

In Our Opinion . . .

Anonymous 'Privilege' Sometimes Warranted

A comment was made by a local governmental official that has us somewhat disturbed.

The comment had to do with attitudes and opinions expressed by citizens who wish to have their names remain anonymous. It was the feeling of this particular official that if the party or parties wishing to express their opinions didn't have enough "guts" to identify themselves with the comments or opinions they had to express, they shouldn't even be considered valid by others.

The Enterprise has always been in favor of having people writing letters to the editor or expressing views locally, or in any other way, identify themselves with the opinions they express or comments that they might make. Our feelings on this have never changed.

But, to take the attitude that this particular governmental official apparently does that all views expressed by parties not wishing to identify themselves are totally unworthy of consideration doesn't hit us quite right.

We have received many good opinions and comments from people in letters to the editor and verbally that we have had occasion to publish or use in part in stories that have come from people who have chosen to remain anonymous and for very justifiable reasons. Sometimes a man's business or professional position or even his domestic life can be affected very adversely by comments he might make of thoughts he might put in writing. These thoughts and views, however, often deserve to be shared with others and should be, in our opinion.

Probably one of the most frequent

users of such statements as "off the record" or "keep it confidential" are politicians or people in governmental offices themselves. Our long association with newspaper work has resulted in our having heard this request from governmental people for keeping something "in confidence" many, many times; and when it has been a justifiable request, we have respected it.

Maybe it is because of this that we became disturbed at the local governing official's remark. Needless to say we have lost a lot of respect for this local official because of his comment to this effect. Why shouldn't we extend the same courtesy of "confidence" to private citizens as we do to politicians when the request has justification?

The Enterprise would like to make it clear right now that we want comments and opinions from people on any and all things of local interest. They can be in the form of letters to the editor or comments in person or on the phone and we will always respect a confidence. We will not divulge names when the party asking that his name not be in a published letter seems to us to have just reason.

While we will always admire a man or woman who has "guts" enough to identify himself or herself with anything they say or do, to also will we continue to respect confidences when the requests for these confidences seems justifiable.

Many of our politicians today might do well to pay more heed to the opinions and comments expressed by citizens whether they choose to identify themselves or remain anonymous.

You Must Show Proof Of Liability Insurance To Obtain License Plates

For the first time, Michigan motorists must show proof of public liability and property damage insurance (PLPD) or pay the state an added \$35 to obtain 1956 automobile license plates which went on sale Monday, November 1.

Motorists with proof of PLPD insurance need pay \$1 under the new Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act," says Jerry E. Fisher, Automobile Club of Michigan's touring manager.

AUTO CLUB OUTLINES three steps for car owners to follow when purchasing 1956 plates:

Bring current car registration plates.

Have enough money or a money order to cover the cost of plates.

Show proof of PLPD insurance and pay an additional \$1 fee. Or, pay \$35 into the uninsured fund.

Either a certificate of insurance furnished by most insurance companies, an insurance policy which shows an expiration date and coverage, or a written statement from the insurance company containing the same information as the certificate are valid proof of insurance.

Recent television editorials have brought to the attention of the people of our state a lack of quality and quantity of Michigan camping facilities. I will be the first to agree there is some basis for these annual complaints, not only from T.V. commentators, newspaper editors, but also from fishermen, hunters, campers and the public in general.

The complaints are, for the most part, legitimate and should not be ignored. No doubt, they will not be ignored. When one is seeking a place to camp over a weekend, and finds all facilities filled to capacity, one's temper is inclined to be short.

However, since many charges have been made that have cast a veil of gloom over camping authorities in Michigan, it seems appropriate at this time to add up the score and determine whether or not we should be ashamed of the progress we have made for our growing army of potential campers.

Michigan is recognized across the nation as a leader in tourism and outdoor recreation. We are blessed with lakes and streams, game and fish, forests and fields, mountains and valleys and all of the resources necessary for a well-rounded recreation program.

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IF ANGRY CAMPERS decided to go to nearby states for

"Other methods of verification—such as a telephone call to or from an insurance company—cannot be accepted as proof of insurance by a state agency issuing 1956 plates," states Fisher.

Auto Club points out that the Claims Act fees are a part of the license plate cost which is unchanged from last year.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE uninsured motorist law passed by the State Legislature this year make this additional charge mandatory.

The fund is designed to protect drivers and pedestrians involved in accidents with uninsured motorists beginning January 1, 1956.

"The uninsured fund is not a substitute for car insurance," states Fisher. "It protects only victims of uninsured motorists in Michigan, not in other states."

