

In Our Opinion . . .

A Serious Problem That Must Be Faced

There are likely very few in our community who wouldn't agree that there is much to be desired with regard to the type of rubbish and garbage collection service that we receive.

The problem is particularly serious in the township where very infrequent collections are made and many areas and subdivisions have found it necessary to go out and hire a private collector to service them. Services in the city are provided on a much more regular basis but are still very far from top quality.

This is not Farmington's problem alone but one that is being faced by nearly everyone of our neighboring communities and for that matter just about all communities throughout this area.

The problem is a lot more far reaching than most people realize. It is extremely difficult to find qualified firms with a good caliber of personnel to do work of this kind at a reasonable price. What makes it even more of a problem is the fact that it is becoming more and more difficult to find suitable locations nearby where collection firms can dump rubbish and garbage.

As our community and the other communities around us continue to build up more and more this problem is going to become more and more serious. It appears to us that the time is fast approaching when the governmental officials of a number of neighboring communities in this area are going to have

to sit down together and face up to this problem head-on.

The best solution seems to us to be the establishment of an area garbage and rubbish disposal system with all participating area communities sharing in the cost of this system's operations on a per capita basis.

The setting up of a rather centrally located rubbish and garbage disposal plant would be necessary. Then it would be necessary to employ a competent staff to operate this plant and also to purchase proper trucks and equipment and hire a crew of men to do the collection work who would be very rigidly supervised.

There is little question in our mind that if such an area-wide collection and disposal system as this were set up the costs for all communities over what they are now spending would go up. But, it looks to us to be the only real answer to the problem that is going to have to be solved. As long as each growing community in this area continues to try to provide the service on its own the problems are going to continue to get worse and worse.

The Enterprise has in the past and continues to strongly advocate of local government control on a singular community basis except in areas where this approach is just not practical. In our opinion, the problem of garbage and rubbish collection and disposal is one of these exception areas.

No Better Way to Spend Tax Money

Within the last few weeks both the city and township governing bodies have taken action to expand and improve upon the police forces in our community.

Accompanying the action there was some grumbling heard from at least a few that our community's police and public safety departments were getting to be pretty expensive operations. Yes, they are, and are going to get to be a lot more expensive operations in the years ahead. Anyone who can't see this isn't looking at the problem squarely.

The trend in our society today makes it clear that more and better police and safety protection is going to continue to be required and that we are going to have to continue paying more and more to provide it in our communities.

Pay scales for our police and firemen are going to have to be hiked substantially if we are to retain good men instead of losing them to better paying factory jobs with a lot fewer risks and far less responsibility than a policeman or fireman's job requires. We are going to have to provide them with more and better equipment with which to do their jobs and with pleasant and modern facilities from which to operate.

Both the City and Township of Farm-

ington have gone a long way in some of these areas in more recent years but this cannot and will not be the end. Still more expenditures and improvements are going to have to be made in the years ahead.

To our way of thinking our city and township tax money should be no better spent than to be used to provide and our children with the best possible police and fire protection that our community's governing body can possibly afford.

Not too long ago it was made rather clear to us that we were far from alone in feeling this way.

The voters of Farmington Township authorized a tax increase of \$2 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for an extended period of time specifically for improving police and fire protection in the community.

The cost of maintaining the city public safety department has gone up steadily in recent years but we can't recall of any citizen or group of citizens ever appearing at a Council meeting to object to the amount the city is spending on police and fire protection.

This is one area of governmental service that should be the best we can possibly afford.

Serving On Oakland Univ. Info. Council

Twenty-three area women, all leaders in their home communities, have accepted Oakland University's invitation to serve as members of a newly formed Town Information Council.

In the group is Mrs. Delos Hamlin, 2210 Cass, Farmington. Sponsored for and by the Division of Continuing Education, the council is designed to bring residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties in more direct contact with adult education courses and conferences at the University.

