

Editorial Page

The City Proposals

The group recommending incorporation of the City of Farmington Woods and the group opposing it are both to be commended upon one thing—they are making every attempt to see that the voters will be very fully informed before the election Nov. 4.

The Enterprise is not making any recommendations on this issue, but is pleased to serve both groups. The cornerstone of American democracy is based upon the people being fully informed, then casting votes in sufficient quantity to accurately determine a majority opinion.

There are a couple of comments we'd like to make about the coming election. It seems a little odd that all the fight is against the Farmington Woods proposal, when the Clarenceville area will vote the same day on whether or not the people want to try to establish a city government. The relative quiet in Clarenceville could stem from the fact there is not a citizens' organization fighting the proposal, as there is in Farmington Woods. It might even mean there is little public opposition to the City of Clarenceville. Frankly, we don't know, and only the vote in less than four weeks will tell this. There have been meetings in Clarenceville to explain the proposal, and answer questions, so we have the idea most people already know how they intend to vote.

One other thing we'd like to say: we've been happy to publish the information furnished by proponents and opponents, and just in case anyone would get any ideas, we'll be rather hesitant about publishing any new information in the last issue before the election, unless it appears based on sound fact. We don't want any last minute misinformation which could not be answered or set straight until after the election. We hadn't expected this, in any event.

As to charter commission members, it is possibly more important that those elected to this job have had wide experience and an open mind, than that they be bound to any pre-conceived plan.

The next couple of weeks will be an important time for the township and all its people—not to be forgotten November 4.

Church Growth

We all think of Farmington City and Township as a growing area—more houses, more schools, better streets. We wonder if many have also realized the great growth here of our churches.

New congregations, new parishes have been formed, opened meeting in some of the school buildings until strong enough to erect their own place of worship. None of the long time churches here has failed to meet the challenge to grow with the community. As a result there are a great many new church buildings and additions, and plans for others.

The buildings are only mortal trappings for true religion, and it is the growing congregations, the widespread programs by which church bodies meet the religious and even the practical needs of their congregations that count before God, and most people.

A listing of all the new buildings, additions and remodelings, might be misleading. But Farmington should thank the Maker for the surge of interest in all things religious.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD—A post office for the City of Southfield for the centennial year was dedicated last week when the Birmingham postmaster announced that bids on a suitable building are now being asked for.

Mail building in the vicinity of Ten Mile and Telegraph is being sought.

Southfield correspondence has been slow for many years due to the absence of the word "Southfield" in post office vocabulary. Most of the mail has been handled by Detroit or Birmingham post offices. The remainder has been cleared through Royal Oak and Franklin.

Until such time as the new post office is opened, persons sending mail to Southfield should continue to send their mail through the same post offices as they have in the past.

PLYMOUTH—A \$587,000 plan financed jointly by the federal government and the city of Plymouth is to redevelop several blocks of residential property and perhaps the Daisy Manufacturing property for industrial use. The plan is submitted to the city commission last week.

Vilcan-Leman & Associates, Detroit planning consultants hired by the commission several weeks ago, are conducting their study. An Urban Renewal Plan for Plymouth, presented a 21 page report on the city's possible participation in the revitalization program sponsored by the federal government.

Urban Renewal, an unfamiliar government agency to most people, was established in 1949 to help cities eliminate and redevelop slum and blighted areas which have little chance for improvement by itself.

George Velean pointed out five areas in Plymouth which could possibly qualify for federal funds.

BIRMINGHAM—A majority of Birmingham high school football fans got off to a wrong season start by going to Friday night games. They expected their behavior in front of hundreds of adult spectators, according to Birmingham's Mayor Carl F. Ingram.

He also mentioned his comments into the city record at a regular commission meeting. He addressed about a dozen high school students in the audience, members of the high school civics class who are required to attend several municipal meetings as a class assignment.

He asked that these students take his message back to others at the school.

