

Editorially Speaking

More and More Police Protection Needed

There is a need for a larger Farmington Township police department today and it is obvious that there will be need for continued enlargement of the force in the years ahead.

We have not heard any exact figures on what the ratio of policemen to the number of citizens in a community should be but we are certain that Farmington Township falls far below the average.

It is not that we don't feel the present force is doing a good job within its means. In fact, we feel they are doing an exceptionally good job of protecting township residents now the same as they have in the past.

There is a growth in a really rapid pace. Except for a few short slack-off periods, there is no indication that building is not going to continue at a fast clip in the township until nearly every piece of property in each square mile section of the township is developed.

During the first six months of this year alone building permits for 269 new homes were issued. The new families that move into these homes as well as the large numbers that will be following each year will require a larger police force.

These new families are also providing the stimulus for more and more commercial development. A couple of industrial park areas are also in the long range plans which have been made for the township. The need for frequent police patrolling around commercial centers and industrial plant areas is a must for they are prime targets for night-time break-ins.

Some park areas are also in the master plans for the township and a need for frequent patrolling in these areas also is a "must."

The township police force has the responsibility of patrolling approximately 34 square miles of area with an eight man force at the present time. This is a smaller force than the City of Farmington has with only an approximately two square mile area to cover. It must be pointed out, however, that the city has an integrated police and fire-fighting force.

Fortunately, several square miles of the township is still sparsely populated and thus the need for patrolling in these areas is apparently unnecessary. But, as the township grows, the need for going to be developed. Without a program of increasing the force each year, starting now, it is going to be necessary for an already over-extended force to extend itself even further.

Just where the township might be able to come up with money for a program of expansion is another question. The police force in the years ahead is no easy one to answer. For the past two years the township has been allowed less than a one mill tax levy (or \$1.00

Looking Back in the Files

- ### 15 Years Ago

SEPTEMBER 13, 1935

Football Opener
The football squad of more than 70 boys is working out daily with coaches Hutton and Mackala in preparation for the first game of the season next Friday against Plymouth High School on the local field. The team is somewhat lighter than last year's but they should make up the difference by their spirit and enthusiasm.

Kiwanis Meeting
The last regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club proved one of the best the organization has ever had as everyone entered right into the spirit of the meeting. Plans for the October 3 dance were discussed and Harley Walters, chairman, announced that tickets will go on sale next week for the dance which will feature the music of the Torrid Five.

VFW Auxiliary
The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars met recently at the Elgin Hotel and several state officers attending the meetings as visitors.

Enrollment Increase
All schools in the Farmington Township system enrolled students for the new semester last Tuesday and a slightly higher enrollment than last year was reported by school officials.

PTA Opens Season
The Farmington Parent Teacher Association will open another season with their meeting September 18 in the High School cafeteria.

Bally Day
Instrumental music under the direction of Lloyd Smith will be featured at the Bally Day Program by the Sunday school of the First Methodist Church.
- ### 10 Years Ago

SEPTEMBER 14, 1940

Light Primary
Rain and overcast skies succeeded in holding down the sun in both the city and the township in the primary election held Tuesday. Approximately 45 percent of the registered voters in the city and about 25 percent of the township voters went to the polls to cast their ballots.

Endorse Revision
The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting last night endorsed a record as endorsing and pledging active support to the proposed revision of Farmington's charter to city manager government.

Falcon Opener
Farmington High will open its 1950 football season when they meet Plymouth High School under the lights at Plymouth.

Town Club Dessert
The Town Club dessert bridge fashion show has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon, according to chairman Mrs. George Otis. Mrs. Fred Hewitt and Mrs. Alex Ramsey are in charge of decorations.

Clarenceville Grows
Louis Schmidt, superintendent of Clarenceville school, announced this week that total enrollment is nearly 10 years ago greater than it was a year ago.

Horse Show
Plans have been completed for the fifth annual Farmington Horse Show scheduled for this weekend at the show grounds on Gill and 9 Mile Roads.

Squads Dance
A square dance will introduce the 1950-51 school season. The Parent-Teacher Association in Farmington. New teachers have been invited to attend and dance at the Clarenceville School District.