"The uninsured driver causing an accident must repay the state every cent taken from the fund on his behalf," he adds.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF Michigan advises motorists not to cancel their PLPD insurance and to continue carrying private "Uninsured Motorist" coverage.

Recovery maximums from the state, payable to anyone hit by an uninsured motorist, are \$10,000 for one person, \$20,000 for more than one person and \$5,000 for property damage.

Also, the uninsured fund does not pay a property damage claim under \$20 or for property damage caused by a hit-and-run motorist whose vehicle is unidentified.

PENALTIES ARE levied on motorists who cause the fund to pay. Uninsured drivers causing an accident are forced into a repayment plan with the state or face the loss of driving privileges.

Those car owners who falsify proof of insurance or have valid insurance canceled to avoid paying the uninsured fee are subject to loss of driver's license, motor vehicle registration, or both, plus a \$100 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

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Extra Effort Highly Commendable

Anyone who doesn't get the facts or get their questions answered on the forthcoming school election to be held on Nov. 15 will have no one to blame but themselves.

It is a very important election with two operating millage propositions to be voted on as well as a good sized bond issue and every taxpayer should make it a point to get the facts and information he possibly can.

Again for this election, as for previous school elections, members of the board of education and administrative staff of the school system are making extra efforts to give everyone the facts and answer any questions people may have.

Special public programs are being held at the various schools throughout the district and clubs, organizations and groups are also being invited to make arrangements for presentations. All it takes is a phone call to the superintendent of schools' office at GR. 4-9450.

We have praised the Farmington Board of Education and administration in the past and we have also voiced some criticisms on their actions or proposals. But, one thing that we think every citizen in the community should

be extremely grateful for is the fact that we have a School Board and administration who will get out and devote the extra time and effort that our district's leaders do to make special presentations prior to important school elections of this kind. Such is not done in many communities around us.

We haven't sat down to count up the number of different groups and organizations that such presentations have been made to on the average prior to previous elections. We do know, however, that the number of presentations has been substantial and continues to increase with each election as the school district continues to grow.

It represents a lot of extra evenings of work in addition to the nights of work spent at regular school board meetings as well as numerous special meetings required during the course of a normal year's time.

Call it the "hard sell" if you want but we look upon it as a special service that our Farmington Board of Education members and administrators are providing for us and something for which they should be highly commended.

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO	10 YEARS AGO	15 YEARS AGO
<p>NOVEMBER 3, 1950 Dedicate FHS Gridiron</p> <p>The Farmington High School football team was turned back, 29 to 6, by a rugged Wallingford Lake eleven at the Homecoming for the Falcons last Friday afternoon at which time the Clarence Bell Field was officially dedicated.</p> <p>Rides to Polls</p> <p>The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce plans to cooperate with local automobile agencies to provide eligible voters without transportation to polling places for next Tuesday's General Election with free limousine service in late model cars. The Jaycees are joining with local public officials to urge all citizens to vote.</p> <p>Water Transmission</p> <p>Water transmission lines are being extended down Farmington Road to hook into the Detroit water main at Eight Mile Road. The construction is expected to be completed in time to have Detroit water running in the City by next March.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 3, 1955 Student Gov't Day</p> <p>Students at Farmington Senior High School will take over the reins of City government on November 21 for a sample of the workings of local public offices and departments. It will be the first time such a program has been staged in the community.</p> <p>Growing Fast</p> <p>According to the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, the City of Farmington is one of the two fastest growing cities in Oakland County, based on the population figures for the period April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1955. The City realized a growth in population from 2,325 to 4,300 for the period for an increase of 84.9 per cent.</p> <p>FHS Pools Victory</p> <p>The Farmington High School football team closed out its Inter-Lakes Conference schedule with a 13 to 8 victory over the Donkey Bears. Don Robinson and Tom Kosty scored the Falcon touchdowns. FHS finished fourth in the league.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2, 1950 Falcons Win</p> <p>The Farmington High School football team is well on its way to its first undefeated first season since 1942. The Falcons trounced the Milford eleven, 25 to 6, for their seventh straight football victory. FHS fullback Jim Bates scored two touchdowns with the other markers coming on runs by halfbacks Jerry Plum and Don Byrne.</p> <p>New Eagle Scout</p> <p>LeRoy Paschke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Paschke of 21650 Power Road, was presented with Scoutings highest award, The Eagle Scout Badge, at a Southern Area Court of Honor held last week.</p> <p>Election Issues</p> <p>Among the items to be decided by voters in the November 7 election, will be the proposal of whether colored oleomargarine should be sold in the stores. Voters in the City of Farmington will also decide whether the City Charter should be revised, which, if approved, will lead to another election of a seven-member Charter Revision Commission to frame the changes to be made.</p>

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