

Editorially Speaking . . .

Progress Means Some Inconveniences

Most general community betterment projects result in a few inconveniences which they are in progress but few thinking citizens can disagree that temporary inconveniences are necessary if a community is to move forward and grow as a healthy one.

Twenty or 30 years ago Farmington city and township was a quiet, peaceful and slow growing area which took on many characteristics of a rural community although close to a large metropolitan city. But in the last 10 to 15 years this whole picture has changed. The exodus to suburbia really began shortly after the end of World War II and has not let up, except for short intervals, since that time. It is continuing in Farmington at an even faster pace today and it is apparent to most that it will continue for several more years yet with an ultimate population increase.

Neither the city or township were equipped to meet the onrush of country living seekers who have been pouring in for the past 10 to 15 years. Maybe they are not yet fully equipped to meet with all the problems that a rapid population increase presents for communities. But, some catching up action is at least in progress.

Adequate sewage disposal systems are now being put in or are at least in sight for some of the areas in the worst need of them. The City of Farmington already has its system and the township is getting one on a section by section basis. An adequate water system also appears on the horizon for those areas in the township where such a system has been needed for much too long a period of time. Other areas of the township will have this system available as they develop and this in itself is a major progressive step.

For City of Farmington citizens it will be soft Detroit water to replace the hard well water of today before the year is out. And, thus a source of many bitter complaints in the city in past years will be eliminated.

Some road improvements have been made or are now in progress. Many more will be necessary, and especially in the township.

All of these improvements recently completed, now in progress or in the planning stages, require either digging or earth moving of some sort. And, when construction crews start digging trenches, moving earth or hauling materials there are always some inconveniences that result.

Having to travel in the shoulders of roadways or take an indirect route to where one is going because construction crews are working on sewer or water lines or doing some paving can be very irritating to a motorist. The dust and dirt that is "kicked up" to cover nearby homes and grounds isn't very pleasant, either. The exceptionally loud noises which always go along with these projects can be rather nerve-racking also. But, no one can deny that

when the project is completed and a real improvement can be seen the inconveniences are soon forgotten.

We would sincerely hope that all citizens will try to understand that the temporary inconveniences they may be experiencing now have as an end result a better community for them to live in during the coming years.

We repeat, community betterment usually means some temporary inconveniences.

Detroit Income Tax

The one-percent income tax on all moneys earned by persons working in Detroit called for by the Detroit City Council last week we just can't buy.

First of all, we don't think the City of Detroit has done nearly enough belt tightening yet to warrant a new kind of tax which would raise an estimated \$37 million a year. Some real economy measures should be taken before anything as bold as this plan is put into operation.

We must take issue with some of the points favoring this Detroit income tax plan made editorially last week by our "big brothers" on one of the three metropolitan dailies.

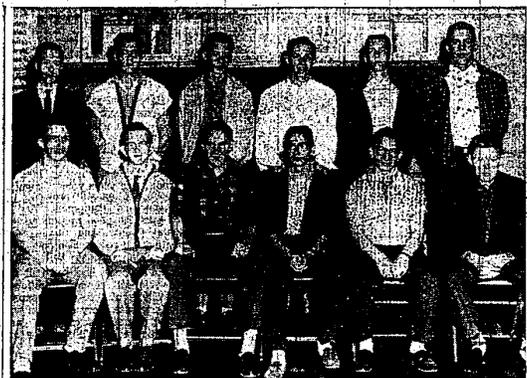
Why shouldn't suburbanites help pay for Detroit city government, they asked. They go on to point out that suburbanites get many services from the City of Detroit for which they pay nothing. We will argue this point. Although suburbanites may not pay property taxes in Detroit, taxes of an indirect nature are still coming into Detroit from suburban residents.

The plants and big office buildings which are located in Detroit are yielding a lot of tax dollars for that city. It is because of a lack of this type of big taxpayers that most suburban community residents are being forced to carry far too heavy a tax burden today.

More and more new schools have had to be built in the suburbs to take care of the people attracted to the metropolitan Detroit area to work in Detroit's offices and factories. The City of Detroit has contributed nothing toward this. These tax moneys are coming out of the individual suburbanite's pockets. Yet the tax moneys being realized from the firms at which they work are going into the City of Detroit till.

