

### PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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### Feel League Questionnaire on Sewer Slanted

Dear Sir:

As a former director of the League of Subdivisions and the one responsible for organizing the committee to investigate the facts concerning the proposed Farmington Interceptor Sewer, I believe certain truths should be aired. As the League of Subdivisions is cognizant of criticism of the League as an ineffective, do-nothing organization. This criticism was perhaps warranted. However, the League has decided that drastic measures were necessary. Accordingly, the Sanitary Committee which had only just been formed was urged to proceed quickly with the gathering of all facts, both pro and con. I should state that as a rule those people who volunteer to work for the League do so because they are interested in seeing its fulfillment. The members of the committee and myself were no exception. We all wanted to see the sewer completed expeditiously. The committee decided that the true facts could only come from those who were close to the proposal. Charles Adair was contacted with the Supervisor of the Oakland County Department of Public Works, Harold Schone, and with Mr. R. J. Abery, who is the County Engineer and with Mr. F. J. Stephenson, Farmington Township Supervisor.

These men were the most qualified to supply us with the information we wanted.

They and the committee would be the first to admit that precise and exact information is not available. Now could every detail as to cost, engineering, possible effect on the township, etc., have been foretold? However, the facts were true as they know them to be at this time.

It is needless to say that the county and township officials are in favor of the sewer. If they were not or did not think it would be a boon to the community they would not have pushed it as they did. As this information was presented to the Board of Directors of the League. Because the report was favorable toward the Interceptor, the report was a hassle among those who were for and those against the sewer. There were many questions and suppositions, such as the cost, the rate of rates, etc. I emphasize these were suppositions. The known facts were favorable to the sewer. Since there was no agreement, League President, Elliott Rogers, edited the letter and questionnaire which may mass mailed to all residents.

I submit that the letter and questions were stated so as to allow only an unfavorable result for the sewer. For example, phrases unfavorable to the sewer predominated and are underlined or put in larger type. The impression is given that the cost is entirely prohibitive. A resume showing that the cost would be only approximately \$750 for the average home on a 100 ft. lot was omitted. Finally four observations at the end of the report are all opposed to the sewer. Only in the beginning does the report grudgingly admit that there may be a health hazard. No consideration of course, is given to the numerous lot owners who were and still are being duped into purchasing lots which would be approved for percolation and are therefore of no use to anyone.

Is it any wonder that in my own subdivision where we have a good problem and all our residents have regularly expressed a wish for a sewer, fifty percent who replied were opposed to it.

It is my considered opinion that the idea of a League of Subdivisions has merit, in spite of the manner in which this matter was handled. If more of the organized subdivisions were members and had a voice in its councils we could do more than deplore the bias and inattention to the needs of our citizens.

Yours truly,  
Bernard Schmidt, D.D.S.

### Wants Facts on Need for Sewer System

Dear Editor:

The heavy-type article in last week's Enterprise concerning the health problem and the Township Health Officer's statements at the last Township Board meeting are just the things needed to start a real fear campaign into Farmington Township.

But has the health officer ever proved facts and figures to prove we have a health hazard? Why isn't the talk and advice publicly backed up with facts and figures? Could it be that the theory of a breeding ground for disease would be exploded if it were down in black and white? Maybe there are some areas where sewers are needed. But let's be sensible and do something constructive instead of starting a small scale war by implication and ignorance.

Let's start by going into the areas where there is no water. Let's ask these people if they have

### To Be Honored For All-A Record

Patricia Beckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beckett of 2905 Salsburg will be among 184 Michigan State University students to be honored tonight, Thursday, May 1, for obtaining an all-A academic average for the 1957 winter semester.

Miss Beckett is a health, physical education and recreation major.

President John A. Hannah will be host at a dinner given in the Student Union building at 6 p.m. The institution of a dinner honoring the students who made all A's was begun in 1946.

Dr. Willis W. Armstrong, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, will be the principal speaker. His topic will be "Medical Serendipity," finding things one is not looking for and the number of major medical discoveries which have been made by accident.

### Westbrooke Manor News

CAROL PASKI GR. 4-3321

There was quite an excitement created in Westbrooke Manor last Saturday and Sunday afternoons as Johnny Weismuller appeared at the new model home for Westbrooke Manor. He is well known as a former Olympic swimming champion and for his movies.

