

Delay the Trip.
To roads are a good excuse for postponing unnecessary trips. Township Police Chief Irving Yakes stated. They also may be a valid excuse for arriving late at an important meeting. But they are definitely not a good reason for becoming involved in an accident, when an earlier start and slow, steady, cautious driving could prevent that accident.

When men put their trust in God and in knowledge, the government of the majority is, in the end, the government of the wise and good. —William Spalding

DICKIE LOU MARKET GAINS ANOTHER NEW ASSISTANT MGR.

Dick and Lou Svatora of 2109 Farmington Road wish to announce the addition of Lawrence George Svatora to their staff. Lawrence arrived via stock, Monday, January 20, 1958. His weight was 8 lbs., 4 oz. Mother and son are doing fine. —Adv.

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School Need Talk Slated at Eagle

Another in the current series of talks being presented by School Board members on school needs and future plans for the Farmington School District will be presented Monday, February 3, at 8 p.m. at the Eagle elementary school.

Although under the arrangements of the Eagle School P.T.A., the meeting is open to all residents of the area regardless of whether or not they are P.T.A. members, it was pointed out.

As in previous programs, members of the School Board will outline what has been and is presently being done in the way of construction and expansion in the school district and what is hoped to be done in the future to provide an even better school system. Among the topics to be discussed will be the \$1,500,000 bond issue to be voted on March 10 and the school operational expense problems presently being faced in the School District.

Readers of a California newspaper were asked if they believed the paper should print the names of juveniles who commit serious offenses. The result: 58 per cent voted "yes", 27 per cent voted "no", and 15 per cent gave no opinion.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY, January 31**
7:00 p.m. Falcons vs. Waterford
7:00 p.m. Trojans vs. W. Bloomfield
8:00 p.m. Teen Topper Dance
- SUNDAY, February 2**
2:00 p.m. Guest Male Quartet
7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- MONDAY, February 3**
7:45 p.m. Macabees
8:00 p.m. Ladywood Mothers
8:00 p.m. School Board Program
8:00 p.m. Middlebelt PTA
8:00 p.m. City Council
- TUESDAY, February 4**
6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club
7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol
8:00 p.m. Wood Creek Council
8:00 p.m. Salem Church Board
8:30 p.m. V.F.W. Auxiliary
- WEDNESDAY, February 5**
12:15 p.m. Exchange Club
2:00 p.m. Salem Women's Guild
2:00 p.m. Women's Club
6:30 p.m. Founder's Day Dinner

PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

Zoning, Rezoning Direct Concern of Everyone

To the Editor:
The final outcome of the issue of rezoning in the Bel-Aire Subdivision of out lot "A" from a C-1 to a C-2 zoning by the Farmington City Council is a civic problem involving indirectly and directly the Farmington residents as a whole. It is not a problem of interest within each subdivision the people of entire Farmington are the beneficiaries. Let one small community slacken its concern for its immediate environment and there will develop an eye sore and blight within the City as a whole which no Chamber of Commerce can talk away. Despite the seriousness of the occasion can be more easily understood when part of the difficulties found in the problem of rezoning and zoning are related to the future welfare of the community in a way as well as an economic way.

The mass exodus of people from the city seeking in the country that bit of fresh air and green belt was greeted with hasty provisions because there was very little time for anyone to think the problem out. But now that there is a little more time to think, we find ourselves very much in the same position as one of our newly opened expressiveness where we all optimistically rushed with open throat to a traffic-jammed exit.

The way out is certainly not to mobilize our thinking in terms of twenty years ago. Despite the recent hiring of a City Planner and use of words like "progress" and "change", the Council Members still think as the residents of the City of zoning and rezoning as a piece-meal process without realizing the social potentiality of a community in terms of twenty years to fifty years. If the Councilmen doubt the probability of planning for that length of time, then they can see the futurity of piece-meal planning in the numerous slum areas in Detroit and other cities. Rezoning and zoning can not today be done with the same principles and motivations which guided former politicians and Chamber of Commerces. Too much is involved and too dangerous in social consequences. Up-to-date progressive thinking is a must.

As a first hand viewer of the issue of rezoning between the Council of Farmington and the Bel-Aire Subdivision families I would have been more confident in their decision if the Council could have expressed something more than sincere regrets and vague explanations of the advantages and disadvantages of rezoning and the need to think not about a section of a street in Farmington but the City as a whole. Never did any Council Member with coaching from his City Planner lucidly explain and propose a master plan of action for a period of ten or more years for the whole City. What are the anticipated economic and population growth and what are the main problems of creating a workable structure for the City as a whole were not even remotely articulated by any member of the Council. In short, they made a decision but never gave intelligent facts supporting their decision.

