

In Our Opinion . . .

Tax Relief Where It's Really Needed

Probably one of the best pieces of state legislation that has been passed in a long time is the new legislation that provides tax relief for senior citizens on a low, fixed income.

It provides senior citizens with an opportunity to get a reduced tax rate if their total yearly income is less than \$5,000. They have been residents of the state seven years or longer, and live in a home assessed below \$10,000.

We have heard Township Treasurer Elise Avery and City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter lament many times about how bad they have felt when they were forced to accept a couple of months' social security payment checks from some senior citizen as payment of their tax bill. It is exceptionally hard to accept, we are certain, when it is known that this is probably about the only money that these senior citizens are receiving on a regular basis with which to live from day to day.

"When older citizens bring in pennies, nickels and dimes in paper bags and dump them out on the counter to help pay a portion of their tax bill you really get a sick feeling," commented Mrs. Cotter.

In growing communities such as our local ones keep going up and up and so does the cost of living and wages to people still gainfully employed. It is those people living in rapidly growing areas on fixed incomes who really suffer the most.

We Need Both the Pros and Cons

There are both advantages and disadvantages to a city form of government as opposed to the more limited controlling forms of government such as townships and villages operate under.

It is our sincere hope that when the members of the study committee that the Township Board is planning to form starts work in digging out the facts and data on home rule cities they will make public for the voting citizenry of the township not only the good points about city government but also those points that might be considered disadvantages. The voters have a right and should be provided with all the true facts before they are asked to go to the polls and vote on the proposition next year.

Of the most extreme importance will be the type of men and women who are named to serve on the special citizens committee. In our opinion, it would be well for Township Board members to consider very seriously trying to get at least two or three people on this committee who have some real misgivings

It would be our hope that other forms of relief that have been talked about for a long time to help senior citizens who are retired and living on fixed incomes would also be enacted. We would like to see senior citizens on fixed incomes also get some sort of relief in paying sales taxes on essential items such as food and clothing. It would certainly have to be very well thought out legislation with strict controls to prevent abuses but we feel there are ways that this could be accomplished.

Even those senior citizens who have been able to save up a little money and are now getting larger social security checks are finding it hard to get along comfortably as the cost of living continues to spiral upward and upward. We, like all other working people, don't like the idea of having to pay more in each year to the social security fund but neither do we like to see older people scrape and go without just so they can have proper food to eat, decent clothes to wear and a warm, comfortable home in which to live.

We have never been advocates of price controls being set by the government but this may be the course that is going to have to be followed unless some other means of stopping the cost of living spiral can be found.

It's a situation that is rough on all of us but the people who are really getting hurt the worst are the senior citizens who must live on a rather low, fixed income.

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MEMBERS OF THE ALAMEDA Elementary School Service Squad look on as State Trooper Cass Erbha presents the Perfect Safety Record banner to Safety Patrol Captain Keith Hendee and Service Squad Leader Karen Larson, at an all-school assembly.

Program held recently, Trooper Erbha gave a talk on safety and praised the students for their perfect record this past year. Schools which have gone through an accident-free year are eligible for the safety award.

OBITUARIES WestlakeNews

THOMAS HYSLOP
Thomas Hyslop of 31710 Lamar in Farmington died December 1 in Providence Hospital at the age of 69.

Mr. Hyslop was born April 3, 1896, in Scotland where five sisters survive him.

Also surviving are his wife, Maryann, two sons, Thomas and Frank; and three grandchildren, Steven, David and a Colleen.

Services were held at the Church of the Redeemer in Southfield on Saturday, December 4, at 1 p.m. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Haley Funeral Home of 24235 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

WILLIAM W. MYERS
Mr. William W. Myers of 26515 Grand River Avenue in Farmington died November 30 in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor, at the age of 70.

Mr. Myers was born May 24, 1895, at Lake Ashtabula, Michigan. He was a painter and decorator. He had resided here for the past 30 years.

Surviving are six children, Warren and Robert of Farmington, Ted of Walled Lake, Don of the U.S. Navy, Larry of Orchard Lake and Mrs. Jacqueline Hinton of Santa Barbara, California; one brother, and three sisters. Twenty grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held December 3 at 1 p.m. from the Richardson-Bird Funeral Home in Walled Lake. Rev. Alton Glaser, of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Walled Lake officiated at the funeral services. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi, Mich.

JOHN HENRY MAAS
John Henry Maas of 26275 Drake Road in Farmington Township passed away on December 2, at the age of 81.

Mr. Maas was born in Farmington on October 30, 1878, the son of William and Louise Westphal Maas. He lived in the Farmington area all his life and after his marriage to Anna Maas, they made their home at the Drake Road location and celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on March 15, 1965.

Mr. Maas was a farmer and a member of the Salem United Church of Christ.

Services were held at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home on Monday, December 6, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Carl H. Schultz officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

His wife, Anna, and a son, Fred W., survive Mr. Maas as well as two sisters and four grandchildren. Mrs. Ida Nacker, Miss Minnie Maas, Paul, Albert, Fred and Will Maas, all of Farmington. He also leaves three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. One daughter preceded him in death.

FHS Downs Wayne
The Farmington High School basketball team defeated Wayne, 44 to 29, in court action last week. Jim Bates led the Falcons scoring attack with 16 points.

Charter Commission
Candidates who will appear on the January 2 ballot to determine the nine-member Farmington City Charter Commission are: Victor Blakeslee, Robert Lindbert, Dr. G. Franklin Weaver, James Nourjian, Roy Edman, Edward Alexander, George Olin, Howard Rander, Ralph O. Shepard, Howard L. Richards, David T. Pressley, Trace Conroy, Charles Layton, Mrs. Mabel Checketts and William Strickland.

Palco Cagers
The Farmington Elks Lodge, P.O.E. 1988, has launched its annual "Toys for Tots" drive to collect old and new toys for distribution this Christmas to needy families in the community with small children.

Smoke Abatement
The Farmington City Council took action approving a smoke abatement ordinance at their last regular meeting. The new ordinance sets up regulations for outside burning by industrial and commercial firms.

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Goodfellows
The Farmington Goodfellows collected a total of \$2,211 during last week's sale of the annual Farmington Enterprise edition of the Goodfellow News-paper.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Act 82 of the Public Acts of 1954, State of Michigan, the Uniform Traffic Code for cities, townships and villages promulgated by the Commissioner of State Police on February 14, 1954, and published in Supplement No. 13, together with the amendments thereto promulgated February 14, 1961, and published in Supplement No. 25, Michigan Administrative Code, were adopted by reference by the Council of the City of Farmington on the 2nd day of April, 1962.

The purpose of such Code is to regulate the operation of vehicles, to provide for the regulation and use of streets, highways and alleys and other public and semi-public places within the City of Farmington and to provide penalties for the violation of said Code.

Complete copies of the Uniform Traffic Code are available at the office of the City Clerk for inspection by and distribution to the public at all times. No further or additional publication of the Uniform Traffic Code is required or contemplated.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk.

DATED: December 6, 1965

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