Editorially Speaking

Unkept Promises Hurt A Project

Action taken by the Detroit Common Council last week in refusing immediate hook-up of the Farmington Interceptor Sewer to the Detroit system has some very immediate harmful local effects. Some even more harmful long-range effects could result.

The immediate harm will be that Franklin Knolls subdivision and some other subdivisions to the south along Middlebelt Road are going to have to wait even longer to hook up their disposal systems to the interceptor. Residents in these subdivisions or the developers of them have expended a substantial amount of money to have their internal systems ready for a promised June 30 connection. If the connection is delayed for any substantial period of time while the matter is being thrashed out in court, residents in these subdivisions are going to be very unhappy and rightfully so.

It is very hard to believe that Oakland County officials would agree to a proposition, such as Detroit officials claim they have, whereby they would guarantee to have a storm sewer in along Eight Mile prior to the scheduled time for connecting the Farmington and Evergreen Interceptor sanitary sewer lines to the Detroit system. It rather appears very much as though Detroit officials have decided to use this as a method of forcing Oakland County to get something done on the storm water drainage problems presently being confronted along Eight Mile Road.

We are more concerned with the long range harm that delay in getting the Farmington Interceptor hooked up to the Detroit system might have than the immediate bad effect.

When the idea of sewage disposal system for the entire Farmington area was first proposed enthusiasm was expressed in nearly all sections of the township. The idea of being able to do away with septic tank and drain field problems was very appealing.

But, in recent months it has been mostly complaints that have been heard. They stem from the fact that it is going to cost individual property owners more to have their sewage disposal system than what original cost estimates quoted them indicated it would. The reason for these higher assessments lies in the fact that original estimates were made based on a higher population density in the township than is now called for.

Those who have to stand the cost are usually not interested, however, in why something is going to cost more than they were originally told it would. They only become upset because it is going to cost more.

The fact that Detroit and Oakland County are now at odds over terms of the contract and the matter is going to be taken into court to be settled adds fuel to the dissatisfaction that has developed to date.

It can only make citizens wonder more and more whether this is a good project and one that is going to be accomplished without even more difficulties in the years ahead. One can not help but wonder whether rates for usage, etc. might not be boosted in view of the differences that have developed between Detroit and Oakland County officials.

Difficulties that have already taken place, including the present battle between Detroit and Oakland County, can only result in making it that much more difficult to get arms which have already been petitioned for, built. Getting a sufficient number of names on petitions for other arms in other sections of the community could be extremely difficult.

What's Your Excuse?

The voter turnout in last week's election was far from good. The minimum voting average in a democratic country such as ours should be 500 percent and yet Farmington's average in the primary election was only a little over 250 percent.

Despite the fact that the voter showing locally was not good, the candidates selected in each of the political parties appear to be all of relatively high caliber. One can only hope now that there will be a substantially larger number in November willing to select the candidates who will represent them in high political offices than there were voters last week willing to take a few minutes of their time to be sure that there would be good candidates to decide on.

The excuse given by many who do not vote in primary elections is that there are so many candidates and they know so little about any of these candidates that they can just not vote intelligently on them. Although this is not a really valid excuse, in our opinion, it is one that might at least be a little bit justified.

But, how can you justify a voter turnout as small as this when there are not only unfamiliar candidates to choose from but also important local propositions to be voted on? The county propositions on last week's election ballots were ones which directly affected each and every owner of property in this community.

Township citizens had an even greater reason to turn out at the polls. The question of whether or not annual meetings should be permitted to continue or abolished for lack of interest in them was a really important one to be answered. Yet, despite the personal importance of this question, nearly 75 percent of the township's voters didn't exercise their right to express their opinion on it.

The vote was to abolish the annual meetings with 16 votes deciding the matter. It will never really be known whether this was the true wish of the majority of the township's citizenry.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago
AUGUST 9, 1945

Legion Memorial Home

All arrangements for the construction of the American Legion Memorial Home are underway. With only a few more thousand dollars needed before ground can be broken, enthusiasm is running high in the community in anticipation of soon enjoying the facilities of the new building.

Tent Meetings

The Farmington Gospel Assembly is sponsoring a series of tent meetings to be held at Middlebelt and Grand River Avenues beginning August 12 and continuing until the new church is constructed.

Fashion Show

The Clarenceville School Mothers Club announced that they would present a fashion show September 14 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Veterans' Council

The Veterans' Council will be in greater demand now than it has thus far with so many of the young men of the community returning home to stay. Those connected with the council are doing everything in their power to make the council a clearing house for all information pertaining to the returned veteran which will be helpful to him in his rehabilitation to civilian life.

