

Editorial Page

Industry, Offices Needed

Farmington city officials have shown an eagerness to assist in getting organizations and businesses to move here, as a needed part of the normal growth pattern of any community. The proper kinds of business and industry are a great and continuing asset to the city and residents.

Apparently the tentative proposal to locate a big new office building here, north of the expressway and west of Cloverdale school, will be given full consideration on the request to rezone. It seems to us an excellent use of this vacant land, and one which could meet with little objection from residents of Warner Farms. We'll hope the plan wins.

The new American Bakeries building is another welcome addition, and we hope the firm will find it desirable almost immediately to expand its operations here, perhaps move its offices here as has been suggested.

On the other hand, township officials recently elected have committed themselves to oppose any type of rezoning which will bring in much more commercial and light industrial operations. Recent applications for rezoning have not fared very well in the township.

It has been suggested by several people that this may prove helpful to the city, that it might help eventually to spur annexation of nearby areas to the city, giving these areas utilities not now available. It's even been suggested that perhaps Norman Lawton should investigate the possibility of annexing the Star Cutter and other property west on Grand River to Drake Road to the city of Farmington. His proposal to create an industrial park might well get more help from city officials. Water could be available quickly, sewer perhaps sooner than from the new interceptor system.

In an area like ours, there are many, many ideas as to how growth should be controlled. That's one of the advantages of a good planning board, which can take all these desires and factors into consideration, and help steer a course which will benefit the most people.

Legislature Busy

To many persons it may have seemed the Michigan legislature in the last eight months has done not a thing but wrangle over basic differences on how to levy taxes for additional expenditures.

It might come as a shock to some of these persons to study a list just released which gives short descriptions of some of the more important bills passed in this session. The summary was for about 70 bills, other than appropriation bills, out of the approximately 230 bills which have become law this year. That doesn't sound like the legislature has been lazy.

In fact, a study of the bills passed shows action was taken in about every field of government. We were particularly interested in laws which will benefit townships, schools and cities, and there were quite a few.

In reading the listings, another thought struck us. Those in the state who have wanted a constitutional convention claim we are in a bind, that laws can't be changed to keep up with constantly changing conditions. Certainly this lengthy list of new laws represent a lot of change in just one year, and many or most are in the fields which bring up-to-date our own needs in governing ourselves.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD

The city of Southfield groped into its medicine cabinet this week for a bottle labeled "Aspirin for Zoning Headaches."

The headache stems from the presence of too many proposed neighborhood shopping centers—of the where one is felt to be sufficient. The headaches probably got a head-hold last week when the zoning board received approval of a rezoning request by Rodney Lockwood. He is seeking rezoning from residential to neighborhood shopping of a 26-acre plot approximately half-way between 12 and 13 Mile roads on the east side of Southfield Road.

But another shopping center hopeful, the Southfield Shopping Center Building Co., owning property directly south of the Lockwood plot, also has requested the same type of rezoning for the same purpose and been turned down.

The city found itself with a restraining order in its lap Monday. Issued by the Oakland County Circuit Court, it prevents Southfield from allowing construction of a shopping center on the Lockwood property and orders the city to show cause why it should not be restrained from granting Lockwood's rezoning petition.

DEARBORN

Dearborn township, Inkster and three other downtown communities may be "reworked" by 1961. Plans are nearing completion to construct a gigantic incinerator on township land at Inkster and Ann Arbor. This will provide disposal facilities for the five communities.

The township board has authorized a resolution to L. Canfield to issue bonds to finance the community's part of the construction.

—The Dearborn Press

WAYNE

If Wayne doesn't take drastic action in the near future to rejuvenate its business district, it will be left with a few shabby shopping centers. This was the warning issued Wayne civic and governmental leaders last week by a Wayne State planning group which recently completed a year's study of the Wayne area as part of a post-graduate course.

The theoretical plan included major changes in traffic patterns to separate local and through traffic; a loop-type traffic pattern around the central business district; ample parking and a separation of motor and pedestrian traffic.

The study group had no estimate of the cost for these projects. A survey of the area disclosing population, buyer habits and potentials, like statistics on the reasons why large department stores will consider locating in the area, it was emphasized.

—The Wayne Dispatch

PLYMOUTH

The board of education of Plymouth will journey to Birmingham soon to get a closer view of the state's first junior-senior high new under construction. Such a combination school is one of the possibilities being considered by the board in its planning for more facilities.

The board will meet with the Birmingham superintendent and other school officials to discuss the reasons why Birmingham decided to build a combination school of this kind. Later they will visit the construction site.

LIVONIA

Wayne County's drain commissioner was authorized to get to work as soon as possible on \$1,300,000 worth of storm drainage which will relieve drainage problems in the southeast corner of the city and the central "industrial belt."

The work will be paid for over a 30-year period by general assessment. Interest on the bonds to be sold will be at a rate of six percent. Charges will be spread over the county tax roll. The project was approved months ago but it has taken this long to negotiate the financing.

NOVI

The township board last week tabled indefinitely petitions calling for a special township election to determine ownership of the fire department and radio equipment.

It has been stated by a Pontiac attorney that such an election would be illegal. One of the reasons he cited was the fact that it called for the turning over of the equipment to the village of Novi for only \$500. This, he said, is far less than the actual value of the equipment.