How can bowling contribute of a slum? Bowling as an influence, good or bad, depends on the conduct that an individual keeps, but bowling alleys are buildings covering (including parking areas) over 80 per cent of the site and built on the adjacent homes on two sides are certainly an invitation to the kind of conditions which are found exclusively in slums. The architecture of the building does not matter, for it will be covered by parked cars both in front and back. On its only free side a pedestrian can enjoy the eight foot planned green belt and an expanse of solid masonry wall capped by pitch-roofs. The building is too large for the site. The relationship of space to building is an important consideration to the planner, especially when two different social functions are existing side by side. Res-



HAROLD CARR
Named Detroit Bank, Trust V.P.

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of Harold P. Carr of 2222 Valley View Circle, Farmington, as a vice president of The Detroit Bank and Trust Company. The appointment was made at the board of directors meeting held last Tuesday, January 27. Joseph M. Dodge, chairman of The Detroit Bank and Trust Company, said:

Starting with Detroit Bank and Trust in 1932, Carr was first assigned to the Outstate Banking Division. Mr. and Mrs. Carr resided in Dearborn for several years prior to moving into their new home here recently.

Carr is a director of the recently organized Greater Farmington Shrine Club.

Okay Test Well At Gill Rd. School

Authorization to drill a test water well at the Gill Road elementary school site was given by the School Board at its meeting Monday night. The action came following a report indicating that it had been necessary to close the school for one day recently because of a shortage of water. It was also disclosed in the report that on several occasions in the past water taps in the school building had to be shut off in order to build up a sufficient water pressure in the one well now serving the school.

Plans call for drilling the test well near the present well. Some questions were raised on the advisability of doing this in view of the fact that the school is located in the so-called "dry area" in the township. It was pointed out that this was the recommendation of the well drillers, however, and the Board authorized that his recommendation be followed.

Obey Traffic Laws

Obedience traffic laws is the best way to prevent accidents in any season of the year, says Township Chief of Police Irving Yakes. But on slippery roadways it takes added caution and a safety-equipped vehicle to achieve full compliance, he points out. At normal speeds a driver may find heavy skidding right through a stop sign or signal, even though his brakes are just as good as they were last summer. So reduced speed and increased caution should be winter safety watchwords for law-abiding drivers, he warns.

Township Firemen Well Insured, Get New Training, Equipment

The township fire department has been given a great deal of assistance and praise since William Fisher was named to head the department committee. He has been taking inventory, seeing that necessary supplies were on hand, checking over equipment, and working with the men at the three fire stations.

His reports at the township board meetings have been short but complete, and he has laid out a program to not only complete the department but see that the volunteers get recognition for their fine work.

AT A RECENT board meeting, he reported on Station 2, Bell's Garage. Chief Roy Bell had taken inventory and Mr. Fisher planned to make recommendations.

A fire drill was held at the Franklin Products Company at the invitation of P. G. Schlatterbeck. The volunteer firemen were shown through the plant, saw the fire fighting equipment available, and shown means of entrance, water supply, where to shut off the power. Afterward they were treated to breakfast.

Mr. Fisher recommended this be done at other industrial plants, which might save loss of life and property.

A MUTUAL AID Fire Fighters' association meeting was recently attended by Mr. Fisher, and he has told the township board of its advantages. A big fire in any of the communities would bring free help. Some of the communities included are Farmington, Walled Lake, Novi, West Bloomfield, Franklin, Plymouth Township, and Livonia.

STATION THREE volunteers and chief were praised by Mr. Fisher for the two bad December fires, both on Walden Avenue. At the fire the day before Christmas he reported the firemen had high praise for two township policemen, Richard Thomas and Norman Stanbrook. The pair were at the fire first, helped break into the smoke filled house and rescue a man, then a woman who later died.

The town board wanted to know just what insurance was backing its volunteer firemen, and Mr. Fisher reported on this.

A SPECIAL policy would give the firemen \$25 a week sick benefit, and \$3,000 death benefit. This is in addition to the regular Michigan compensation insurance paid for by the township.

Under the present system a fireman would receive a minimum \$81 per week sick benefit if he had two children.

John A. Zinn and his wife Patricia of Royal Oak were injured Friday morning when their car skidded out of control on wet pavement on 12 Mile Road about a mile west of Farmington Road and smashed into a tree broadside after running into the ditch.

Zinn suffered injuries to a shoulder and his ribs, and his wife lacerations about the head and leg injuries. The accident occurred around 10:30 a.m.

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