Adult Driver Classes
A new session of adult driver classes is scheduled to begin the week of October 1 to 3 at the Clarenceville School District.
- ### 5 Years Ago

SEPTEMBER 15, 1935

Football Opener
Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools will officially open their football season this Friday afternoon with their annual inter-community clash on the Farmington gridiron. The Falcons under their new coach, who had no record last year, will average a 7-6 loss to the Trojans last year. Bands from both schools will participate in halftime.

Bolton Addition
Contracts for the construction of the new Bolton School addition were formally approved by the Clarenceville board of education at its regular meeting. The West Side Construction Company was the low bidder.

Baseball Banquet
The annual baseball for boys banquet will be held September 20, according to an announcement by John Clappison, president.

School Enrollment
Enrollment during the opening week of school in both the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts ran very close to the record estimates prepared by officials at the beginning of the year and even greater enrollments are anticipated by school officials during the first few weeks of the new semester.

Bids on Land
Advertisements to be sealed bids on the sale of approximately 2 acres of city owned land south of the Cal-O-Ho and east of Gill Road have been inserted in designated publications, according to James Tennant, city manager. The bids will be opened September 19.

Adulterated Driver Classes
A new session of adult driver classes is scheduled to begin the week of October 1 to 3 at the Clarenceville School District.

Public Letter Box

Letters addressed to The Editor for publication in the Public Letter Box will be published unless otherwise indicated. Opinions expressed are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent the policies of the Enterprise. Name and address of the writer must be given. Letters to be published must be received by the editor at least 10 days before publication.

Want Action Around the Bridge

Mr. Floyd Cairns, Clerk Farmington Township Board 20115 Farmington Road Farmington, Michigan

Dear Mr. Cairns:

At a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Farmington Public Schools on September 7, 1949 a motion was unanimously approved that the following letter be sent to you with copies to be sent to the Oakland County Road Commission and the Farmington Board of Education.

On September 22, 1950 a Committee of Citizens met with members of the Board of Education and listed a number of safety hazards that needed attention in the Farmington Public School District. At the top of the list was the bridge on Gill Road near Colfax.

On November 16, 1950 a joint meeting of the Board of Education of the Farmington Public Schools and the Township Board was held to study this list and to determine whose responsibility each item was. It was agreed at that time that the Gill Road bridge was the responsibility of the Oakland County Road Commission. Copies of the minutes of that meeting placing this responsibility were sent to the Farmington Township Board and to the Oakland County Road Commission.

From that time to the present the date the matter has been reviewed and called to the attention of the Township authorities.

In the Spring of 1950 petitions were circulated and signed by a number of parents and children attending the Gill Road School requesting attention to this matter. Copies of the petition were filed with the Farmington Township Board at a May 27-A meeting of the Gill Road School. Assurance was given by the Township that the bridge was in the schedule for the summer of 1950 and would be completed before school started.

Recently a number of parents have called the Township Office and have been told that these bodies have no money to build a new bridge on Gill Road. It is urgently requested that this project be completed as early as possible. The people who properly informed when they inquire about it.

In constructing the new bridge the following things should be done:

- (1) Bridge should be widened.
- (2) Road should be widened from the bridge.
- (3) Bridge should be removed from County right-of-way.

May we have your immediate attention and reply to this matter.

Very truly yours,
Board of Education
Farmington Public School District
Oakland County, Michigan
L. G. Clifford, President
Patricia Davis, Secretary

Civic Theater Meet Your Merchants

Nearly 20 years ago, September 20, 1940 to be exact, Eddie Hohlner opened the Civic Theater here in Farmington and it has been an outstanding entertainment center for local residents ever since.

As the 20th anniversary milestone is just a few days away, the theater is now undergoing a complete remodeling program with a general upgrading of the entire building the goal.

All new seats will be installed, there will be new aluminum doors in the front of the theater. High chandeliers has already been installed in the front lobby, new side wall fixtures are slated and an extensive redecorating program is in the offing.

