areas in our community as do really serious road conditions. An organized and systematic program to get conditions improved in these areas where such conditions exist is going to require a year-around effort and not just a one week drive.

We would like to see a special citizens committee formed to tackle this problem. The first step would be to have a complete survey of the community made to pin-point the really bad problem areas. Once the areas were firmly pin-

pointed and a list made up starting with the worst areas first, a planned program of corrective actions could be started.

What allocations of money could be spared in the city and township's budgets to carry out this program of getting unsightly conditions cleaned up and bad roads repaired would naturally govern how fast the project we propose could proceed. But, no matter how small the monetary budget allocations might be, at least a start would be made.

A start must be made and it is our feeling that this would be the best way to proceed. Help from interested citizens could be had, we are sure, if the effort to set up a citizens committee by our city and township governing boards were made.

A clean and healthy community is something we all want. We can't just be concerned about our own street or subdivision. Our concern must extend to include the whole community. Neither can we expect our governing officials to solve all the community's problems alone. It takes active citizens groups and committees lending their wholehearted help and support.

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO

APRIL 21, 1959

The Old Band House

The old band house on the corner of School Street and Grand River Avenue in front of the Farmington Junior High School is slated to fall under the wrecker's ball after many years of service. First a private residence, purchased by the schools originally for use as headquarters for the instrumental music department, the building had lately out-lived its usefulness for storage of school equipment.

New Industry

Ground was broken this week for the construction of the Lockhart Manufacturing Corporation plant in the City of Farmington on Eight Mile Road just east of Farmington Road. The 15,000 square foot plant is expected to be completed this July.

OLS Nine Wins

The Our Lady of Sorrows baseball team opened its season on a successful note with a 5 to 4 victory over Clawson. Mike Sutter, who led the Lancers in batting with year with a .428 average, clouted a three-run homer to provide OLS with the big punch.

10 YEARS AGO

APRIL 20, 1950

Pitches No-Hitter

Farmington High School pitcher Jerry Plam hurled a perfect no-hit game for the Falcons nine as they opened their 1950 baseball season with a 2-0 victory over neighborhood rival Clarenceville.

Reject Bldg. Code

Farmington Township voters went to the polls on Monday and emphatically turned a "thumbs down" on the Township's Building Code, 822 to 541. The code, had it become effective, would have specified the exterior wall construction type of new buildings and would have called for inspection of plumbing and wiring. Permits, fees and certificates of occupancy were also called for in the proposed code.

Athletic Field

Curtis H. Hall, representing the Farmington School District's Board of Education, appeared before the Farmington City Commission Monday night to make a formal request for the School District's leasing of City-owned land for the development of a lighted athletic field.

15 YEARS AGO

APRIL 21, 1955

Melody Circus

Season tickets are now available for the Melody Circus Summer Theater to be held on the grounds of the Bostford Inn.

Record Budget

The City of Farmington's proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 1955-56 is a record \$268,537, an increase of approximately \$23,500 over last year's budget.

Water System

Plans and specifications for the City of Farmington's new pumping station, to be located south of the Grand River Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road, have now been submitted for final approval to the various state and county agencies. The new pumping station will service the western portion of the city and also serve as a needed supply system for the city reservoir.

Thinclads Win

The Farmington High School track team raced to a triangular meet victory last week over Van Dyke and Centerville. The Falcons thinclads bowed to Romulus last week in their dual meet opener.

Heart of Home Class Set April 22



REPORT from LANSING

State: Representative

Raymond L. Baker

"Heart of the Home" classes in work simplification and body mechanics will be conducted in Farmington this week. For the benefit of homemakers with limitations of time, energy or physical capacity, a second class will be held on April 22, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the 10 Mile Elementary School, 32789 10 Mile Rd., Farmington, Michigan. The first class was held April 15.

The series is being sponsored locally by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary. While all persons can benefit from this kind of instruction, it has special meaning to people with handicaps or circulatory ailments. Experience has shown that the classes have great value for many physically handicapped individuals as well as for those who must conserve their energy.