Kiwanis Hold Discussion

Kiwanians held a round-table discussion in lieu of a regular dinner meeting Wednesday evening. Wendell Brown and Harley Walters will assume duties of secretary of the club for the balance of the year.

10 Years Ago
AUGUST 10, 1950

Recreation Program

William Nuse, director of the Farmington Recreation program, announced Monday that the six week program drew an attendance of 1,161 at the three playgrounds in the district. The Red Cross swimming course attracted 142 youngsters who did their swimming at Kent Lake.

C'ville Nine Wins

The Clarenceville Indians won their final game of the season Sunday afternoon when they defeated FVA 15-5 on the home field. They wound up the season with a record of 12 wins against only 4 losses.

Invite Majorettes

Farmington and Clarenceville drum majorettes have been invited to compete in the Michigan State Fair Majorette contest next month.

Draft Board Quota

A quota of 48 men has been established for the local draft board covering much of Oakland County for the month of September.

Air Spotter Chief

Thomas Tardy, Farmington Township Justice of the Peace, has been named local supervisor of the Farmington Ground Observer Station to be established in Farmington.

200 Attend Cruise

More than 200 students, parents and counselors attended the annual western Oakland County Recreation Day cruise to Put-In Bay August 2 aboard the liner, Eastern States.

Construction Project

Work has started this week on the reconstruction of the north wall of the Central School, according to Louis Schmidt, superintendent.

5 Years Ago
AUGUST 11, 1955

Building Boom

A record number of 161 building permits was issued in Farmington Township during the month of July at an estimated value of $2,194,275. In the city the picture was different as building activity softened considerably from last year's record pace with a total of only 82 in 1946.

residential permits issued during the first six months.

City Water Problems

A new emergency schedule on the use of outside water in the city was put into effect last Thursday morning in an effort to protect the limited supply now available and keep the pressure up. Sprinkling is now limited to one hour a day on alternate days of the month.

Road Surfacing

A formal resolution was submitted to the Township Board Tuesday evening by the newly organized Planning Board recommending that blacktop roads be required in all future subdivisions in the Township.

Sewer Cost

Preliminary estimates on the proportionate cost of the Farmington Interceptor Sewer to each of the participating governmental units were tentatively set at a meeting of the Interceptor Committee.

Library Study

A three man committee has been selected by the City Council and the Township Board to secure additional information on the proposed construction of a new library for the Farmington community.

BB Gun Users May Be Violating Law

A number of incidents of glass breakage by boys with BB guns has been brought to the attention of police in recent weeks.

According to Public Act 186 of 1959, no person under 21 years of age is allowed to use such a gun away from his premises unless he is accompanied by a person over 21. Anyone violating this public act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The University of Michigan's Phoenix Project of university-wide research on peaceful uses of atomic energy was conceived

What's New at the LIBRARY

BY MILDRED DROEGES

Another service will be added at the library late in September. Final arrangements have been completed to start pre-school story hours on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. There have been many requests for this service and the library has always realized the importance of this type of book introduction to the very young children.

Robert Harris of Homestead House has generously donated the "Sit-Upons" for our pre-schoolers to use at these weekly sessions.

The date of the initial story-hour will be announced through this column early in September.

The library now has two clocks; one on the west wall and the other on the north wall. The latest addition, on the west wall, is the gift of The Farmington Friends of the Library Incorporated.

NEW TITLES added to the adult shelves this week include;

FICTION

Shirley Barker, Last Gentleman; Ann Bridge, Numbered Account; Harry Brown, Stars in Their Courses; Manning Coles, Exploits of Tommy Hambledon; John Creasy, Gideon's Risk; Jan de Hartog, The Inspector; Frank Slaughter, Pilgrims in Paradise; Angela Thirkel, Love At All Ages.

NON-FICTION

Raymond Blakney, Ed., Immanuel Kant Reader; Francois Mauriac, Son of Man; Cynthia Maus, Comp., Church of the Fine Arts; Alan Holden, Crystals and Crystal Growing; Charles Lohse, Creative Selling; Charles Goren, New Bridge in a Nutshell; Charles Price, Ed., Golf Magazines Pro Pointers and Stroke Savers; Lin Yutang, Importance of Understanding; Ved Mehta, Walking the Indian Streets; Andre Castelot, King of Rome (Napoleon 2nd); Ian Grey, Peter the Great; Emperor of All Russia.

