



There is no more important responsibility than that of raising one's children to the status and stature of mature young men and women. Every neglect, every failure, every lack of parental love will leave its respective scar upon the heads and hearts of offspring. Such neglects require youth then to spend as much time and effort in seeking to heal those scars, so that they may become successful parents.



Ford Holds a Barbecue—Texas Style

Ford's Tractor and Implement Operations had an old-fashioned Texas barbecue last Wednesday noon and 4,500 dealers and dealer representatives showed up at the E. Maple plant. The group consumed 2,000 pounds of beef, 1,200 pounds of spare ribs, 200 gallons of ranch beans, 1,000 pounds of potato salad, 10,000 sour-dough biscuits and 5,000

fried pies. They washed the food down with 400 gallons of coffee. Preparations for the barbecue began late Tuesday afternoon and a crew of 40 from Fort Worth, Tex., worked through the night to prepare the huge meal. The picnic was the climax of a two-day showing of the new Ford tractor and industrial equipment.

Book Reading Increases in Grade Schools

Book circulation increased 500 per cent last summer in the Birmingham School District elementary schools, a comparative study of the 1961 and 1962 summer library programs revealed.

The study was conducted by Charles Economou, elementary librarian.

Book circulation jumped from 3,018 to 15,672, he reported.

One of the primary reasons which accounts for this increase in circulation is the expanding elementary summer school program offered this year, Economou explained. Summer school has expanded from the make-up course program to one of including advanced and enrichment courses, thus permitting the child to expand his breadth and depth of interest in many fields, he said.

LAST SUMMER 12 elementary schools offered library service to all private, parochial and public school children in the area as compared with 10 schools in 1962.

Of the 12 schools, five had summer school programs. The libraries were staffed by parents who received remuneration for their time. The summer library program is expanding as more funds become available.

Of the 2,592 children who used the school libraries last summer, 2,096 represented public schools, 383 parochial, nine private and 182 pre-school children.

WHAT KINDS of books did children read in the summer? Of the total 15,672 books circulated, 11,614 were works of fiction and 4,058 were non-fiction. In the non-fiction areas, biographical books ranked at the top of the list, with 1,072 books, followed by pure science books which totaled 1,003.

However, the combined number of pure and applied science book circulation totaled 1,537.

Land Use Approved For Community House

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

The Franklin Community Association can go ahead with its plans to erect a new community building, the circuit court decreed last Friday.

Stymied by an injunction brought by the Property Owners' Protective Association two years ago, the association's plan to provide a "home" for village activities on property south of the village green now appears to be nearer realization.

Circuit Judge, Frederick C. Zimm, ORLAND H. ELLIS, past-president of the association and defending attorney, said a community club building can be erected on lot 81. Lots 75-88 inclusive and parts of lot 53 may be used for basketball diamonds, tennis courts, swimming pool and recreational purposes by the association.

If for any reason the association becomes defunct or relinquishes its interest in lots 75 to 78 and lots 82 to 88, the property shall revert to single residence purposes only.

A green belt on the westerly boundary of lots 75, 85 and 86 must be erected consisting of mature

evergreen trees as well as a 90-foot greenbelt along the northwest lot line of lot 86.

No outdoor dances or excessively noisy activities will be permitted.

IN THE EVENT that tennis courts or a swimming pool are erected, night lighting will be permitted only until 9 p.m. and all outside activities must cease at the same time.

Off-street parking must be arranged for both the proposed community house and all athletic activities. No parking will be allowed on Carol Road.

No alcoholic beverages can be served in the community house or on the recreation lots.

The agreement also requires the association to amend its by-laws to provide for the appointment of two residents of Franklin Village subdivision to serve on its board of directors at all times.

FCA PRESIDENT Dr. Ralph K. Smith said "The association is going to crank up now for an all-out, fund raising program so we can go ahead with our plans for a new community center."

Franklin has not had an adequate place for its growing community activities since fire destroyed the historic old town hall on Franklin Road, on Jan. 27, 1958. Some groups have been meeting in the basement of the Franklin Community Church while others have been renting facilities outside the village to continue their programs. Still others took to tents.

IT HAS BEEN indicated by FCA directors that civic groups expecting to use the proposed community house should submit suggestions and specific requirements so final plans can include proper provisions for future demands. Such groups will also be solicited for their financial support of the project.



Romney Volunteer

Mrs. John S. Judd, 32075 Bingham Road, Bingham Farms, has been appointed chairman of the headquarters committee for Oakland County Volunteers for Romney. The committee has opened a Romney Volunteer office at 201 S. Woodward, Birmingham. It will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursdays and Fridays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This and That

By George R. Averill
Business Expense Acts, Criticized—OK

Good citizens everywhere, it is hoped, stand squarely behind the impartial enforcement of all laws, state or federal. People who do not like or agree with a certain law have the opportunity to join together and petition the certain unit of government to change it, or to eliminate it from the statute books.

Perhaps as widely criticized a statute as any that exists is, in the United States, the one that levies a tax on incomes. Even though it may be accepted as a "necessary evil," nevertheless it is supported by most of our citizens along with their opposition to unnecessary and extravagant expenditures by the Congress and the Executive Dept.