Although suburbanites live away from Detroit, they still spend a substantial portion of their money there. At least a lot of Farmington residents do. They go to Detroit for their entertainment, for their new cars, for their big furniture and appliance purchases and numerous other commodities.

While Detroit provides services for the bread-winner in the family while he is working there or traveling to and from his job (50 or 60 hours a week at most) it is the suburban community which is providing services for his wife and children 99 percent of the time and him at least two-thirds of the time.



PICTURED ABOVE are Farmington-Clarenceville boys who have been named delegates and alternates to Wolverine Boys' American Legion #10 at the campus of Michigan State University. Front row (left): Darryl Allen, sponsored by the Lions Club; Leon Baldwin, Optimist Club; Jim Wall, City of Farmington; Doug Henry, Farmington Jay-Cees; Brian Beck and Ron Clemens, CHS student council; Back row: Brian Beals; Jerry Lawson, Farmington Township; Richard Fuchler, Clarenceville PTA; Gary Bartsch, Kiwanis Club; Don Heinoenen, Exchange Club; and Richard Lam, American Legion.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

MAY 10, 1945
Memorial Home.

The site for the proposed Memorial Home of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post has been purchased. It is located on the south side of Grand River on the property opposite Lakeway Avenue.

The deal for the 100' by 400' lot was closed Monday. The large site will provide ample space for parking, attractive landscaping and recreational facilities. Enthusiasm among Legionnaires is running high over the planned Memorial Home.

Flag Pole
The new flag pole was erected in front of the City Hall this week. Inscribed in the concrete base of the pole are the words: "V-E Day, 1945".

Flood Bank
The River Cross Flood bank unit visit here on Tuesday was a success as 224 pints of blood were received. Mrs. Howard

10 Years Ago

MAY 11, 1950
Night Athletics Field.

Thirty-six votes decided Monday night that Farmington wouldn't have a night football field in the 1950-51 season.

The proposition to levy one mill for two years to pay for a night field on Gill Road between Nine Mile and the cutoff was voted down 35 to 318.

The School Board on hearing the voters' decision, reflected general disappointment along with a majority of the students.

Falcons Lose
Farmington High suffered its second baseball defeat of the season by Keego Harbor Friday 8 to 7. Jerry Flum won all the way on the mound for the Falcons and Dick Tupper was behind the plate.

Trojans Win 2
The Clarenceville Trojans beat the Avondale team last week with victories over Detroit University School 8-4 and Avondale High School 11-9.

The Trojans had the Detroit game sewed up in the first inning as they went on a 6 run rampage. They picked up their other two runs in the 5th inning.

Again in the Avondale game the Trojans came up with a big first inning getting five runs. Avondale with a barrage of home runs ran up a 9 to 7 lead at the end of the fourth inning. Clarenceville came back in the sixth with three runs to take a 10-9 lead. An insurance run was added in the 7th as Albers doubled, stole third and then came home on a bled throw. It was a real slugfest that way with Albers taking hitting honors with three safeties.

5 Years Ago

MAY 12, 1955
City Budget

Final action will be taken by the City Council Monday evening on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1955-56. The fiscal year 1955-56 James Tennant, City Manager, stated this week that the revised budget for the coming year has been balanced at \$268,737.

A near capacity crowd jammed into the Township Hall for the regular meeting of the Board of Health.

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News Tidbits of Interest From Orchard Meadows Subs

Daniel Hickey GR. 6-1869

The last meeting of the Orchard Meadows Subscribers' Club was held at the home of Joan Blomquist. A delicious and appetizing count spec cake was the fare for the evening. At the end of the evening, when all of the ladies were talking, Joan Blomquist presented the first prize award and Marilyn Van Vleet was second place winner. Thanks to Paula Shaw and Ginny Burt who were kind enough to substitute for two absentee regular players.

They, Farmington Township League of Subdivisions officers and directors, held their last meeting at the home of Daniel Hickey. At the meeting many pertinent subjects concerning the League for the coming year were discussed and various committee's were formed to help us resolve many of the issues and plans we will be confronted with. It has been fortunate enough to accomplish the goals they have set forth, it should be a banner year for the League.

HAPPY DAYS are here again, the whole family is together, (all nine of them). Joe Ripard has just returned home from a week's business trip to Washington, D.C. Joe was fortunate enough to accomplish the goals they have set forth, it should be a banner year for the League.