State Shows Auto Death Rise

Oakland County, with an estimated registration of 289,054 motor vehicles, listed 548 deaths among the 8,159 fatalities suffered in Michigan during the past five years.

According to James M. Hare, Chairman of the Michigan State Safety Commission, both rural and urban areas showed substantial increases in injuries and deaths last year.

Michigan State Police reports show that rural areas still account for 7 out of 10 highway deaths but show that injuries in city areas were up 14 per cent last year compared to 9 per cent for rural areas.

"It looks as though we will have to concentrate harder than ever on the three E's of highway safety," Hare said. "With a sound program of education, enforcement, and engineering going on in each county we should soon be able to bend the death and accident trend downward."

Beck, Wall at U-M Workshop

Brian Beck and James Wall, both of Farmington, are among the 173 high school students currently attending the University of Michigan's third Leadership Workshop which began August 7 and will be concluded tomorrow.

Registrants in the program are student council members and school leaders and they represent more than 40 junior and senior high schools.

Directed by Donald Dolan and G. Sutherland Hayden of the University of Michigan Bureau of School Services, a 10-member staff of Michigan educators is leading studies of group planning, citizenship, leadership training and participation problems.

Skilled craftsmen accounted for about 50 percent of the construction industry's labor force in 1958. In contrast, only about 20 percent of manufacturing industries' labor force are skilled workers.

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Woodbine Sub. News

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The Woodbine vacationers are still on the go. And so, follows another travelogue.

In the last column, we had the Kileys on Jean Nagel's vacation which would have been a lark, but surprised them no end. Correction please:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kiley and family spent an enjoyable week at a cottage on Black Lake, swimming and boating.

Jean Nagel spent a memorable two days at Port Austin with her girls club, the Delta Delta Club. Jean came home with seven stitches in her foot received at the hospital in Bad Axe after a freak accident with a pop bottle.

And yet another blooper—Must be too much hot sun.

If you'd like to contribute to the Kings Daughters and Sons by purchasing dishcloths, call June Ely at GR. 4-9297. The phone number given in the preceding column was incorrect.

BARBARA AND FRANK Reeder vacationed for a week in the Pocono Mountains at the Mountain Lake House near Marshalls Creek, Pennsylvania. Usually a rainy day when you're on vacation is bleak and boring. Not so at Mountain Lake House, report Barb and Frank. The day it rained, the resort had so many activities planned no one had time to think about the weather. They had such a good time, they made reservations for next year. Before coming home, the Reeders made a side trip to Dayton, Ohio, to visit with Frank's uncle.

The Broschs: Bob, Mary, Kenny, Gale and Barbara, spent five days of their vacation at the cottage of friends in East Tawas. They especially enjoyed the swimming and boating because of the large waves on Lake Huron during their stay. At home for the second week of their vacation, they enjoyed a visit from Bob's mother who lives in Grand Rapids.

Jewel and Chester Orlikowski and Jerry, Suzanne, and Tommy, stayed at a cottage at Mullet Lake for two weeks. Chet's father joined them for a week and Jewel's mother, Mrs. Barry, went up for a week. They visited nearby Black Lake and Macknac Bridge. Chet and Jewel planned a quiet canoe trip down Pidgeon River on to Mullet Lake and back to the cottage.

However, their plans for a two hour quiet trip soon became wild and packed with thrills and lasted three to four times longer than planned. They ran into a number of log jams where they were forced to carry the canoe across the logs since they could not go up on the bank because of the steep sides.

ALSO, THEY discovered there were several small streams going out from the river and they were faced with the problem of selecting the correct stream which would take them back to Mullet Lake. After many long hours with soggy cigarettes and no drinking water or food, they made it home safe, sound, and hungry.

They learned later from a local citizen that they had selected the wrong stream, and could have ended up at least 20 miles away from their destination.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Smith enjoyed two weeks at a fishing lodge on North Manistique Lake.

Now for the fishing story of the season. Oran and Mabel are both avid fishing fans, so after returning from their two week fishing trip, they went out to nearby White Lake to do some fishing. Oran was using a No. 8 trout hook (for the benefit of those of us without know-how of fish talk, this is a relatively small hook—important to the story) when he caught something he could hardly budge. After much tugging, pulling, and quite a fight, they hauled aboard an unusual looking turtle. The estimated size of the catch was about 18" in diameter and about 15 lbs.

The Smiths immediately started thinking of culinary delights like turtle soup. When they got back to shore, they proudly displayed their catch and were informed by a local citizen that this was a hog-nosed turtle which is very vicious and very seldom caught; also, that it was not good for eating. So, they pitched it back in the lake.