CURRENTLY, increased efforts are being made by the Kennedy Administration for the closing of "tax loopholes." The Internal Revenue Service, charged with enforcing the law, also adds its severe interpretations to the meaning of the statute. One of its demands is the elimination of certain "business expense deductions"; IRS claims that much of this category of deductions is beyond the specific justifiable allowance intent of the income tax law.

So the IRS, aided and abetted by the Executive and Congress, are trying to tighten up the "expense deduction" allowances, so that the federal government may have more funds with which to operate.

BUT IS THE Executive Dept. and Congress themselves measuring up to the rigorous IRS rules that are sought to be applied to business?

The answer certainly is "NO!" Take a look at the budget Congress creates for the Rivers & Harbors requirements (?) each legislative session. This portion of the federal budget for years and years has been described as "a mammoth pork barrel." This simply means that this expense is the result of many congressmen including items that benefit some area or areas in their own congressional district...

Plan Open House
The Pine Lake Elementary School will hold its first PTO meeting of the current season on Monday at 8 p.m. at the school. The meeting will be an open house.

OK Assessment Roll For Interceptor Arm

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The assessment roll for the 14 Mile-Maple arm to the Farmington Interceptor was finally approved by the West Bloomfield Township Board at its meeting last week.

Passage of the roll settled a controversy existing among members of the board as to how to assess certain specific properties already in the district which could possibly be redeveloped in a manner differing from their present use.

BOARD MEMBER Ernest DeConick has maintained that all property should be assessed for interceptor units on the basis of its total acreage rather than on its present use.

Township Supervisor Don Richard has maintained that the present use of property already developed should control the number of units for which a landowner should pay.

THE FINAL ROLL, prepared by the township assessor, reflects Richard's method. Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan told the board that he could defend the proposed assessment roll because each property has been assigned the proper number of units based on present conditions and immediate benefit.

One change was made in the assessment roll before it was passed. On a motion by DeConick, supported by Whitmer, a parcel of land owned by Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. was assigned 70 units rather than 55 units.

The gas company property is presently undeveloped, but is used for easement of gas mains. The trustees maintained that, when developed, the land could accommodate more residences than the roll assessed for.

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TRUSTEES' DeCONICK, Whitmer, Charles Perbes and John Warren voted for the increase. Township officers Richard, Sue Warner and Dorothy Chamberlain voted against it.

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B'ham Wants Utility Lines Underground

In the future, utility companies will have to place their lines in the downtown area underground, Birmingham city commissioners decided Monday night.

They stipulated that all future lines in the area included in the Central Business District Development Plan, including the peripheral route, must be placed underground.

Purpose of the move is to eliminate all overhead lines in the downtown district.

CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare pointed out that the city commission in the summer of 1959 adopted a policy calling for underground utility lines.

MONDAY NIGHT, he reported to the commissioners that the engineering department is preparing construction drawings for the Chester St. pavement (four lanes) from Martin to Brown.

Any underground work, he pointed out, should be done before the street is paved.

Both Detroit Edison and Michigan Bell would be affected by the decision, Gare explained. Both have lines along some of the downtown streets and along rear lot lines and in alleys.

"I feel that it would be in the best interests of the city to eliminate all overhead lines in the downtown street rights-of-way," Gare stated.

HE SAID this "unquestionably would be a rather expensive item for the utilities."

In answer to a question from Commissioner Ralph A. Main, Gare said exact location of the lines is something that will have to be worked out. This will be quite a forward step, I think."

Main was concerned that the lines not be placed under the pavement, to avoid tearing up the streets for repairs.

Reappoint Three To Planning Board
WEST BLOOMFIELD — Reappointment of three members to the West Bloomfield Planning Commission was confirmed by the township board last week. Vernon Barker, John Cartwright and Paul John will serve three-year terms.

Barker is a long-time commission member, having served on the township zoning board before its duties were transferred to the planning commission.

Land Vacation Opposed By Lathrup Councilmen

LATHRUP—A resolution opposing vacation of land on both sides of 11 Mile Road was approved by councilmen at Monday's meeting.

The council emphasized that the step was necessary to leave the door open for possible intervention when the county road commission holds a hearing on Mrs. Louise Lathrup Kelley's petition to have the land vacated.

Involved are strips 49 feet wide between Evergreen and Santa Barbara on the north side of 11 Mile, as well as 84-foot-wide strips on the south side between Santa Barbara and the eastern city limits.

THE AREAS include land in which city water and storm and sanitary sewer lines are located and also public utility facilities.

Councilman said the vacation would, in effect, put public land into private hands.

Councilman Vincent Zetell noted that the use of the land in that area might be governed by the outcome of a suit now pending in which Mrs. Kelley asks for a change to commercial zoning. The land is presently zoned residential.

Another complicating factor is the jurisdiction of 11 Mile Road which the city is slated to take over in the future as part of the agreement relating to the county's widening of Southfield Road. The widening is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1963.

A PETITION from nine residents—asking for erection of "no left turn" signs at Sunnybrook and Southfield and Lathrup at 11 Mile—was referred to the road and traffic committee for study and recommendation.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the appointment of William J. Pavocet as heating inspector was approved.

City Administrator Jerald Stone was asked to investigate possible Lathrup participation in the federal accelerated public works program.

As a city with less than 10,000 population, Stone said Lathrup might qualify for federal assistance for water system improvement and a municipal building.

ANNOUNCING

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