

In Our Opinion . . .

They Also Have Rights to the Road

With ever increasing numbers of bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters are traveling the roads of Farmington and the surrounding areas.

The law makes it clear that these vehicles have as much right to the roadways as any four wheeled vehicles do. To those of us who confine our traveling exclusively to cars and trucks, both the motorized and physically powered two wheeled bikes present some serious problems. The bikes and scooters are often traveling at a slower rate of speed on the road than we would like to be moving. In our hurry to get where we are going, sometimes justifiably but often times not, we take some serious chances in getting past the slow moving two wheelers.

Motorcycles, bikes and scooters are all hard to see on the road and particularly during the early morning and evening hours and during the hours after dark. The dark clothing and helmets that the operators often times wear doesn't help matters much either.

There are some who would contend that all motorcycles, bicycles and scooters should be banned from the roads because of the problems they present for drivers of cars and trucks. We disagree but do feel that there is need for a tightening up of laws governing the operation of any type of two wheeled vehicles on the highways.

All bikes, power or physically operated, should be required to be licensed and have headlights and tail lights which work whether they are bikes owned by a 10 year year old or an adult. In our

opinion, reflectors on the rear end of bikes isn't good enough for assured safety.

For those applying for scooter or motorcycle operating licenses we would like to see more rigid and thorough testing requirements set up to make certain that the operators are exceptionally proficient on the powered two wheelers.

A restriction that we feel has a lot of merit for consideration as a law would be one that would forbid anyone other than the operator on any of the two wheeled vehicles traveling on our roads. A passenger makes it difficult for even the most proficient operator of bikes to maintain proper balance constantly.

Banning bikes, scooters and cycles on the roads would be totally unjust but putting some very strict regulations on the operators would not, in our opinion.

Drivers of cars and trucks who would argue that there is no room for scooters, bicycles or motorcycles on our roads are more than likely the same people who are threats to safety on the roads themselves. They are very likely to be drivers who would be inclined to say: "All you slow pokes and cautious drivers get out of my way. I've got places to go and things to do."

Until better and more stringent laws are passed to regulate the operation of bikes and scooters on the roads are passed the only solution is extra caution by operators of cars and trucks. This plea for extra caution is exceptionally important now that the warm weather season is upon us once again.

Some Points on Annexation Talk

Talk of annexing parts of Farmington Township into the City of Farmington is not a new subject nor is it something that hasn't been tried in the past meeting with both success and failure.

Following the sound failure of an annexation attempt by the City a few years back little was heard about annexation again until recent weeks when the conversation on this subject started up once more.

A whole book could and likely has been written on the pros and cons of city government versus township government.

When you boil it all down, however, it seems to come down to one pretty basic point. Under the city form of government you pay a greater amount of direct taxes for community-at-large services while in townships you pay little in general taxes for very little in the way of services. The special services or facilities in specific areas in a township that people want must be financed by special assessment arrangements.

It is probably quite clear to everyone who has lived here for a few years that The Farmington Enterprise feels that there would be some very distinct ad-

vantages to having one unified city form of government for our entire community. We do not mean to imply by this statement that we favor the entire township being annexed to the City of Farmington.

What we do mean is that we see distinct advantages to having an entire township under one form of government such as Livonia is and we know full well that a setup of this kind will never come to pass in Farmington.

If this talk about the City of Farmington annexing a portion of the township is going to continue there is one point that we think, however, needs to be kept firmly in mind. This point is that the bulk of our taxes are school taxes and this holds true in both the city and township.

In this regard, then, it makes no difference whether property ideal for good tax base industrial or commercial development is within the confines of the City of Farmington's boundaries or those of Farmington Township.

At this point at least we just can't see any real advantages to fragmentary annexation of portions of Farmington Township into the City of Farmington.

Farmington Designated 1st Mich. Quaker Settlement

By LEE S. PEEL

The Michigan Historical Commission has affirmed Farmington's claim to a historical first.

For three years, the Farmington Historical Society has worked toward establishing the fact that Farmington was the site of the first Quaker settlement in Michigan.

Confirmation by the Commission means that the Society can now proceed with its plans to purchase a historical marker to be located on the landscaped parcel of land immediately north of the Municipal Building on Liberty Street.

A PUBLIC solicitation of funds is hereby launched to help defray the cost of the marker. The installation will likely run around \$450, according to President Paul Schreiber.

Letters asking for contributions went to dozens of organizations and clubs in the community this week, and favorable responses have already come in.

But the Society wants to emphasize the fact that individuals may participate in this venture and donors will have their names listed appropriately.

President Schreiber has stated that any amount from \$1 up will be gratefully accepted. "This project," he said, "is bigger than any organization; it is for all the people."

"The historical marker," he went on to say, "is something for which all persons can be proud. Because the City has offered the land and perpetual care, all citizens can be assured of permanency for the marker."

Checks should be made out to the Farmington Historical Society and mailed to Mr. Paul Schreiber, 34024 Oakland, Farmington.

PLANS CALL for presentation of the marker at appropriate ceremonies some time in September.

