

In Our Opinion . . .

The Two Just Don't Mix Very Well

Does bowling and drinking mix well? This is the question that the Farmington Township Board is now faced with as they consider whether to permit or deny a request from the County Lane bowling alley and restaurant-cocktail lounge to serve alcoholic drinks in the concourse area.

County Lane's runs a very fine establishment and the owners are to be commended for it but we still feel their request to be allowed to serve drinks in the concourse to those participating in bowling either in leagues or as open bowlers should be denied.

The trend throughout this area and in many other parts of the country is for combination bowling alleys and bars and we see nothing wrong with this as long as they are maintained and operated as two separate businesses. A beer or two or a couple of highballs goes pretty good after competing in any type of sports event and also often serves as a little pick-me-up prior to participating in an activity if this kind.

Having a bar or cocktail lounge very near or adjoining a bowling alley makes it very convenient for the bowler to have a drink or two either before or after a round of bowling. But, when you start allowing drinking to go on when the bowler is participating in the recreational activity itself then this becomes quite another matter.

A series of three games of bowling in league competition takes between two and two and a half hours and maybe even a little less than that. Any person who is really interested in bowling competition should be able to refrain from drinking for this long a period of time. A couple of drinks before entering into competition should be enough to sustain even a pretty hearty drinker and after

finishing up bowling he or she can go into the bar and consume all they can reasonably hold.

A lot of confusion and delays can't help but occur when there is a pretty good stream of bowlers moving back and forth from the lanes where play is in progress to the concourse area to have another sip or two from a drink. We would also think there would be a serious problem of "tracking" resulting with people moving back and forth from the concourse area into the lanes themselves.

Since the matter came up at the Township Board meeting last week we have talked with two or three pretty avid league bowlers. They seem to generally agree that in establishments where drinking is allowed while play is in progress things are slowed down somewhat and confusion and problems sometimes result.

Neither Farmington Lanes or Bel-Aire Lanes in the City of Farmington serve drinks in their concourse areas and we don't think their business has been hurt very much as a result.

Our position has to be that those who feel that they just got to have beers or highballs while in the process of bowling aren't really very interested in the recreational pastime of bowling at all. They very likely look at their participating in a bowling league as more of a social gathering. And, if this be the case then they are more of a detriment to the fine recreational pastime than an asset.

Bowling and drinking just don't mix well. For that matter we don't think that alcoholic beverages and sports activities of any kind mix very well and particularly when the participants are consuming the drinks.

Only You Can Correct the Situation

Apathy in a community very dangerous thing and something that prevails in far too many communities.

In Farmington today, however, it seems to be more prevalent than it has been in some time and getting progressively worse. We don't have the answers on how to correct the situation except to keep bringing it up from time to time in the hopes that at least a few more people will begin to see the light.

Some would say you have to stir up controversies to correct community apathy but we disagree wholeheartedly. A community steaming with controversy isn't getting much done.

Groups appearing at City Council, Township Board, School Board and other community meetings only to wrangle or create issues don't do any community to much good. Citizens taking the time to go to various meetings to listen and learn more about the community in which they have chosen to either live or work or do both does, however. Those who do attend such meetings are usually asked to help in some way after a period of time and a really good citizen who has the interest of his community at heart will normally accept. Their opinions and ideas begin to be respected and

many eventually go into the hopper to help mold the ever changing community we all call home.

Here are a few cases of serious community apathy we would like to cite:

At the last City Council meeting there were less than six citizens present and the same was true at the last Township Board meeting. In both cases at least half of them were the same citizens who are present at all the other meetings. The normal citizen attendance at School Board meetings is even worse.

At the last Board of Commerce general membership meeting there were approximately 25 present. There are over 400 commercial, industrial or professional establishments in the community. Do only six or seven percent who have chosen this community as a place to earn their livelihood care about working together for the betterment of their community and, indirectly at least, their own business state in life?

All of us who own property or do business in the Farmington community have a substantial investment here and we should be a lot more interested in learning first hand what is or isn't being accomplished in our community than what it appears most people are.

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO	10 YEARS AGO	15 YEARS AGO
<p>OCTOBER 4, 1960 Safety Award</p> <p>The Farmington City Department of Public Safety and the school systems in Farmington came in for special recognition this week as Mayor Robert Lindbert accepted in their behalf a certificate of achievement from Sgt. Michael Sibal of the Michigan State Police.</p> <p>Lift Water Ban</p> <p>The restrictions on the use of outside water by residents in the City of Farmington which were placed in effect last July have now been lifted. It was announced this week.</p> <p>Road Administrator</p> <p>Jack S. Richards has been appointed Road Administrator for the Village of Wood Creek Farms.</p> <p>Torch Drive Goal</p> <p>The 1960 United Foundation Torch Drive goal for the City of Farmington and Farmington Township has been set at \$15,908. The area chairman of the campaign is Mrs. Arthur Mazur.</p>	<p>OCTOBER 6, 1955 Parking Survey</p> <p>The Farmington City Council has asked for an engineers report on the off-street parking needs in the downtown Farmington business section.</p> <p>New Industry</p> <p>The New Era Potato Chip Company has purchased a 12-acre site in the southwest corner of the City of Farmington and has announced plans to construct a new plant on the property.</p> <p>Grid Heartbreaker</p> <p>The Farmington High School football team dropped its first league game of the season in the 12-7 encounter with the Van Dyke eleven. Jerry Plautz scored Farmington's lone touchdown and Ray Porter successfully converted the extra point.</p> <p>City Officials Reported</p> <p>City officials reported this week that approximately 30 per cent of the current sidewalk project is now completed.</p>	<p>OCTOBER 5, 1950 Frying Chickens</p> <p>Frying chickens are selling for 53 cents a pound at Conroy's Supermarket in Farmington this week. Stevers are selling for just 49 cents a pound.</p> <p>Falcons Win</p> <p>The Farmington High School football team scored its third straight victory by handing the Berkeley Bears a 12-6 setback. Jerry Plum scored both of the Falcon touchdowns on runs of 25 and 85 yards.</p> <p>Traffic Survey</p> <p>The Oakland County Road Commission announced this week a traffic survey would be made at the intersection of Nine Mile Road and Middlebelt Road in Farmington Township to determine whether a light should be installed there.</p> <p>Charter Revision</p> <p>Voters in the City of Farmington will decide November 7 whether they want to change the local government to the City Manager form which requires a City Charter revision.</p>

