

Know Your Policemen  
I. Yakes Heads  
Township Force

This is the second in a series of articles introducing you to members of the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety and the Farmington Township Police Department.

Head of the Farmington Township police force is Irving I. Yakes. As chief, Yakes has the responsibility of seeing that police protection is provided for the residents throughout the ap-



proximately 31 square mile township area. He has a six-man force working directly under him at the present time. A seventh man will be added within the next couple months.

SINCE the township has no 12, Diana, 10, Dale, 8, and central police radio or teletype Thomas, 5.



Farmington School System Has  
Two New Principals on Staff

Two new principals have been added to the Farmington public school system. Jack A. Cleveland, 35, for the past nine years Cleveland has taught at several different grade levels at the Star elementary school in Royal Oak.

SERVING AS principal at the new Alameda school on Power Road at Alameda 15, Cleveland is now working on his master's degree in education at Wayne State University.

As the result of a recent editorial in the Enterprise, Supervisor Curt Hall has asked that the following statement be published:

"The misinterpretation of the Republican Community Preservation platform on the part of the author of an editorial appearing in the Aug. 26 issue of the Enterprise has caused newly elected officers consternation.

"It is the opinion of the vast majority of economists and planning consultants that every suburban area must have industrial development or face exorbitant tax rates.

Homeowners in Farmington are emitting wails of anguish when they looked at their tax bill and many eventually could be taxed out of their homes unless a realistic approach is taken on creating a favorable tax base."

"Paragraph three of article one definitely pledges efforts to secure a favorable tax base and the only way this can be accomplished is by commercial and light industrial development."

"The 13 mile arm, extending north of 14 Mile Road, but in the township it includes nearly all the area between 14 and 13 mile roads between Northwest Highway and Haggerty Road. There is also a strip south from 13 Mile Road about half a mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads, and a similar half mile strip extending one and a half miles west from Orchard Lake Road.

Trustees Not Against Light Industry Zone

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or 64% of the Families  
in the Farmington Area

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Make Progress  
Reports on  
School Building

While some school construction work is moving ahead very satisfactorily work on other buildings is lagging it was indicated in progress reports made at the regular session Monday night.

Superintendent G. V. Harrison reported that work on the new Longacre elementary school is progressing rapidly. The south wing will be ready for occupancy by the opening day of school, he assured. If construction crews keep going at the same pace they have been working for the past two or three weeks, it is felt that the entire building should be completed about September 10.

THE ADMINISTRATOR also expressed pleasure in the way work is moving ahead on the Kenbrook elementary school addition. It was his feeling that the addition should be finished by September 10. Several board members, however, felt that there was still too much work to be done to hope for such an early completion date.

All were in agreement that remodeling work now in progress at the Farmington Junior High was lagging and that steps should be taken to get a speed-up. Board members also voiced strong objections to the "poor housekeeping" practices of the construction crews on this project. They instructed the administration to ask for a general cleanup of the area where construction is in progress.

COMPLETION of the school district service and administration building has been promised by September 15, the superintendent said, but he expressed doubt that it would be ready for occupancy before the first of October.

In general discussion, board members asked that miscellaneous work be handled by the order unit at the Bond elementary school, authorized earlier, be speeded up. They also inquired about the possibility of getting some more new sidewalks laid here and some general cleanup work outside the building done.

2 Injured in  
Auto Crashes

Two persons were injured in separate early-morning crashes over the weekend.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, a.m., Frank J. Phelps of Milford suffered a concussion and lacerations on his right leg when his car rammed into another car at the traffic light at the Northwestern - Middlebelt Road intersection. He was taken to William Beaumont Hospital for treatment.

The car he hit was driven by J. Anthony Krotage of Orchard Lake.

Sunday morning, shortly before 3 a.m., Joan Brooks, 37, of 17175 Wendenburg, was injured in a crash on Grand River at Colgate. She was a passenger in a car driven by Mary Lou Sharwood, 19, of Walled Lake.

Miss Sharwood told township police investigating that the car she rammed into the rear of, driven by Anthony S. Leonard of Livonia, pulled out in front of her without signaling. A witness substantiated Miss Sharwood's story.

Miss Brooks was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital for lacerations about the skull and abrasions.