NOW FOR THE low blow. When they got back home, they got out cook books, reference books, etc., and were amazed to learn that not only is the hog-nosed turtle truly vicious and very seldom caught, but it is a first class delicacy! At last report, Oran was still out at White Lake, fishing in earnest for hog-nosed turtle with a trout hook.

Barbara and Ernest Cole and family had a wonderful week at the Pilgrim Haven Family Camp on Lake Michigan. Barbara said that best of all, she didn't have to wash a dish all the time they were gone.

If you saw a familiar yellow station wagon in the subdivision over the weekend, you're right—it was the Tamsens who moved to Chicago last year. Joyce and Don and the children were in town for the wedding of Joyce's sister and made a quick trip to Woodbine. The Nagels were very pleased to have Loren and Mark stay overnight with them Saturday.

THE STORK on duty in Woodbine is getting no vacation. Last Wednesday he was seen following Marian and Dennis Hall to Detroit Osteopathic Hospital where Marian gave birth to a lovely little 8 lb. 6 oz. girl. Waiting anxiously at home with Grandma to welcome their new little sister, Laurie Kay, were Diane, Billy, Ronnie and Johnny.

Barbara Cole, entertainment chairman of the Association, announces that plans are now being made for a subdivision picnic, September 4. Details will be announced soon.

Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

PHLOX

Phlox are among our most popular perennial plants. From mid-July until September their large trusses of bloom are the mainstay of many Farmington gardens. The name "phlox" comes from a Greek word meaning "flame", and many varieties have flame-bright flowers. Colors range from pure white through delicate pinks and lilacs to vivid corals, ruby reds, and deep purple.

Phlox are a truly American plant. All the wild species, with the exception of one Siberian variety, are natives of North America. These native varieties are lovely, and many of them are cultivated in our gardens. Such species as moss pink (phlox subulata) and blue wood phlox (phlox divaracata) are grown in rock gardens and on slopes, and enhance plantings of Spring bulbs.

Summer blooming phlox have been hybridized from two wild species. The earlier blooming varieties have come from phlox suffruticosa and have flowers formed into typically pyramidal shaped clusters. "Miss Lingard", a white phlox, is an example of this type and is considered one of the finest phlox available.

IN MID JULY the phlox paniculata varieties begin blooming. White admiral, and Mary Louise are popular white varieties. Pinkette is pale apple-blossom pink, and Daily Sketch is pale pink with a vivid pink center "eye". Elizabeth Arden is mauve pink. Leo Shlageter is glowing ruby-red, and Charles Curtis is sunset red.

In recent years a number of English hybrids have been produced. These plants have sturdy stems and bear large flower trusses that are composed of exceptionally large individual flowers. Sir John Falstaff, a lovely salmon shade, was the first of these introduced in the United States. Others now include Brigadier, red, Lavender Cloud, and Starfire, another brilliant red.

Flower catalogs list dozens of varieties, and they are all lovely. Growers' fields are now blazing with their color. If special colors are desired they can be picked out now while they are in bloom. Because roots are shallow and fibrous, they can be moved now if care is used and they are watered adequately. However, planting is more commonly done in Spring or Fall. Now is a good time to visit gardens and growers and make a note of varieties to be purchased later.

PHLOX ARE EASY to grow and give large rewards for relatively little effort. They are adaptable to most garden soils and will survive for many years. Phlox will grow in full sun or partial sun, and some varieties are reported to do fairly well in shade.

For best bloom, a moist well-drained soil is needed. Water should be supplied by flowing it on the ground to prevent mildew. A monthly feeding with water-soluble plant food is beneficial, in addition to a spring feeding with all-purpose commercial fertilizer.

Keep faded flower heads removed to prevent seed formation. This will encourage side shoots to bloom, and will prevent seedlings of an undesirable color from growing.

Sulfur dust will control phlox mildew, and nicotine sulfate will kill sucking insects that weaken the plants and cause foliage to turn yellow.

Phlox may need to be divided every three or four years in Spring or Fall to keep plants compact and flowering freely.

REMINDERS

Iris may be dug and divided now, and new varieties may be purchased and planted . . . Oriental poppies can be divided and planted now, too . . . Fast seeds of perennials and biennials now . . . Morning glories flower better in poor soil and fertilizer may encourage leaf and stem growth but discourage flowering . . . If annuals such as alyssum and petunias get straggly they may be sheared back and will soon send up bushy new shoots . . . Keep faded flowers removed from shasta daisies to prolong bloom . . . Prepare ground for new lawns and let it settle before seeding them.

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