

Editorial Page

New Decade Begins

It has often been said that you should never look back at your failures or accomplishments but always ahead to determine what new accomplishments can be achieved.

Although this thinking may have some real value, we still find ourselves looking back and comparing, as most others we know do.

Over the past weekend we ushered in a new year, 1960, as well as the start of a new decade in Farmington. What does it hold in store for the community was among our first thoughts.

But before we had gone very far in looking ahead we found ourselves drifting back to compare.

The decade just concluded in Farmington—January, 1950, through December, 1959—was one of tremendous growth. Population in the past ten years has soared from 12,224 to over 30,000 and new business places have been going in all sections to accommodate this residential growth. This new business development has included four new shopping centers and a start on a fifth.

A new sanitary sewer system for the undeveloped portions of the community is on its way and an adequate water supply is headed in this direction.

With the rapid increase in population in the community in the past decade, the need for a tremendous school building program presented itself. This program was undertaken and accomplished through the efforts of a determined school board and administrative staff and an intelligent public that vied to provide the necessary funds with which to do the job.

In the next decade, 1960 to 1970—we see a growth in Farmington surpassing that of the past ten years. Not only do we see population increasing as much if not more than it did in the past ten year period, but more shopping centers springing up and present ones being enlarged.

And the problems which this new decade of rapid growth will present are ones which governmental officials, businessmen, civic leaders and individual citizens alike must concern themselves with now and continue to be concerned with throughout the entire ten year period.

Steps must be taken to provide for a much more balanced community. Small industrial concerns must be encouraged to locate here in areas which will not detract from the general beauty of the community as a whole. Established business places, including shopping centers, must strive harder to keep Farmington business in Farmington. Downtown Farmington businessmen will have to unite in an effort to make this shopping area a complete one (with all the types of stores wanted in a shopping district) if they are to compete successfully with other neighboring centers of business.

Each individual family in the community is going to find it necessary to spend more money locally if taxes are to be kept within reasonable maximum limits.

If growth in the community in this new decade is to be the desirable kind, a vigilant and informed citizenry will be necessary. It will be necessary for each and every adult citizen to vote into governmental offices the highest caliber of candidates and then to watch closely all of their proposals for the community.

Elected governmental officials will find it necessary to follow a program of providing the necessary community services in the most economical manner and using caution with an eye on the pocketbook in every action they take.

It is our sincere opinion that all of these things will be necessary if the new decade is to be one that each and every one of us can look back on with pride ten years hence.

The Advisory Board of the Michigan State Highway Department held its 49th Anniversary meeting recently. The Advisory Board was created in 1910.

To force opinion is like pushing the magnetized needle round until it points to where with the North Star stood.

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WEST POINT PARK NEWS

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Honoring the 16th birthday of her daughter, Anne Marie Edwin L. Johnson entertained at her home on Clarita Ave., New Years' Day evening. Guests were about fifty of Miss Anne's teenage friends. After an evening of good fun, lunch was served. Anne received a number of lovely gifts.

The Sunshine Sisters held their annual Christmas Left-Over Potluck in Neighborhood Church at one o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. The result was a gratifying success. After the meal the ladies spent an hour describing interesting experiences they had had during the Christmas holidays. There was serious discussion regarding the adoption of fairer and kinder methods of dispensing charity at Christmas time.

The next Sunshine meeting will be held in Neighborhood Church on Wednesday, January 13, at 2 o'clock. "A New Year" will be the topic.

MR. AND MRS. AUSTIN AULT, Mrs. Virginia Olan and Ruth Ann Olan, all of Brentwood Ave., were New Years' Day guests at a Dinner-Party given by Mr. and Mrs. George Thorne near Wyandali.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Willet and their daughter, Joann, of Mayfield Ave., spent the New Year weekend in northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Terry Ault of Mayfield Ave., were Tuesday night Wednesday guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. Shady Ault, and her family, in New London, Ohio.

Mrs. Grace Simpson, of Mayfield Ave., spent the New Year's weekend with friends in Birmingham.

One day during the week Mrs. Mary McMillin, of Detroit, and Tony Lorenzo, from Urbana, Ohio, visited with the Reddys.

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Mrs. Albert Owen, Mayfield Ave., who was recently ill with pneumonia, has had a recurrence of her illness.

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Do You Remember



FARMINGTON and the area surrounding it were farm land for 60 years ago and a trip into Detroit was considered a good amount of travel for the day. Many made the trip on the old Detroit Union Railroad, to the left in this photo, while still wearing chaps and bucking ride on Grand River, at the right. This picture was snapped looking toward Farmington, as far as we can figure it out. In the background in the picture is the old D.U.R. generator plant which provided the juice to run the railway cars. The building was later taken over by LaSalle Wines and converted into a winery. (Photo courtesy of Henrietta Adams, an oldtime Farmington resident.)

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

15 Years Ago
JANUARY 4, 1945

Memorial Home
Contributions have been coming in slowly for the Memorial Home to be erected under the sponsorship of the Grove-Walker American Legion. The Legion is now conducting a drive to raise \$20,000 by popular subscription. Each dollar contributed will be added to the \$10,000 they already have in a building fund.

The building will contain all facilities for the care of returning veterans. Large auditorium will be located on both the main floor and the lower basement level where there will also be kitchen facilities.

Unless a better site is found, the building will be erected at the present site on Grand River at Lakewood.

Kiwanis Club
The inauguration of new officers of Farmington Kiwanis Club at Rotiford Tavern last Wednesday evening attracted a large number. Joseph Himmelman was installed as Lt. Governor of Division No. 1 of the International District of Kiwanis International. Kenneth Leggett was installed as president of the Farmington club and C. C. Tegg as first vice-president.

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Where the branch of the Rouge River crosses Eight Mile it has already overflowed its banks.

5 Years Ago
JANUARY 6, 1955

Township Election
A total of 26 persons, all Republicans, have filed nominating petitions for offices in the biennial Farmington Township Primary Election.

The list comprises one of the largest fields of candidates in the history of the township. A total of ten candidates will be voting for four seats on the Board of Trustees.

Town Hall Site
A legal opinion on whether or not the Township Board can proceed with the purchase of a new site for a proposed office building without a vote of the people will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board.

A. G. Leonard, township attorney, has promised a legal opinion at this time.

A special committee, appointed by the Township Board, has recommended two proposed sites in the township for the location of the new office building.

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