Visiting the Floyd Joyce's for 2 weeks are Mr. and Mrs. Raman Jaszwaski from Minneapolis, Minnesota. They are the parents of Mr. Joyce.

Mrs. Nellie Devine hosted her 50th Club on Thursday, April 24th. Eight ladies attending.

After the "Twin Spin" dance at Farmington Senior High School, April 26th, Suedyne Brown held a slumber party for eight girls from school. This particular evening sleep was unheard of and pizza was in the making.

Rising early at 6:00 a.m. last Saturday morning were Sharolyn Brown and Joan Smith who spent the day at Albion College swimming and enjoying water follies.

Members of the Detroit Chapter of the W.A.C. Veterans Club are holding their annual birthday luncheon at 1 p.m., May 17th at Carl's Club House.

Invited are active and veteran members and their friends.

Correspondence has been sent to the Governor and Mayor, requesting them to proclaim May 14th as Wac Veterans Day.

Guest speaker has been selected from prominent "Women Who Work."

For reservations call Irene Fredrick Sasnowski, T.W. 1-2874.

Seven adults and six children gathered at Mrs. Melvin Walter's home on the occasion of "Mother's Tea" Thursday, April 24th.

To celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Myles Gallagher, the Joseph Garvies and the Myles Gallaghers of Detroit and the Nellie Devines from Westbrooke Manor enjoyed a birthday dinner at Danny's Club House last Friday evening.

### Elks Helping Needy Children

Funds raised by Elk members throughout the state are now being used to help needy youngsters for whom aid is not provided by other agencies.

One such project is the treatment of 15-year-old James Snyder of 301 Academy, Ferndale, who is suffering from malocclusion of the lower jaw. He is now being treated in Ann Arbor and hopes to be released from the physical difficulty can be corrected.

All expenses for this care is being paid for by the Elks Major Project Committee located in Owosso, Michigan. The money is raised from a \$1.00 fee charged each Elk member per year.

Each Elk's Lodge has a local committee as well to find and make arrangements for helping local needy children. Heading the Farmington Elk's Lodge committee is Billy Hicks. Members of his committee are Dave DeWier, Orville Whittington, Wayne Sutton and Roe Roton.

Anyone knowing of a needy child or children in the community for whom help can not be provided by other agencies are asked to contact Mr. Hicks at GR 4-3688 before 5 p.m. or at Northville 9183 in the evening.

Mrs. Helen Darling Dies in California

Word has been received by friends here that Mrs. Helen Darling, wife of Dr. Donald H. Darling (former residents on 12 Mile Road here) passed away Saturday, April 26th, at her home in Encino, California. Dr. Darling had a dentist's office at the Grand River Avenue building.

Left to survive her besides her husband are a son, Anthony, and a sister, Mrs. Stewart Grimes of Floral Avenue, Farmington.

Mrs. Grimes had left by plane to the sister, but Mrs. Darling passed away before she arrived.

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#### TOWNSHIP BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington Township Board was called and held on April 22nd, A.D. 1958 at 8:00 P.M. by Mr. Stephenson, Chairman. Present: Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Cairns, Hyde, Fisher, Westlake, Brown and Avery. Mr. Robbins, Township Attorney, also present.

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 25th read by Clerk. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Westlake, supported by Fisher, that the Minutes be approved as read. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Westlake, supported by Fisher, that Mr. Pullen's letter of resignation be received and that resignation not be accepted at this time. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that Mr. Pullen's letter of resignation be accepted at this time. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that the recommendation of resignation be discussed with him and situation worked out if possible. Carried.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that Resolution and letter from Oakland County CIO Council in re Unemployment Compensation be accepted and placed on file for study and considered at next Regular Meeting. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Cairns, supported by Avery, that we authorize one meeting a month free to sign for the Scouts. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Fisher, that the Clerk be authorized to try to sell a used Ford Fire Truck as soon as possible. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that a permit for sale of Ford Fire Truck and sale authorization thereof be put on the Agenda for next Regular Meeting. Carried, unanimous.