He was a bit ashamed of the lack of evidence of good sportsmanship to the citizens of Royal Oak when our students cheered the Royal Oak player when he was injured, when he was worn up when Birmingham was penalized for a personal foul, when several high school players ran around the stands and to see 15 and 16 year old boys puffing on cigars.

FRANKLIN—The Franklin Community Library, despite the need of funds, will decide in three weeks whether it will stay in business for the 1958-'59 year.

So far, only 18 families have contributed to the library, which is sustained almost entirely by contributions.

A phone campaign to past contributors who have not yet given for this year is now in progress. Almost \$1,000 is needed to keep the library functioning. Whether the goal is reached or not will not be known until Oct. 23.

SOUTH LYON—Shoppers in South Lyon picked up a lot of real bargains a week ago Saturday and had a great deal of fun while doing it.

The second annual Sidewalk Day, sponsored by most businesses and professional men in this area, was held with great success.

DEARBORN—Expansion program is underway at the Springwells Water Site in northeast Dearborn between Green and Park. It is being built by the Detroit Water Board.

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Federal Defense Education Act May Make State \$4 Million Richer

MICHIGAN EDUCATION CAN BE \$4,000,000 richer by June 30, 1959 if the state qualifies under all provisions of the new Federal Defense Education Act. The law was enacted with this session of Congress.

And those who fought to keep federal control over local school systems can have a victorious sigh of relief too. A guarantee against "control follows dollars" tradition was written into the law. This lack of restriction was referred to by a leading educator as the "most significant happening in many years."

It brought cheers from Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett, state superintendent of public instruction, and most Michigan educators. Their simultaneous campaign to safeguard local control was successful.

The key clause reads: "Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to authorize any department, agency, officer or employee of the United States to exercise any direction, supervision, or control over any school program of instruction, administration, or personnel of any educational institution or school system."

No professional educator missed its significance. In Michigan, where two-thirds of the state sales tax and other money goes into education, the legislature brings struggles over whether the schools shall teach certain forms of American history, civics or religion. One of the toughest battles of the 1958 session centered on the compulsory reading of the Holy Bible.

The "control follows dollars" practice is a modern form of the ancient "dollar diplomacy," prevalent especially during the early 1900s when American foreign policy usually carried instructions how it was used.

Michigan will get slightly over \$1,000,000 in Federal aid this year. All that goes into education. Factors to be considered:

First, Bartlett said he believes the legislature must give its approval before any Federal aid is accepted.

At least one part of the grant must be matched 50:50 by the state or local governments.

Second, the state Federal act, designed to strengthen science, mathematics and foreign language courses in the elementary and high schools, can be worth \$2,454,741 to Michigan.

The money is earmarked for laboratories, equipment, and as extra dollars to improve all phases of specialized education in these three major fields.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO October 5, 1933 Road Surfacing

Farmington City's proposed public works program, prepared in accordance with the National Recovery Act, is now being forwarded for consideration with the multitude of other municipal projects throughout the nation.

An appropriation to cover the cost of resurfacing Farmington Road from Grand River to Shawassee and Shawassee from Grand River to Warner Street is being asked for. The plans of the engineer provided for asphalt surfacing at a cost of \$6,000. Considerable other work was also called for at an estimated cost of \$28,000.

Under the National Recovery Act, the Federal government has agreed to pay one-third of any approved project.

After decades of resting on the foundation laid when the building was erected, Farmington's former D.R. Tower house is getting a new foundation thanks to the new owners, LaSalle Winery, Inc. Work began recently is expected to be completed by next week.

The project is providing work for two residents of this area.

TEN YEARS AGO October 7, 1948 Temporary Classrooms

A temporary classroom has been secured and will be erected at the Edgewood elementary school. The building is a government barracks type building and is 29 by 52 feet in size.

Work is to be started on the footings immediately so that the building can be set as soon as it arrives.

The building will be used for temporary classrooms, particularly to ease crowded conditions in the first and second grades.

It is also planned to use a portion of the building for the school hot lunch program.