Bob Power, a member of the Society and a great-grandson of Farmington's founder, will direct the presentation plans. The public will be invited.

Responsible for the research work which finally brought success to the Society's venture is Mrs. Vayle Lorton, curator.

Am. Legion Aux.

Conclude Contest

Priests have just been awarded in the American Legion Auxiliary essay contest according to the Americanism Chairman, Mrs. John Hatfield. The title this year was "America's Future," and there were only entries in the senior division. Following are the three winners (all from Our Lady of Sorrows High School): First prize, Gary Navara, 25310 Lynford, Farmington; second prize, Mary Buegel, 17355 Midebelt, Livonia; third prize, Julie Brakora, 26254 Kiltarten, Farmington.

LEGAL NOTICES

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No. 87469
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of HELENA J. BARDWELL, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on June 8, 1965, at 9 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Francis John Oakley for the appointment of an administrator of said estate and to determine who are or were at the time of the death of said deceased her heirs at law.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.
Dated: April 22, 1965.
DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.
Albert P. Herzog, Attorney
23290 Farmington Road
Farmington, Michigan.
April 28, May 5, 12

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No. 86,770
STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of GEORGE J. HOUSE, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on July 19, 1965, at nine a.m. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or before such hearing file their claims, in writing and under oath, with this Court and serve a copy thereof upon Margaret R. House, Administratrix, 28012 Greenacres, Farmington, Michigan prior to said hearing. Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

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ator for the organization.

"It was her enthusiasm and a follow-through which has brought about a successful culmination of this project," President Schreiber declared. In the three years since the founding of the Farmington Historical Society, the group has achieved two major com-

munity successes, according to Mr. Schreiber. "We played a big part in arousing public interest in saving the Town Hall, and now we have this historical first."

Plan Seton Guild Mass Breakfast

The annual Mass for living members of Seton Guild will be said in the Chapel of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Home for Children, 12 Mile and Inkster roads, Farmington on Monday, May 17 at 10 a.m. A breakfast will be served in Laboure Hall following the Mass and election of new officers will take place.

Reservations may be made by calling chairman Mrs. Charles Shantz, GR. 4-2165 or Mrs. Burnett Reamer, UN. 2-6350, by May 14. Members and guests are invited.

Population Growth In City Runs High

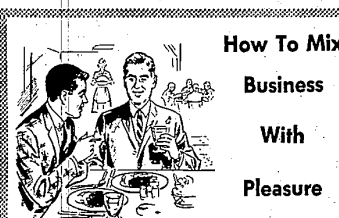
Recently released figures by the Detroit Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission revealed that the City of Farmington was among the top five communities percentage-wise in population growth between July 1, 1960 and July 1, 1964. Population jumped from 6,881 to 8,500 for a percentage increase of between 31 and 32 per cent.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO

Home Construction
Farmington Township ranked tenth in new home construction starts for the first quarter of 1960 of all communities in the greater Detroit area. A total of 166 residential building permits were taken out in Farmington Township during the first three months of this year.

New Parking Lot

Work is moving ahead rapidly on the large parking area being constructed in the south-east quadrant of the downtown Farmington business district.

Cawley Sets Mark

Farmington's Rex Cawley has set a new record in the 880-yard hurdles at the University of Southern California. Rex, who starred for the Falcons by claiming both state and national honors while at FHS, cleared the hurdles in the record time of 47.8. He is a freshman at USC.

FHS Nine Wins

The Farmington High School baseball team clobbered Walsted Lake's nine, 15 to 7, in an Inter-Lakes Conference game last week with Falcon hurler Datryl Allen picking up the victory. Allen and outfielder Gary Tinkle both homered for Farmington.

10 YEARS AGO

MAY 12, 1955

New Church Site

The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington announced this week the purchase of the Charles F. Brown property on Farmington Road at 11 Mile Road in Farmington Township. Remodeling plans are already set for buildings on the site. William Parsons is serving as chairman of the Building Committee.

Jaycee President

William Conroy was elected this week as the new President of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for the 1955-56 term.

Cassell Re-Elected

Robert Cassell has been re-elected President of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) for the 1955-56 year.

Track Records

The Farmington High School track team, coached by Harold Humble, has surpassed five track marks set by Falcon stars of past years. The latest, FHS record to be eclipsed was the high jump mark which was bettered by Don Nichols with an effort of 5'9".

15 YEARS AGO

MAY 11, 1950

No Lighted Field

Voters from the Farmington School District went to the polls on Monday and defeated by 36 votes the measure which would have provided a lighted athletic field for Farmington High School. Only 679 of the more than 3,500 registered voters bothered to go to the polls.

Barn Fire

The Farmington volunteer fire department had to call for help from Novi and Northville when fire struck the barn on the farm of Dr. Karl L. Swift, 38285 12 Mile Road in Farmington. The barn and two out-buildings were totally destroyed but firemen managed to keep the blaze from spreading to other buildings on the property.

"Fun Bowl" Plans

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce has set the plans for its Fourth Annual Fun Bowl to be held at Farmington Recreation on May 26. This year's program will feature a wide variety of screwball bowling events.

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