

In Our Opinion . . .

Detroit Preparing For Loss Of Power To Tax Suburbanites

State Sen. George Kuhn, who rose to political prominence through his opposition to Detroit's city income tax on non-residents, announced one morning he would continue his fight to prohibit such a tax.

The same day, a Detroit official, who is the city's legislative agent, conceded that, if the Michigan Legislature adopts a state income tax, Detroit would probably lose its right to tax corporations and non-residents.

But the Detroit official, assistant corporation counsel Stephen C. Carey, also announced a 15-point revenue proposal to increase the central city's taxing power.

One suggestion is that the city be allowed to levy excise taxes on utilities, hotels, and sports facilities. Another would ask the state to spend more on water and air pollution programs. A third idea, not original with Detroit but watched closely by that city, would increase the city's share of the gasoline and weight taxes.

Thus, it is probable that suburbanites will be unable to escape entirely the burden of central city problems, then Detroit will seek aid from the state and federal governments, which tax city, people, suburbanites and country folks alike.

Detroit is making a strong effort to prove that its problems are regional rather than purely local. And so, even if Sen. Kuhn is successful in blocking the big city's income tax, his victory is likely to be only on the surface.

A Special Reason To Note Jaycee Week — And Some Questions

Every Jaycee organization is celebrating, and asking others to observe, their week of Jan. 15 to 21.

But the Farmington Jaycees have a special reason to celebrate.

This year they rank as the top club in the state. They were so voted by an evaluating group in the Michigan Jaycee organization.

They were cited for their work in the fields of "religion, international relations, public relations, chapter development, youth activities and community development."

Keep in mind that these are men under the age of 35. They have young families, go to work, mortgages to worry about, careers to advance in, businesses to run.

Many probably have other activities, too — church, scouting, PTA, professional associations. They were busy men when they got to the Jaycees in the first place. The saying goes that if you have a job to do, ask a busy man; he's most efficient.

If one were to calculate the dollar value of the time they put into Jaycee work, it would be considerable. That work probably shows up in the gross national product, now around three-quarters of a billion dollars. But it does represent a contribution to the betterment of life in Farmington.

The Jaycees in the last year helped out in the administration of a measles clinic.

They took a survey of community attitudes on a host of different problems.

They sponsored a bike rodeo for youngsters in cooperation with the police. They held an Easter egg hunt. They circulated petitions on a school capital expansion program. They tried to get people more interested in local politics with a couple of "meet your candidates" nights.

At Christmas time, along with doing their own shopping, they spent time arranging parties for local kids and for kids in the Plymouth State Home.

They aided the Goodfellows drive with investigations of possible recipients.

They heap honor and recognition each year on an outstanding man of the year and an outstanding teacher—persons whose work might have gone unnoticed.

They compiled a community directory and sold Christmas trees to make money to support some of their projects.

The list is suggestive rather than exhaustive.

And so we come to some questions you might ask yourself, if you're not a Jaycee, during this week:

If you're asked by the Farmington Jaycees to contribute something to one of their projects, shouldn't you do it with enthusiasm, rather than because you feel you have to?

If you're a Jaycee wife, couldn't you go easy on your man when he comes home late from a meeting or races of some kind, where he promised to fix that loose doorknob?

If you're an able-bodied man between the ages of 21 and 35, and if you can't really say you've done much for your town — well, shouldn't you consider becoming a Jaycee?

THIS IS TYPICAL of the scene to be witnessed on any snowy day or evening at the City's recreation area on Shawwassee and Farmington Roads. It's great to see so much youthful happiness can be achieved just by the expenditure of a little rest and energy, but there are some dangers inherent in the situation that should be corrected. The climb back up the hill should be negotiated at a spot removed from the path of those shooting downward, and a lot more care needs to be exercised in observing the property rights of people who live nearby. Most of this could be handled much more satisfactorily if some supervision could be provided by the city fathers. Their desire to promote the fun and healthful recreation of the area's youth is both commendable and much appreciated, but it looks as though it will have to entail some additional responsibility for the welfare of all concerned.

PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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To the Editor:

The people of Oakland County certainly showed their concern and generosity in providing a most wonderful Christmas for the neglected and underprivileged children who live at the Oakland County Children's Village.

Through the efforts of many church groups, service organizations, school classes, scout troops, manufacturing organizations, and hundreds of individuals, and hundreds of gifts and clothing for the boys and girls who live at the Children's Village, as well as the children in boarding homes, many of the children on the court workers case loads, and the protective service cases.

We also received or purchased with donations, many items for our recreation program and home economics room.

Not only did the children appreciate and enjoy the presents, but it really showed that someone cared for them.