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Isabel Haynes Elected To St. GOP Post

Mrs. Isabel Haynes of Farmington will assume duties as Fourth Vice-President of the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan next January.

Mrs. Haynes was swept into office last week with all eight of her fellow nominees on a slate headed by Mrs. Ruth Hobbs of Ann Arbor. Balloting took place during a stormy, two-day convention of some 250 delegates at the Jack Tar Hotel in Lansing.

Observers regard the convention as an important victory for Romney-style GOP moderates over the small right-wing faction of the party. Mrs. Peterson, they point out, openly supported the Hobbs ticket.

Elected with Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Haynes were three other Vice-presidents, two recording secretaries, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer. All will serve two-year terms.

A housewife, retired teacher, and head of the Michigan delegation to the last two National Federation conferences, Mrs. Haynes is felt to have brought a realistic geographical and philosophical balance to her ticket.



Airman Apprentice Douglas L. Clingan, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence A. Clingan of 32545 Shady Ridge in Farmington, graduated recently from the Aviation Familiarization School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn. During the two-week course he received instruction in Naval Aviation orientation and survival practices. The curriculum included the history of naval aviation, theory of flight, aircraft carriers and operations, cleaning and inspecting aircraft, survival evasion tactics, parachutes and jump techniques.

A.F.S. At N.F.H.S.

To Meet Oct. 6

The North Farmington A.F.S. will hold their first meeting of the year on Wednesday evening, October 6, at 8 p.m. in the school library. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Young of Old Bedford are co-chairmen and would like to invite anyone interested in the foreign student program to attend.

Applications are now being taken from any student who would like to take part in the American Abroad program. Students can apply for either the summer or winter session; and there is a time limit, so early applications are important.

REPORT from LANSING

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker

After giving the axe to tax reform last week, majority Democrats were still unable to decide on an agenda for the fall session. More than two weeks have gone by without a single positive accomplishment.

Death came to the bipartisan tax reform package at a caucus of the majority party behind closed doors despite Republican efforts to keep it alive on the floor. The promises of last spring have been broken, and the blame for the inevitable financial crisis which will result from inaction on fiscal problems rests squarely with those who have refused to face this vital responsibility now.

In the midst of negative action on tax reform and no action on all other matters, about the only positive proposals came from the Governor's office. In two special messages Governor Romney urged the legislature to implement the federal medicare program in Michigan and to adopt measures to control water pollution.

While all the necessary information for medicare implementation has not been received and digested, two measures have been recommended to prepare Michigan for participation in the program. First it is proposed that the state qualify for some \$4.5 million annually for Old Age Assistance and Medical Aid recipients who are patients in mental or tuberculosis hospitals.

Wood Creek Farms Village
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When I phoned Monday morning to get news of Philo Wright I was very pleasantly surprised to have him answer the phone. He was brought home from the hospital a week ago Saturday and says he is making very satisfactory progress.

SHIRLEY DONN flew out to Pasadena, Cal. to be with an aunt who was having an operation. While there she saw our daughter, Nancy, as they have been close friends for a number of years. Shirley got back from there in August.

All of us in Wood Creek who knew the Dornans, and especially Bonnie Dornan, were greatly shocked and grieved when we learned of her fatal accident. We all extend to that family our deepest sympathy.



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The second measure calls for a total merger of state-local welfare operations to provide for coordinated programs at the local level.

In the other special message, the Governor renewed his appropriation request for the majority party without explanation. The purpose of the Task Force is to develop a complete water policy for the state. Also in this message is a proposal to double the water pollution enforcement activity of the Water Resources Council.

Unfortunately, it appears as though these recommendations will fall on the deaf ears of the majority who have clearly indicated that this fall session will be one of obstruction and do-nothing.

Shrine Club Sets Ladies Night

The first Ladies Night of the Farmington Shrine Club's Fall Season will be held on Thursday, October 14, at the Glen Oaks Country Club, West 12 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake.

The popular Floyd Snyder Orchestra will play for dancing and dancing pleasure. The program for the evening will be presented by Mr. Frank Firmschild of the Detroit Edison Company. This will include an illustrated tour of Detroit entitled "Renaissance of a City" which traces the city's remarkable progress from Cadillac to Capnagah.

All Nobles and their Ladies are invited and reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 12. Telephone Chuck Altman, Northville 349-0041; Bill Walker, 474-3090; or Larry Strobel, VE 6-1212. Ticket hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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