THE FREE CLASS is presented by Mrs. Alice Eppe, Consultant in Homemaking Rehabilitation, Michigan Heart Association. In the first class, Mrs. Eppe follows the theme of "Take it easy by the way you use your body," which includes discussion and demonstrations of sit-down work, work levels, and the selection and use of household equipment. The second meeting is devoted to Kitchen layout, work centers, storage arrangements, and the application of work simplification principles to specific jobs. Mrs. Eppe has emphasized that the instruction is concerned with useful techniques for life and work, and that no medical advice is given in the class meetings.

Registration may be made and further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Carol Kurth, Extension Agent, Michigan Cooperative Extension Service, call PE 4-2524 or call the Michigan Heart Association at 342-2100.

The "Heart of the Home" program is made possible by the Michigan Heart Association through funds contributed to the Michigan United Fund.

Cottones Attend N.Y. Convention

Elia M. Cottons, broker and owner of E. M. Cottons Realty will be among the more than 1500 persons attending the annual convention of the International Council of Shopping Centers in New York City beginning today.

Mrs. Cottons will be accompanied by her husband, Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Cottons will also attend the Brandeis University Dinner-Dance on May 1 at the Waldorf-Astoria in honor of Leonard L. Farber who will be inducted as a member of the President's Council of the G.S.C.

Those attending the convention include shopping center developers, owners, managers, chain store and real estate executives who have organized as a "University of Shopping Centers."

The University will offer a curriculum of 42 subjects in all phases of shopping center industry. Convention headquarters will be the New York Hilton Hotel.

As the number of bills introduced in the legislature climbs well over the 1,000 mark, the pace of final action on these many proposals continues to be slow. By the time this goes to press, the House will have passed and sent to the Senate about 60 bills and about 40 bills will have been received from the Senate. Only 20 bills have so far reached the Governor's desk.

Among the many measures still in committee are a number of proposed constitutional amendments. For the most part these represent efforts by the majority party to rewrite the new constitution which was authored by Republicans who held the majority in the Constitutional Convention of 1962. Republicans are opposing any wholesale revision of the document and hold enough votes to prevent poor amendments from reaching the popular referendum stage. Democrats are pushing several amendments and apparently hope to put them on the ballot at a special election next fall.

FORTUNATELY THE Senate improved the Senior Citizens Tax Relief bill that was hastily pushed through the House. The final bill, which passed the House unanimously, would grant an exemption on \$2,500 of assessed value for homes assessed at \$10,000 or less. To qualify for an exemption the senior citizen must be a resident of the state for seven years and have an annual income of \$5,000 or less. Although voting for this bill, Republicans had hoped that the majority party would have given some consideration to a proposal developed by the Governor's committee after three months of study. However, this report, which came just as the legislature was contemplating final action and which contained several new ideas, was completely ignored by the majority party.

This week brings the last day for individual members to introduce bills and in future reports we will discuss some of the major proposals and issues as they filter through the committee system.

Public Letter Box

Need A Center

Editor:

Dear Sir:

I feel that this community lacks enough facilities for recreation, especially for teenagers. There are too few places where we are allowed to go and other places are too expensive.

ALONG WITH many other people, I think that one of the reasons young people commit acts of vandalism is that they have too much unoccupied time. I believe that one answer to this problem may be a public recreation center. It could have facilities for many different sports, as well as a swimming pool.

This may sound a little far-fetched, but I'm sure an enterprise of this sort would be appreciated and the time, money, and effort put into it would be wasted. Certainly most teenagers would enjoy and take advantage of this opportunity.

NOT ONLY would this give our teenagers something to do, but I think it would improve our community. A public recreation center would be impressive and would help people to think highly of our community. It is also a proven fact that there are fewer van-

dalism cases in a community with such a facility. I hope you will consider our point of view.

Sincerely yours,
Deborah Wahlen

Thank You

This letter is sent to express my appreciation for the publicity you gave concerning the Our Lady of Sorrows Church and in turn myself in the past issue of your paper. The picture reproduced very well, I thought, and it made a very fine presentation. Again, thank you. In the article there was a slight misunderstanding concerning the artist Jean Charlot but unless you have calls concerning this I would feel there is no need to bring it to attention again. The error was that Jean Charlot was the humanist and not Riviera. The latter turned later to Communism which is quite the reverse I would say.

Also, may I congratulate your paper on the new type of printing which you are using as well as the rearrangement. It makes for very fine reading.

Very sincerely yours,
Charles D. Hannan, A.I.A.

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