The council members were carefully selected to represent their own towns because of their backgrounds of community service and their personal knowledge of the organizations, clubs, businesses, industrial firms and cultural groups located in their respective areas.

Serving in purely volunteer capacities, they will be the direct links between the university and their towns and work mostly out of their homes.

FHS Has Three Semi-Finalists

Farmington Senior High has three semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They are Sherry Dorow, Susan Jones and Kathleen Schacht.

Other persons from F.H.S. have received letters of commendation for their performance on the national test. Susan Bliss, Randall Gale, Madge Hildebrandt, Dennis Moore, and Paula Newman received the letters with congratulations from the persons involved in making the test.

To become finalists the three F.H.S. students must undertake certain requirements, take a second examination and obtain recommendations from the school.

If the three F.H.S. students qualify as finalists, each will receive a Certificate of Merit which will also be eligible for one of the many scholarships.



Neil F. Burnside has been named assistant divisional controller, Ford Motor Division, Ford Motor Company, according to John B. Abblin, controller. He moves to the newly created position from the post of controller of the company's Tractor and Implement Operations (U.S.) where he has served since June, 1962. Mr. Burnside attended Purdue University and Vanderbilt University and holds a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. He lives at 2536 Greyhorne Trail, Farmington, Mich.



REPORT from LANSING

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker

Michigan's revenue collections are still zooming according to a late report placed on my desk by the Michigan Department of Revenue.

Total departmental tax collections for July and August, 1965, the first two months of fiscal 1966, are running \$18.5 million higher than for the same period last year. During this period, increases have actually been piling on top of increases.

August, 1965 Sales Tax collections (on July taxable retail sales) were \$46,018,088 an increase of \$5,539,178 or 13.04 per cent over August 1964. This represents an increase in taxable retail sales of \$138.5 million for July 1965 over July 1964. August 1965 is the 43rd consecutive month that sales tax collections have been higher than the same month of the preceding year.

OF INTEREST TO people of this area is the increase of business in Oakland County during August 1965 over that

of August 1964. In August 1964 total sales tax collections in the county amounted to \$4,274,760.00 while in August 1965, the collections totaled \$4,870,194.00. This reflects an overall increase in the retail business for the County of Oakland of over 11 per cent in one year's time.

Cigarette sales in Michigan increased more than 6 per cent this August as opposed to the same month last year. The increase seems to indicate that the "scar" after the U.S. Health Service report on the effects of smoking is wearing off. Cigarette sales continue to climb to the point that in 1964 they averaged out to about 12½ cartons per person annually or 2,532 cigarettes for every man, woman and child.

Of the five weeks we have been back in Lansing, the first three were spent just getting organized. At this point, we are in the midst of final consideration of some 32 items on the agenda. These will be detailed in a later report.

Botsford Gen. Sets Red Cross Training Class

Mrs. W. C. Sproull, American Red Cross Liaison Chairman for Hospital Volunteers of Oakland Region, will conduct a new class of training in orientation and instructions for Red Cross volunteer service, to begin October 19 at Botsford General Hospital.

Formerly known as Gray Ladies, Hospital Volunteers are required to complete the prescribed Red Cross training course; and after 30 hours of service, the volunteers are capped and receive their pins and certificates. Once a month, a general meeting of the group is held, with doctors and other members of the professional staff participating in the program.

Interviews will be held on October 14 and 15. For appointment please phone Mrs. W. W. Blackley, 474-3436, or Mrs. John Hooper, EL 6-5042, co-chairmen for Botsford Hospital Red Cross Volunteers.

Orchard MYF To Treat UNICEF

The Orchard Methodist M.Y.F. will be truck or treating for U.N.I.C.E.F., the Kendallwood, Westbrook, and Briar Hill areas on October 29. All money is donated to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Holden Off To Australia

Wayne State University Prof. Willis Sprague Holden, whose home is at 28150 Westbrook in Farmington, has been selected for a grant under the international educational and cultural exchange program of the Department of State, it was announced this week.