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### In And Around Springland

MRS. RALPH EVERT GR. 4-6278

A field trip is planned for the third grade students of Bond School to identify and study the life of the residents of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Neel, 30414 Rockshire Drive. The nature field trip will be through the woodland in the neighborhood of the Neels. A typical Beech Maple woodland, so scarce in the State of Michigan. The group also will have an opportunity to identify and study the wild flowers growing in the neighborhood. The spring flowers, Trilliums, Spring Beauties, and many others are in bloom at this time of year. Wild birds and animals that live in the woods will also be part of the study for the students.

The Staman Stitches have invited the Springland Friendship Club to attend their next meeting on May 7 at 8:15; to be held at Farmington Savings and Loan. A movie on "Cancer of the Cervix" will be shown and a doctor will be present to answer any questions. Refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in attending this meeting are asked to call Mrs. R. Rader, GR 4-3537, by May 3.

The next regular meeting of the Springland Friendship Club will be held at Mrs. R. Rader's May 14, with Mrs. H. Boucher as co-hostess. An important drawing is to be held at this meeting.

### Alta Loma Sub News

Mrs. Loren M. Jenks, Jr. GR. 4-3530

Subdivision Association Secretary, Harriet Pell, states that the roster should be in the mail this week. Members who do not receive their's in a short time are asked to contact her.

Mrs. Bashford of Fleming Drive has returned from a winter in Phoenix, Arizona. She drove East with two friends, and they made the trip by way of Florida.

Ralph Held is home now after several weeks in the hospital. Everyone sends good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Spring activities for the young and vigorous include the elementary school concert, May 2nd, and the performances of Louis Brugman on the cornet, Gary Pell on the trombone and Billy Pell on the alto sax. All three of the Pell clan play, they say, and sometimes all at once.

Recent social notes among the more sedate include a several-weeks ago party at the home of the police social Nagys; a salad Nagys affair at the Ross household for the Permans, Hostetters, and the Joseph Martins; and a dinner party of special note Saturday at the Wars.

Linda Nagys spent the weekend visiting friends in Detroit, but joins us once again. The Nagys are having baby sitting troubles.

A tax cut, if it comes, is likely to take the form of reduction of 10 percent on the first \$2,000 of taxable income, and 5 percent on all income above that. A small cut in the corporation tax—perhaps 2 percent — is also probable.

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MOTION by Fisher, supported by Avery, that we have the Township Attorney study and draft an Ordinance for fire prevention in the Township. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Cairns, supported by Westlake, that the Final Plat of Valley Hills Subdivision, part of NW 1/4 Sec. 28, be approved. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Westlake, supported by Avery, that the request for rezoning in Martindale Manor or Subdivision be referred to Planning Board for study and recommendations. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that the request for rezoning be designated "Clean Up Point Up Week." Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that the recommendation of rezoning be discussed with him and situation worked out if possible. Carried.

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FLOYD A. CAIRNS Farmington Twp. Clerk

MOTION by Fisher, supported by Westlake, that the Township Treasurer be authorized to pay the Veterans' Exemption, which money will be returned from the Auditor General's Office in June, in the sum of \$16,419.50. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Fisher, supported by Brown, that we refuse the request of Mr. C. Regan for Veterans Homestead tax exemption on the basis that there is no record of qualified exemption under the law. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Fisher, supported by Brown, that Mr. C. Regan be allowed to pay his delinquent taxes without penalty, and if the Township should be held liable by the County for Penalty through April 1958, on said delinquent taxes that the penalty be paid out of the overage. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Avery, supported by Fisher, that the Clerk be empowered to write the State Highway Department asking them to bypass the Township area with the proposed 41 Mile Expressway, due to the fact it would cut the Township in two and that too many stand to lose too much in the way of dollars and cents, to say nothing of the inconvenience to communities, schools, churches and services. Roll Call Vote—6 Yes. Mr. Brown not voting. Carried.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that we authorize Township Attorney to write an Opinion on constitutionality of division based on population in Amendment Statute as soon as possible. Carried.

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and back of area, affecting some 30 lots, and that a meeting be arranged between Mr. Lynch and members of committee present objecting to present zoning in said Subdivision. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Hugg, that the Questionnaire prepared and circulated by the Township League of Subdivisions be received and placed on file and studied by the members of the Township Board, and that the League be thanked for their study and initiative in this matter. Carried, unanimous.

MOTION by Hugg, supported by Westlake, that the bills presented and checked be paid from the appropriate funds. Carried, unanimous.

On Motion made and supported the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

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