Therefore, on behalf of the Probate Judges, the Children's Village Staff, and particularly the four Scott children who were evacuated from the house by Lee who was babysitting with the help of a passing mailman, Robert Helgren.

Editorial note: Lee's friends later to a friend first in the Township at the home of the Robinson Scotts during which the four Scott children were evacuated from the house by Lee who was babysitting with the help of a passing mailman, Robert Helgren.

Wood Creek Farms Village

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Grace and Vern Fisher had a delightful time last week Friday. There were quite a few Wood Creekers there, and it was so nice to have a group of young people too, the Fisher girls, husbands, and friends of theirs. What a young gentleman Walter is! It was wonderful, great to catch up with Christmas doings of many of our friends and neighbors as we visited and enjoyed the hospitality extended to us in a home ideally suited to entertaining.

Dick and Dorothy Wheeler flew out to the Mayo Clinic December 15. They returned on Sunday night, and they gave a very excellent report of progress. They were at the Fishers'. Whereas Dorothy had her crutches it was a slippery night outside, so she told me she gets about the house quite a bit without even a cane.

Genevieve Fellrath has been so busy for one week that she was quite ill recently. Her aunt, Mrs. Park, has lived in Hollywood, Florida, for some years. She planned to come north to spend Christmas in Wood Creek, but she fell and broke her hip. Dick and Genevieve flew down and spent the week breaking up her home before bringing her back with them the day before Christmas. Her aunt is now in the Greenbush Nursing Home in Bloomfield Hills. We hope she will recover quickly and completely.

Charles and Ada Bronson spent ten days at Fort Lau-

Older Franklin's Almanac

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My, how our landscape is changing! Older Franklin Town residents suddenly looked up and noticed building going in their subdivision at a holiday ball. The general reaction among us all seems to be "isn't it delightful how fast we're growing?"

The new Fairview Elementary School which opened in September services not only Old Franklin Town but several surrounding communities. Its PTA is still caubering over its highly successful Christmas - Chanukah celebration. The party, held Dec. 13, high lighted songs and dramatizations of both holidays for our mutual enlightenment. Both the small fry and their parents enjoyed the refreshments and socializing after the program. A special thanks to Edward Dean McCarthy, PTA President who so resourcefully engaged the evening's entertainment.

Speaking of the holidays a lovely Christmas tea was given by Olga Delano and Dorothy Tadra at the latter's home during Christmas week. Featuring Dorothy's spectacular tea sandwiches, the party was arranged so that many of those in the neighborhood who are working girls could get together for a sociable afternoon.

More families are moving into our subdivision all the time and we wish to extend a cordial welcome to our new arrivals: Herb and Irene Goldberg; and their three children, Dean and Lori McCarthy and five children, and Dr. Benjamin Barenholtz, his wife Jane, three children of college age and one who's a new student at Fairview School.

We'd be happy to receive news of any good things happening in Christmas week. Important birthdays, weddings, interesting trips, or any honor that has come your way. Contact your reporter at the numbers printed above.

Briar Hill News

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Over the holidays several of the families in our subdivision went on trips.

For instance, the Matthews went to Tucson, Arizona to visit friends. The weather was cool during their stay with temperatures reaching 65 degrees in the afternoons, however they had a real nice time.

Arthur and Barbara Acker drove with their family to Florida for the two week holiday. They stayed at Longboat Key in Sarasota. All came home lamed and exclaiming what a wonderful time they had.

The Hopkins family stayed in Lansing for a couple of days during the holiday week and entertained relatives also.

The McCarthy's drove to Marquette, Mich. to look over N.M.U. where Mike is hoping to attend next year.

Jack Stinson received a master's degree from Wayne State, Dec. 20.

George Britton is doing the lead in "Death Of A Salesman" at the Farmington Playhouse in February. Sari Britton won a trophy and blue ribbon at Centaur Stables' Horse show on Dec. 26.

Joe Hage of Ravenscroft has been in St. Mary's Hospital for surgery. We all wish her a quick recovery.

Frankie Wyman's birthday was Jan. 5 and his sister, Sarah's, was Jan. 7. They celebrated by having their family over on Jan. 5 for a party.

Betsy Nauman celebrated her 14th birthday by going skiing with the whole family, for the first time. They came home in one piece, though. She also had a slumber party with several friends.

David Stidwell

Sixty-four Oakland University students are off on a European study tour that will take them through the Louvre, the Bavarian Alps and the medieval castles of Spain. One of the group is David Stidwell of 23665 Longacre.

A year in the planning, the new semester abroad program for students in OU's Charter College offers credit for study at three Continental universities set up by Oakland. They were scheduled to leave the United States by air Wednesday, Jan. 4, and will fly home April 25 after spending at Luxembourg, Belgium, for a three-day conference at which they will discuss their experiences.