PROF. HOLDEN, head of the Wayne State University Journalism Department and an internationally known author on communications, will conduct research in journalism at the University of Sydney, Australia, continuing earlier studies that took him and his wife, Sheila, also an information specialist, to many cities in Australia and New Zealand.

The grant is for one year, but is subject to extension. It was available to the most highly qualified scholar in the field of communications.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 13, 1960
Enrollment Jump
Enrollment in the Farmington Public School system continues to climb as school officials this week placed the total number of pupils at 8,722. There are 1,045 pupils attending kindergarten and 318 in the senior class.

Falcons Bow
The Farmington High School football team fell victim again last week to a gridiron adversary. Latest to humble the Falcons was Pontiac Northern with a 25 to 13 decision. Falcon fullback George Becker scored one of Farmington's touchdowns and quarterback Jim Wall got the other.

Rockets Undefeated
The Freshmen Rockets of Farmington's Junior Football organization remain undefeated and on top of the 13-team Metropolitan League circuit. The Farmington squad is also undefeated and is in second place only by virtue of having played one less game than the place team, East Detroit which has a 4-0 record.

10 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 13, 1955
Dedicate Field
The new lighted athletic field at Clarenceville High School was officially dedicated last Friday night and the Trojan eleven made their home debut under the lights a success by dumping league rival Northville, 21 to 7.

Water System
The Farmington City water system expansion project is nearing completion with lines from the new wells into the existing system expected to be linked in the next few days.

New Subdivision
A total of 283 occupancy permits were issued by the City of Farmington this week for homes in the new Bel-Air Subdivision. Before the development can be finally approved, however, the City Council must accept roads, sidewalks, sewers and water lines in the new sub. This is expected to be done within the next few weeks.

15 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 12, 1950
First Deer In
Farmington bow and arrow hunters brought back the first deer this fall to Conroy's Lock-er Service. Ben Bando of Farmington and Harold Sweeney of Beck Road were the lucky hunters. They bagged their deer after a week's stalking near Houghton Lake.

Fred Bagnall Dies
Frederick W. Bagnall died this week at the age of 62. He was a former member of the Farmington City Commission and had retired from the Detroit Edison Company last year.

4th Grid Win
The Farmington High School football team chalked up their fourth straight victory of the season last Friday by downing Walled Lake, 18 to 0, in an Inter-Lakes Conference contest.

Trojans Win
The Trojan eleven noised out Inkster, 7-6, last Friday to make their season's record two wins against one defeat.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a Special Election will be held in the TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON County of Oakland, State of Michigan

November 2, 1965

At the place in each of the several Wards or Precincts of said Township as indicated below, viz:

PRECINCT NO. 1, Gill Road School, 21195 Gill Road

PURPOSE: Shall the following described property be annexed to the City of Farmington? Said territory is described as follows:

"Part of Section 23 and Section 25, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, known and described as follows: All of the land contained within the following: Beginning at the intersection of Grand River Ave. and Gill Road and proceeding thence southerly along the west limit of the City of Farmington being also the centerline of Gill Road to the centerline of Freedom Road; thence northwesterly to the centerline of Freedom Road to the west line of Section 25, being also the centerline of Halstead Road; thence northerly along the centerline of Halstead Road to the centerline of Grand River Ave.; thence easterly along the centerline of said Grand River Avenue to the point of beginning;" and containing 54.4 acres +/- of land.

Notice Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls

ELECTION LAW, ACT 111, P.A. 185
SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Clerk

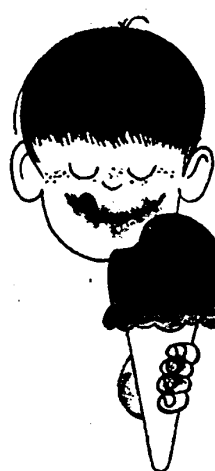
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