FIVE YEARS AGO October 8, 1953 Hunting Ban

The establishment of a hunting ban in Farmington Township was approved by a better than 2 to 1 margin in a special election held Monday. A total of 1,162 votes were cast with 780 favoring the ban and 382 opposing it.

The new law will take effect immediately. Violators will be subject to fine or imprisonment or both.

School Enrollment Enrollment in the Farmington and Clarenceville schools is level off, officials stated this week.

Farmington School District reported a total of 3,001 students enrolled and Clarenceville a total of 1,893.

Superintendents of both school districts, O. E. Dunkel of Farmington and Louis Schmitt of Clarenceville, reported that there is almost always a slight increase in enrollment throughout the year as new families move into the area.

These enrollments, however, are the official enrollments for the year and the ones on which state aid payments to the districts are based.

Traffic Deaths In State Down For 9th Month

September was the ninth consecutive month this year to show a reduction in traffic deaths under the same month of last year. It is the fifteenth consecutive month in which reductions were reported.

Delayed reports of deaths, however, may add to the number for September. It will still be an excellent record in comparison with the monthly average of 173 fatalities in September during the five-year period from 1952 to 1956. The latter year was the turning point in the improvement record.

For the first nine months of the year the total now stands at 941 deaths as compared to 1104 under same period of last year. This is a saving of 163 lives, or 14.8 per cent.

It is the lowest recorded since 1945, when 733 died during the same period. This was a war year when gas rationing reduced travel.

Go Devil in the East. This detachment has been aboard the Essex since Feb. 2 when the ship departed Miami, Florida, for the Mediterranean. The carrier spearheaded the U.S. Peace Force landings in Lebanon in mid-July and was suddenly deployed to the Far East during the Formosa crisis, joining the U. S. Seventh Fleet the second week of September.

Wandering Thru Woodbine Sub.

LOIS HOELSCHER GR. 4-0460

The Woodbine Whoop de-do was a grand success last Friday night, as many of you Woodbiners already know. We made quite a bit of money on the radio given away and some on the dance. Elva Bunting won the radio. The money will be turned over to the general fund and it is hoped that eventually we will be able to add to it and it will be used to put lights on the entrance. However this project requires not only the initial outlay but also a monthly maintenance check so it will be a while before we can afford it.

The monthly meeting of the cancer pad sewing ladies will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14th, at Helen Moore's house, 28243 Briar Hill. If you have an extra hour or so to help out in this work, drop over to Moore's anytime after 12:30 p.m.

The Oran Smiths had a pleasant weekend. Their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Fryer and grandchildren, Cindy and Billy, came to visit from Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert Brosch had a mishap last Sunday. While helping Howard Donovan and Dexter Van Wicklin saw up some logs with an electric chain saw, he managed to get his fingers sawed too. He was rushed to Mt. Carmel Hospital where they took five stitches.

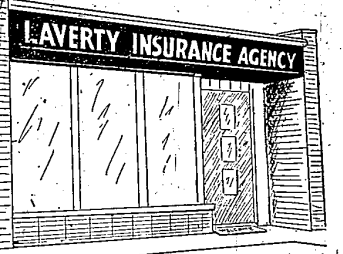
Mr. Van Wicklin, subdivision road commissioner, reports he has been calling the Oakland County Road Commission every night for the past week, asking them to please grade the subdivision road. The county has been promising they would come but have decided they won't grade now until a culvert is put in under the road at the back of the subdivision near Shady-lane and Wildwood Trail. So I guess we will have to jolt along for a while longer.

New neighbors in the subdivision are Mr. and Mrs. Lief Laursen and their daughter who moved into their new home on Wildwood Trail about a month and a half ago.

LILLIAN ROBERTS gave a surprise dinner party for her husband, Al, last Saturday night in honor of his birthday. His parents and several friends helped Al to celebrate the occasion.

Chet Orlikowski is home from a week's hunting trip. Chet was hunting with a bow and arrow for deer. He saw lots of them but none close enough to get a shot at.

Jerry Orlikowski was honored to be elected co-captain of the track team at U. of D. high school where he is a senior this year.



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