

# In Our Opinion . . .

## Many Are Careless and Inconsiderate

In the outside burning being done by industrial plants in the Eight Mile-Farmington Road section in the city is as extensive and uncontrolled as a group of homeowners in Farmington Meadows claim it is then we can't blame them for really being "up-in-arms."

The sample of remains from one of the industrial plant's burning sites which one irate homeowner dumped out on the Council Chamber floor at the last regular Council meeting would indicate strongly that the affected homeowners have a justifiable right to complain bitterly and expect corrective steps. Both the public safety director and city manager agreed to take stern action where it is found that the burning and we have no reason to believe that they will not carry out this promise within a reasonable period of time.

A substantial amount of outside burning in all sections of the community that we have been witnessing year in and year out over the past several years has been disturbing to us. Some outside burning is definitely necessary at nearly every household or business place but not done in such a careless and inconsiderate manner as it often is.

Drive around the community just about any time of the year and you will see some pretty good sized fires going in back or side yards and usually in improper containers or in no containers at all and completely unsupervised. Fall and spring seems to be the worst times of the year for this but occasions of inconsiderate and unsafe burning can be witnessed somewhere in the community nearly every day.

A certain amount of waste paper from a home, business place or industrial plant must be burned outside unless an indoor incinerator is purchased and not too many people can afford this luxury. Even with them some outside burning always seems to be required. But, it is very hard to understand why many people can't obtain a suitable container in which to burn outside and be considerate enough not to light up when the neighbors have clothing on the line or are entertaining outdoors.

The outside burner who includes garbage and other types of unburnable material in with his or her waste paper makes the situation a whole lot worse. The odors that result are almost unbearable at times and present a very unhealthy situation as well.

A real serious and dangerous outside burning offense that can be witnessed right now almost everywhere is that of raking dead leaves out onto the pavement or roadway and then setting a match to them. If only small piles were set afire at one time it wouldn't be so bad but we have seen some pretty big and unattended blazes of late.

Some stern regulations on outside burning in both the city and township are needed coupled with strict enforcement. The issuance of a few substantial fines to careless and unthoughtful outside burners would go a long way in getting improvements in this problem area.

## Pro And Con Publicity Desirable

This coming Tuesday voters of the City of Farmington and from an approximately 800 acre triangular parcel of property in Farmington Township between Grand River and the 196 Expressway will be going to the polls to vote on annexation.

Much of the land area still to be developed in that area will provide a substantial amount of additional tax revenue and that portion that is already developed has some above-average priced homes on it that already represents a substantial amount of tax money.

For more than a month new city officials and city planners have been hard at work in trying to convince the owners of the area they propose to annex that they will be better off as a part of the city than remaining in the township. Numerous letters have been sent and meetings with the homeowners have been held on at least three different occasions.

From our standpoint it matters little whether the proposed area to be annexed becomes part of the city or remains a part of the township.

It has been our observation, however, that city officials have gone to considerable time and effort to sell the advantages of joining with the city to Wood-

croft Subdivision homeowners and other property owners of that area. The story they have told and the facts and figures they have presented sound quite convincing also, we must admit.

Publicly at least, township officials have not done nearly as much to convince those owners of property in the area proposed to be taken from their jurisdiction that they should stay a part of the township. Perhaps more has been done in a quiet way than we know about or perhaps there are plans for a big last minute "selling job" in the remaining few days before the election but we have not been told about either.

What the outcome will be is to be decided on Nov. 2 and we do not wish to either endorse or oppose the annexation attempt.

The only reason we bring the matter up at all editorially at this time is because of the fact that we feel any community issue as important as this deserves substantial pro and con discussion and that it should be given as much publicity as possible. On any future issues of this kind or scope we sincerely hope that there will be more pro and con statements made and publicity given.

## Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO	10 YEARS AGO	15 YEARS AGO
<b>OCTOBER 27, 1960</b> <b>Falcons Lose</b> The Farmington High School football team bowled to the Waterford Skippers, 25 to 6, under the lights on the victors' gridiron. Tom Ellis scored the lone FHS marker.	<b>OCTOBER 26, 1950</b> <b>FHS Dumps Holly</b> The Farmington High School football team dumped the Holly eleven in an Inter-Lakes Conference game last Friday, 26 to 0, to extend their winning streak to six in a row. Farmington scored three touchdowns in the first quarter and coasted the rest of the way to victory.	<b>OCTOBER 27, 1935</b> <b>U-F Campaign</b> Collection reached \$1,200 this week in the 1935 United Foundation Torch Drive campaign in Farmington.
<b>Torch Drive</b> The 1960 Torch Drive campaign in Farmington got off to a successful start last week with volunteers reporting a total of \$5,155 in so far from contributors. Farmington's goal this year is \$15,000.	<b>Charter Condensed</b> Local Farmington attorneys condemned the present Farmington City Charter and asked that "wholesale" revisions be made to update the document.	<b>FHS Downs Vikings</b> The Farmington High School football team downed the Vikings of Walled Lake in an Inter-Lakes Conference game last Friday, 7 to 0. Falcon fullback Don Robinson scored the game's only touchdown.
<b>Twp. Police Force</b> The Farmington-Township Board discussed the possibility of expanding the Township Police Department from its present eight officers to a force of 11 men, at its regular meeting this week.	<b>Voter Registration</b> The list of eligible voters in both the City and Township of Farmington was boosted considerably in the late rush to meet the deadline for the General Election November 7. The Farmington Township reported 136 new registrants. There are now approximately 3,200 registered voters in Farmington Township and about 950 eligible voters in the City of Farmington, according to the local clerk's office.	<b>Adult Education</b> Lack of interest in the Farmington Adult Education women's physical education class may result in the dropping of the course this year.
<b>Field Dedication</b> The highlight of this Friday's Homecoming game at Farmington High School will be the dedication of the Clarence V. Bell Athletic Field. The FHS gridiron was named in honor of a beloved custodian who served the school for 28 years.	<b>Hazardous Walking</b> The Farmington School District Board of Education was petitioned by residents, at their regular meeting this week, requesting special bus transportation for their children where hazardous walking conditions are reportedly in existence to some schools.	

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## Public Letterbox

To The Editor:

This is not a letter to the editor from some "kookie" guy writing so he can see his name in print, but a letter right from the heart. If you would print it, I'd rather you withhold my name.

I can't help but be disturbed by what makes splash headlines in a newspaper. I shall call "bad X" and pleased by the clean, wholesome and non-exaggerated community news as printed by the Enterprise.

It is a darn shame when mangling auto crashes, stabbings, rapes, abortions, drunk riots, ad infinitum make headlines over city council proceedings, school board actions, community surveys, traffic safety problems and a other similar activities of vital importance to the welfare of us all.


Don't get me wrong. I don't feel these acts of violence should be overlooked by the press. They should however be put in their proper perspective and let's print first things first!

Keep up the good work.  
Sincerely,  
Name Withheld

Letter To The Editor:

Each year at this season we receive requests from individuals and groups interested in remembering our patients at Northville State Hospital —


Sincerely,  
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**REPORT from LANSING**

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker



Sooner or later every homeowner must face up to the fact that there are certain improvements needed for his home. Hardly a year goes by that something does not have to be done and paid for.

The stark realization that improvements are needed and that he has led some homeowners into traps set for them by home improvement swindlers.

These fast buck artists entice unsuspecting and gullible homeowners into fraudulent deals with gimmicks which promise cheaper costs and something for nothing.

As a part of a continuing battle against such fraudulent business operations, Michigan has enacted the Home Improvement Finance Act. This new law, passed unanimously by both houses of the legislature and signed by Governor Romney, is designed to put an end to home improvement frauds.

THE ACT PROVIDES for basic changes in contracts covering home improvements — a frequent vehicle for swindlers.

After January 1, 1968 contracts must include all essential details of the transaction with certain important information in large type so that it would be hard for anyone to overlook.

Another provision allows the purchaser of a home improvement contract to rescind or

cancel a contract at any time before 5 p.m. on the business day following the date of the transaction. This was put in because many persons have been high pressured during a long and well calculated sales pitch to sign a contract not in their best interests. There have been cases under such circumstances a person wanted to cancel the contract within hours of its signing but was not allowed to do so by the salesman.


THE ACT ALSO sets a limit of \$500 per \$1000 per annum on the finance charge which may be included in a home improvement installment contract.


Several selling techniques are also prohibited. Among them is the promise or offer to pay compensation for the procuring of sales to other persons and the giving of a gift worth more than \$250.

Convicted violators of the act are subject to a sentence of 90 days in jail and a fine of not more than \$500, or both, for the first offense, and another \$500 and one year in jail, or both, for repeated offenses.

The law goes into effect on January 1, 1968 and if, after that time, you suspect that a transaction for home improvement services concerns any provision of the new act, you should contact your attorney immediately.

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## Rubbish Pickup Service Again Criticized

The quality of garbage and rubbish pickup service presently being provided by the private contractor engaged by the City of Farmington again came in for some criticism at the regular Council meeting Monday night.

Several derogatory comments from the present service have been made in recent months.

The criticism at Monday night's meeting came from Councilman Ralph Yoder who reported he has been receiving more and more critical remarks from private citizens.

It was his feeling that unless service by the present contractor is considerably improved soon, another firm to do the work should be hired.

City Manager John Dineen stated that he was presently working with the collection firm to get corrective measures taken but agreed that substantial improvements were still needed. In defense of the present firm, however, the city manager emphasized the fact that he was doing the work for the city at a very reasonable price and that another firm would likely charge substantially more.

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Plan Costume Party At Legion Post 346

A Halloween costume party, sponsored by the American Legion, Groves-Walker Post 346 of Farmington, will be staged Saturday night, October 30, from 8:30 p.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial.

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