—The Novi News

The calmer thought is not always the right thought, just as the clearer view is not always the truest view.—Hawthorne



MICHIGAN MIRROR • ELMER WHITE

Cash Crisis Brings Functions of Administrative Board to Light

MICHIGAN'S CASH CRISIS focused almost unprecedented attention on the State Administration Board this year.

Except for the Secretary of State's signature on drivers' licenses, the public usually is not directly aware of Administrative Board actions.

THIS YEAR the Board has been to Michigan what the Joint Chiefs of Staff is to the Pentagon.

Urgency and secrecy prevail when the board meets to decide how to meet the pressing problems it faces.

THESE ARE THE MEN who, with Williams, exercise control over all state agencies and institutions.

IT GOV. JOHN B. SWAINSON is the acting governor, while Williams is one of two and presides over the Administrative Board meetings when the Governor is absent.

Although he carries no vote as President and presiding officer in the GOP-dominated Senate, Swainson has been a valuable liaison between the Executive and Legislative branches.

Swainson, a World War II double-amputee, directed much of the effort to cash in the 60-million-dollar Veterans' Trust Fund.

All "cabinet members," the Lieutenant Governor has the least fulltime duties.

SEC. OF STATE JAMES M. HARE — Although he directs a far-flung agency operation, Hare's role in the cash crisis has been confined primarily to committee sessions within the Administrative Board. He was assigned to look out for employee welfare during periods of payless paydays.

Hare feels he has made an indirect contribution to easing the cash crisis through his effort to inaugurate programs of government economy and efficiency.

His non-crisis duties include operation of elections and motor vehicle services. His 225 branch offices throughout the state provide the cash crisis relief jobs available in state government.

Hare's primary interest has been in the field of traffic safety.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago AUGUST 16, 1934

Home Loans

Loans of \$100 to \$2000 can be secured by home owners in Farmington and vicinity from the United States government through the Farmington State Bank. No security is required and the loans are to be made available immediately.

The bank has been appointed as an agent of the Federal Housing Administration, authorized during the last session of Congress to grant loans to low quality home buyers for purpose of altering, repairing or improving their property. The only stipulations are that they must have an annual income of \$1000 and a good credit rating.

Nichols School

The annual reunion of the Nichols school will be held at the school house on Saturday, August 25, at 1 p.m. A pot luck dinner will be served. All former teachers, students and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Mail Thieves

Residents of Clarencerville have entered complaints because mail has been taken from their boxes, letters torn open and scattered along the highways. In some cases, cards and letters have been placed in one box altogether. The supposition is that it is the work of one or more persons hoping to find money in the envelopes.

Planning Leads To Rounded Communities

The concern of over-all community planning in the metropolitan area is and must be the welfare of all citizens in regard to their different needs, as well as to their common responsibilities as members of a democratic society.

These different needs include physical, economic, social and cultural requirements.

Spoke Paul M. Reid, executive director of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, at a recent annual planning and zoning conference in Detroit.

"The goal of inclusive planning is the achievement of a community where people can live and work conveniently, comfortably and effectively," Reid said.

Government's role in planning is more than that of an impartial referee in the battle for land and sites to locate factories and shopping areas, plus homes, schools and community institutions.

Government at all levels seeks to provide the kind of material and spatial environment that will contribute to the economic and social development and progress of the community.

A well-rounded and adequate community is a great deal more than a physical environment. This must be no accident. It must be planned, Reid advocates.

Local Navy Man Aboard USS New

Michael Duquet, Navy machinist third class and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Duquet, 2943 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, is serving aboard the USS New (SSN-581) operating out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Duquet was aboard when the ship made a six-week training cruise off the North Atlantic coast recently. At that time the USS New was training midshipmen, who worked alongside the regular crewmen during drills in gunnery, seamanship and navigation.

During the cruise the USS New participated in various operational exercises and made stops at New York city and Quebec, Canada.

Chapala Takes Part In Sea Fair Parade

Rudolph Chapala, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Chapala of 20941 Dunkirk Farmington serving aboard destroyer USS Preston, participated in the West Coast's annual Sea Fair Parade Aug. 6, in which ships of the U.S. First Fleet entered Elliott Bay, Seattle, Wash., in formation.

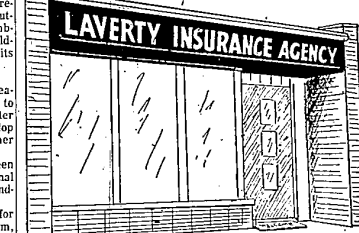
The parade of ships was followed by a two-day recreational visit to the Sea Fair's exhibits and displays along with witnessing the small boat races.

Complete Marine Air Reserve Sinst

Marine Reserves Pfc. D. R. Schuler of 34731 Rhinwood Rd. and Maj. R. E. Spindel of 23854 Colechester, both of Farmington, returned to the Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile, Mich., Aug. 1, with Attack Squadron 222 after completing a two-week Marine Air Reserve training period at Cherry Point, N. C.

The squadron arrived at Cherry Point, July 18, and participated in the training maneuver "Operation Ready."

Among the famous reformers is satirized. The mind ought sometimes to be diverted that it may return to better thinking.—Phaedrus



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