Liquor License  
Changes Here

Transfers of two liquor licenses in the township have been approved recently, following the usual investigation by the Liquor License Commission.

At a special meeting Aug. 15, the township board approved transfer of a Class C bar and SDM license, with dance permit, from Lewis' Inn, 38410 Grand River, to Harold's Inn, 17175 Wendenburg.

Approval was also given transfer of a SDA license for a store at 20923 Inkster from Joseph Cosgrove of Detroit to Rudolph Carley, at the regular meeting Tuesday.

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YOUNGSTERS with books in their arms, usually accompanied by their mothers, is a common sight around the Farmington Junior High these days. Coming up the stairs from the basement book store, this mother wears a big smile. Her two sons, with books clutched in their hands, do not appear to be quite as happy. Perhaps they are still thinking of all the fun-filled activities of the summer months they have been enjoying.

Can Meet Teachers'  
Payrolls 'Til Nov. 1

While the state legislature dodges, school districts throughout Michigan stare.

Although the Farmington School District operational money picture is not at all bright, it is not nearly as bleak as it may appear. Superintendent G. V. Harrison stated in a report to the school board at its regular meeting Monday night.

THE FORWARD thinking Farmington Board, earlier this year, authorized the borrowing of \$500,000 on anticipated school tax money due the district this year. As a result, there is still some money in the till.

By holding fairly firm on the general fund purse-strings, Supt. Harrison estimated that there was enough money on hand to meet payrolls for teachers and other school personnel through October. Payrolls running over \$100,000 every two weeks eat up money on hand awfully fast, however, the school administrator lamented.

The Municipal Finance Commission has already closed the door on any more borrowing on anticipated state aid payments, but continuing to be insisted on by the state legislature. The only other means left open for school district borrowing is from anticipated primary money due, the superintendent said. Approximately \$150,000 more could be obtained in this manner but it is not even enough to meet two additional payrolls.

LEGISLATIVE action in the near future, releasing state aid money already collected in the form of state sales tax, is the only real solution to the problem.

Full payment of state aid due the district earlier this month—estimated \$175,000—is what is really needed before the end of October, Supt. Harrison stated.

Town Board's  
Ruling Upheld

A decision by the township board members four weeks ago denying a petition for sewers in Glenbrook Estates subdivision was substantiated Tuesday evening in a letter from the Oakland County Department of Public Works.

The township board a month ago had denied a petitioned sewer service to the Glenbrook Estates subdivision. The board based its decision on indications from the 13 families now living in Glenbrook Estates that they did not wish to connect at this time.

The decision was a precedent and assured township homeowners that the sewer connections would be made only when they serve the best interests of the majority.

Glenbrook Estates' subdivision, located on the north side of the township, is a strip on the north side of Grand River west from Star Cutter plant to Drake Road.

However, Mr. Lawton wrote the board that he had been told that a Norman Lawton might be able to have ready for Tuesday's meeting details of his proposed restrictions on the area asked to be removed to light industrial. It is a strip on the north side of Grand River west from Star Cutter plant to Drake Road.

Redevelopment  
Committee Is  
Named by City

A committee to work with the city council to plan redevelopment and rejuvenation of the downtown area, including a proposed free parking plan, was named by the council Monday evening.

The three men are: John Clappison, insurance man and long familiar with city business problems.

Harry Lapham, banker and treasurer of the Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n.

Robert J. Boise, resident of Warner Farms, subdivision and a senior analyst for Ford Motor Co.

The group met with the city council Tuesday night to be brought up-to-date on all work and plans for rejuvenation of the downtown area.

Their study will include not only everything that has been done or proposed for downtown area, but also a study of the property values, taxes, traffic flow, everything concerning this area.

Councilmen propose to give them all facts, allow sufficient time for a thorough study, and receive their report when ready. The committee will steer its own independent course.

Road, Walkway  
Outlets Must  
In New 'Subs'

Sufficient roads or walking easements in new subdivisions to assure that children living within walking distance from present as well as future schools will have the shortest possible acceptable routes to travel is continuing to be insisted on by the Farmington School Board.

Cooperating with the township and city planning boards, school officials are now reviewing all plans for new subdivisions prior to their acceptance.