J. A. Cooke in Army Maneuver

Army Specialist Five Jesse A. Cooke is scheduled to participate with other personnel from the 30th Artillery in Exercise Elk Horn, a Strategic Army Corps maneuver, at the Yakima (Wash.) Firing Center, May 9-23. Elk Horn, one of the year's largest Army maneuvers, will provide nearly 18,000 participating troops with training in all phases of modern warfare under simulated combat conditions. For greater realism, more than 2,500 troops will play the part of an aggressor force which is assumed to be attacking the U.S. from the north.

Specialist Cooke, son of Mrs. Jessie A. Cooke, 15459 Park Farmington, Michigan, is assigned to the artillery's Headquarters Battery at Fort Lewis, Wash. He entered the Army in June, 1951.

Dickie Lou Market is open daily until 12 and Sundays until 6 p.m.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

The electronic age continues to amaze me. Just read in a farm journal that even now we are wired for sound... so that you can tell if they've been overeating!

Seems that before you turn a cow out to pasture, you can feed her a small transmitter powered by a flashlight battery.

Then all you do is sit comfortably at home and wait for a signal to show up on a recorder. So on you get a "bleep." You go out and fetch

"Bossie"—that signal means she's had enough. From where I sit, I'd need a lot of "proving" before I would buy an idea like this one. But I'll listen! A closed mind on any subject—even to whether a cup of tea or a glass of beer is the best "refreshment"—is not a tolerant mind. The American way is to never "short-circuit" what the other fellow has to say.

Joe Marsh
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Attend Coast Guard Meeting in Cleveland

LCDR and Mrs. James Watt of 30855 Springland, Farmington have just returned from a weekend in Cleveland, Ohio, where LCDR. Watt attended a conference of the USCG. He served as Commanding Officer.

The conference was attended by eighty officers from organ 224 units of the 9th district Coast Guard. The units range from Duluth, Minnesota to Syracuse, New York.

LCDR. Watt is the Commanding Officer of the Detroit Por Security Unit.

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Staman Acres Briefs

Gail Taylor GR. 4-0949

The square dance held recently was a huge success according to the lady in charge, Bev Ellis. Bev reports that the crowd of about 90 exhausted themselves thoroughly dancing to the calling of Dick Brown. During the intermission several couples were presented prizes.

Later a buffet supper was served by the Sportsmen Club. Among the tasty delicacies was a large roast cake in honor of the birthdays of Pat Burke and Jim Ellis.

There was a bassel at the Smith home last weekend for rabbits in the front yard. Now friends and neighbors are all helping the Smith children feed lovely rabbits with doll bottles and eye droppers. Joanne would love to have any tips about

raising wild rabbits from any one who might be in the know. The third annual Staman Acres mixed bowling banquet will be held Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Botsford Room Coliseum. All residents of the Acres are cordially invited to attend. Please make your reservations by calling either Margaret Wheeler, Margaret Sivak, or Millie Unks by Saturday, May 7.

THREE YOUNG men in Staman Acres made their first Communion April 30. Jimmy Kelly was honored at a family breakfast and relatives Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the Botsford Room Coliseum. The Taylor family had friends from the Acres and friends from the city to help celebrate Saturday, May 7. The first Communion was at the home of the bride's parents, Walter A. Bagdade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bagdade of 2914 W. 12 Mile, Farmington. The bride's parents are at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for maintaining a record for the first semester. Majoring in physics and a member of the MIT Sailing Team, Walter is a graduate of the Cranbrook School.

was that of Mike Hajduk. The Hajduks had a household of 30 and were invited to help celebrate a dual occasion, which included Nancy's 10th birthday which was Saturday as well as the first Communion. The Taylor family had friends from the Acres and friends from the city to help celebrate Saturday, May 7.

Traffic Deaths in April 36 Under '59

Michigan's traffic toll in April showed a reduction for the first time this year with 36 deaths compared to 136 in the same month a year ago, a saving of 36 lives, according to provisional State Police figures. Despite the good showing, however, the traffic toll in April in the first four months exceeds by 38 the corresponding 1959 period, or 400 to 362 for the regular meeting of the Board of Health.

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Receives Honor at MIT for B Average

Walter A. Bagdade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bagdade of 2914 W. 12 Mile, Farmington, has received second honor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for maintaining a record for the first semester. Majoring in physics and a member of the MIT Sailing Team, Walter is a graduate of the Cranbrook School.