In addition to extended stays at Mainz, Germany; Paris and Madrid, the itinerary includes stops at Reims, Brussels, Amsterdam, Cologne, Munich, Igls, Lucerne, Barcelona, Carcassonne, Nîmes and Avignon.

Floral Park News

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Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoeglund and family of 23017 Hawthorne were hosts to some 150 guests for a Christmas party at their home.

Mrs. Hoeglund's sister, Mrs. Bob Hupert and family from Bay City, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hupert from Au Gres, Michigan. Both families are former Farmington residents.

Mr. Hoeglund's sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Kmetz (Esther), from Canton, Ohio were also present. Most of the family spent New Year's with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hupert in Au Gres, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nieheiser of 22445 Lister, who have not seen for quite some time spent the day with them. Mr. Gross has just returned to his work after quite a long lay-off because of an operation.

George Berling, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berling of 22533 Cilae, has returned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he completed his basic training. He spent the Christmas and New Year holidays home on leave.

During his basic training, George was successful in winning a medal for his marksmanship. He also won a trophy for excellence in basic training and a plaque for proficiency in combat training. He has been in the service since October 1966. During his basic training, George was active in the R.O.T.C.

Vivians Club Host Party

The Vivians Club of the Farmington Lodge is holding its annual card party on Saturday, January 28, at the Elks' Temple, 3312 Grand River. Proceeds will be contributed to the Michigan Elks' major project fund.

This project is one of the many benevolent programs supported by Michigan Elks. It is designed to provide necessary medical and dental treatment for handicapped children who cannot be helped by any other agency.

All Elks and their guests are invited. Card playing will begin at 8 p.m. Table and door prizes will be given and a buffet luncheon will be served.

Organ Club Sets Jan. 22 Performance

A cultural afternoon of art and organ will be presented by the Farmington Organ Club Sunday, Jan. 22, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Wesley House of Music, 3317 Grand River.

The show will feature the work of such local artists as Marie Tuthill, E. J. Fritz, Jerni Sueran, Alice Nichols, John Eisenman, Ruth Stevenson, Miti Storer, Gerry Hyde, Irene Schmidt, Joel Durant, David Kaiser, Cathy Nauman, Margaret V. Elliott, Leroy Kugler, Helen Leroy, Jean Cohen, Ellen Cooley Butler.

Bill Woods will be featured at the Lewry Organ. Refreshments will be served.

George Shelton On C. G. Cutter

Seaman Apprentice George B. Shelton, Jr., USCG, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton of 30115 S. Stockton, is serving as a crewmember aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Wachusett, which is now patrolling the Atlantic Ocean. He is approximately 1000 miles west of San Francisco.

During each of these three-week cruises on the Wachusett, Shelton serves as a navigational aid and check-in point for trans-Pacific aircraft. In addition, the Wachusett collects weather data which is furnished to aircraft and the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Looking Back in the Files

LOOKING BACK 3 YEARS	LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS	LOOKING BACK 15 YEARS
JANUARY 18, 1962 New Paving Although snow was probably not aware of it, a new experimental paving method was tried for the first time in the paving of Middlebelt Road only a short while back and reported as being a success.	JANUARY 17, 1957 Resignation Supt. O. E. Dunkel made public his intent to resign as head of the Farmington Public School system at the end of the current school year in a letter of resignation submitted to the School Board Tuesday night.	JANUARY 17, 1952 Civil Defenders Establishment of area and block wardens in the initial step to be taken in the defense of the Farmington area it was decided at the first public meeting of the combined City-Township Civil Defense Council held Tuesday evening at the Farmington Town Hall.
JANUARY 18, 1962 Name Hunt The Clarencville School Board is requesting the help of the community in obtaining suggestions for the new high school building, according to a resolution approved by the Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.	JANUARY 17, 1957 New School Coming At a special meeting of the Farmington School Board last Thursday evening bids were received and contracts awarded for the construction of a new elementary school at the old William Grace School site on Shawwassee, just east of Middlebelt Rd.	JANUARY 17, 1952 Dimes Lag The Farmington area March of Dimes campaign is at the midway point with only approximately \$200 reported as of Monday of this week.
JANUARY 18, 1962 Hospital Site The official public hearing on the proposed rezoning of an approximately 20 acre parcel of land in the southeast corner of the township to permit the construction of a hospital there will be held next Thursday evening.	JANUARY 17, 1957 Hungarian Relief Members of Girl Scout Troop 115 and their leaders will sponsor and conduct a special collection of clothing for Hungarian relief.	JANUARY 17, 1952 Debaters First Farmington's debating team took over first place in the Inter-Lakes Conference with a victory over Wall Lake last Monday afternoon.

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