NOVEMBER 1 has been set as the target date for the completion of work and the theater promises to be not only a pleasant treat for the many regular patrons but should also provide a shot in the arm for the entire downtown business area.

Eddie has been in the theater business a long time even before he opened the Civic Theater. His earlier experience in the field included the management of theaters in Adrian, Lansing and Ypsilanti before opening a sales representative for a film company.

He later went back to managing theaters in the Detroit area and headed operations at the Granada, Loew Center, Forest and Highland Park.

Eddie had his eyes on the Farmington area both as a site for a theater and a home. He and his wife, Ruth, moved here in the early part of 1940 and Hohlner spent much of that year getting the Civic Theater ready for the big September 20 opening.

The Hohlners have one son, Gregory, who attends Farmington Senior High School.

Eddie belongs to many organizations including the VFW, American Legion, Downtown Businessmen's Association, Elks, Variety Club and was a former president of the Exchange Club. In addition, he enjoys playing golf, bowls and sports a little League baseball team.

HOHLNER has been at the theater continually for the 20 years period except for three years during the war where he saw extensive duty in the Pacific with the Marines. Just before the war he was in his theater was the scene of a bond drives that raised nearly \$1 million dollars.

In addition to the Civic Theater, Eddie also runs theaters in Walled Lake, Northville and Plymouth. He takes pride in the fact that A-1 pictures are presented for the children's matinees.

Coming features at the Civic Theater are "The Rat Race" with Tony Curtis and Debbie Reynolds, and "Win a Canoe Race", starring Dirk Bogarde. This billing will be on from the 18th to the 22nd and might be termed the Theater's anniversary program.

"Killer of Kilimanjaro" with Robert Taylor and "Beyond the Time Barrier" will follow on the 23rd and 24th.

EDDIE HOHLNER, Veteran Theater Man

Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

AUTUMN SIGNAL
Red leaves blazing on the tips of maple branches, are signaling Fall's approach. Pine, spruce, hemlock, and Douglas fir are among the tall evergreen trees that should not be used for foundation plants but are suitable for background and boundary planting.

REMEMBERS
House plants that have spent the summer in the garden should be brought inside. A sojourn on the porch for a few days will help them adjust to less light and they can be brought inside for insects. Perennials can be transplanted. Plant small bulbs such as crocus, scilla and grape hyacinth in late September.

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Kiwanis Peanut Sale Plans Set

The annual "peanut sale" sponsored by the Farmington Kiwanis Club will take place this weekend with 15 Kiwanian peanut salesmen stationed in the area's major shopping centers.

Proceeds of this, the major fund raising drive of the year by the Kiwanis Club, will go to the Farmington area hospitals and institutions, according to Art Mazur, chairman of the fund raising committee.

The actual peanut sale will take place Friday evening from 6 to 10 p.m. and all day Saturday at the following shopping areas: downtown Farmington, Kentwood Center, Westbrooke Center, Bel Air and the Farmington Plaza.

An amendment to Michigan's Motor Vehicle Code requires that state gas taxes and license plate fees must be used for highway purposes and may not be diverted for other governmental costs.

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Enrolls at MSU

Miss Julia Ellingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ellingham of Cambourne Place, will enter Michigan State University as a junior majoring in education. She is a 1950 graduate of Farmington High School.

University of Michigan freshmen applications increased 25 per cent this year.

The Old Timer

"Most of us have to have many days left over each month at the end of our money."

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

No News Like True News

Nothing makes a newspaper editor happier than a "scop." But it seems to me some editors overlook it now and then. Last week, for example, an editor called his paper was the first in his city to report the Mayor's "impending retirement." But, judging from the next day's edition of the same paper, the Mayor had other ideas.

As a result, the lead editor in that newspaper then started off like this: "We are glad to be the first paper in the city to inform our public that the story of the Mayor's retirement is just a rumor."

From where I sit, facts and truth always win out, no matter how you disguise them. That goes for newspapers as well as for neighbors. For instance, your choice of beverage may be a glass of beer, but mine is an occasional glass of beer. Now each of us could make up quite a "story" about which of us is right. But the fact is we're both right—now let's just respect each other's point of view.

Joe Marsh

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