Several children in older subdivisions are presently being transported to schools by bus because enough roads or walkways were not provided; it has been emphasized.

Considerable time was spent by the School Board Monday night in reviewing plans for Echo Hills Subdivision in Section 8 in the township.

The developer agreed to provide a road to the south which would connect with Schroeder Road when extended. They also agreed to deed one lot in the development to the school district so that a pedestrian easement can be provided across the lot to the subdivision.

The plans will now go back to the township, with the school board's blessings, for approval.

City Council Meets  
Next on Sept. 8

Next meeting of Farmington city council has been changed. Because Labor day falls on the usual meeting date, the first Monday in the month, councilmen decided last Monday to meet Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m.

Have Big Auto  
Display at Plaza

If you haven't stopped off to see the big display of 1959 automobiles at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center yet, why wait? It's a point-to-point to do this weekend?

Six Farmington dealers—Berling McHugh Ford, Bill Root Chevrolet, Farmington Sales and Service, Earl Vivier Oldsmobile, Bob Duseau, Inc. and Bieker Motor Sales—have joined together to put on a Farmington Dealers Auto Show which is now underway and will run through the weekend.

Each of the dealers have a wide selection of 1959 cars out. The show is being heralded as a final clearance of 1959 autos. It is reported that prices have been greatly reduced in an effort to clear area at the various establishments where the arrival of 1960 model cars.

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Growth Here Shown in Constant  
Change in Township Ordinances

Study and passage of ordinances to keep up with constantly changing conditions in the township occupy a good part of spare time left any township trustee.

Usually one or two are under study, are brought up at different meetings and discussed. When studied more than once, the ordinance results in passage and publication.

ONE SUCH is the amendatory ordinance on fire and police protection, passed by the township officials Tuesday night and given effect 30 days after publication in this issue.

This ordinance has been studied and changed any number of times. Almost since the last election changed three of the officials.

IT WAS felt that in general the old ordinance gave the supervisor a little too much control over the fire and police forces, and the trustees not quite enough. There were some sections which could have resulted in abuses of the power given the supervisor.

Supervisor Curt Hall was well aware of these, and the entire board has worked on a new plan which spreads authority somewhat, provides some checks and balances, and gives the firemen and police broader powers of appeal.

THE ATTORNEY reported Tuesday that he is working on an excavation ordinance which would be by fly-by-night workers.

ONE OF THE more lengthy ordinances under study a couple of years is that which will rezone zoning in the township. About a year ago details of the industrial portion were approved.

Nearly complete now are the details proposed for commercial zoning in the township. There have been a number of public meetings, with owners being heard and changes made.

TUESDAY THE board again voted on several locations which there had been some question. It agreed with a request of Howard I. Bond for his property on Orchard Lake Road, north of the intersection, which cut his total commercial zoning somewhat, but extend a little farther north than the current zoning.

Most other areas were left pretty much as decided following the public hearing last spring. There had been some question about a few areas. Because two new members had not had a chance to study the voluminous text of the ordinance changes, the board decided to withhold a vote on final passage at least until the next meeting.

THE PLANNERS had hoped to reduce total area zoned as commercial in the township by about 130 acres. After these changes the reduction will likely be somewhat less than 100 acres.

Now being studied by the planning consultants, Villacian-Leontine and the planning board is the residential phase of zoning. It's hoped this final study can be completed yet this fall, thus entirely overhauling the important zoning regulations for the township.

This will then allow printing of the entire zoning ordinance brought up to date and likely to stand for a few years.

Quigley Ready  
On Few Points

Quigley Machine Products is ready to give immediate response to any questions asked by the township. It was requested by the city last week, to diminish some of the points of irritation raised by neighbors.

A letter from his attorney, Allen C. Ingle, gave the council this assurance Monday night.

BOTH the councilmen and Mr. Quigley appear now to feel that most good work has been accomplished if they were to sit down together and discuss all the points of complaint.

Meanwhile the Quigley firm agrees to turn down down lights at rear of building, to have ready rubbish for a twice weekly pickup by the city, and to use a screen when the lift fork is used on the sidewalk.

Regarding alleged profanity by employees, the firm noted that it would not fire anyone who did not comply.

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