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**U**NUSUALLY dry weather this summer and fall has created a real need for watering. Lawns may be yellowing in spite of your fall fertilizing. Newly seeded areas MUST be kept moist or no germination will result. Shrubs, trees, evergreens and perennials all will suffer severe damage unless they are well watered this fall. This is particularly true of foundation plantings which always are short changed on natural moisture anyway.

**L**EAVES should be removed from lawns either by gentle raking or sweeping. New grass from fall seeding can be killed, and established grass will be yellowed by allowing leaves to lie on the lawn. And it goes without saying (but I'll say it anyway) that leaves are easier to remove and dispose of when dry rather than when wet.

**B**ONE meal should be applied to all beds (garden, that is) in the fall. Annuals, perennials, roses, flowering shrubs, evergreens and bulbs will benefit from the organic source of phosphorus. It will not cause growth this fall, but will break down over the winter and be available to the plants as soon as they can use it in the Spring.

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**Tax Plan**

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18 mills by the voters of the counties, townships and school districts. "We feel that the tax deferral proposed for property of low income senior citizens meets League standards for taxation incorporating ability - to - pay features," stated Mrs. Foerch.

"We can foresee that serious administrative problems and difficulties could arise under the deferral feature."

The League qualified its support of the proposal giving local units of government tax sources in addition to the property tax with the statement that this authority, as outlined, is more restrictive than it should be.

The League believes that the sharing of the local income tax by the city of residence and the different city of employment is not in the best interest of local taxpayers.

Mrs. Foerch stated, "We believe that it is equitable for work in the taxing unit. Such people share in the benefits - especially the economic benefits - of the place where they work and thus should

help support the community in which they are employed."

**THE LEAGUE** stand is that a fairer arrangement would be to allow the city where the taxpayer works to levy the full one per cent unless or until the city where he resides levies an income tax. When this one per cent would then be shared equally.

The League believes that some other tax should be substituted for the proposed county motor vehicle license fee, since revenue from this tax will have to be used for high way purposes.

"League opposition to earmarked funds is well known," stated Mrs. Foerch.

"We believe earmarking does not give needed flexibility to budget according to changing needs and conditions. We don't believe that adding a conditionally earmarked tax of any kind to any governmental unit is wise nor warranted." The League's position is that any additional taxing authority granted to counties or any other units should provide revenue that goes into the unit's General Fund.

**MRS. FOERCH** cited as a case in point the fact that Wayne County now owes the City of Detroit \$16 million, mainly for care of the sick and indigent.

The proposed county motor vehicle license fee would do nothing to help Wayne County meet this obligation, she said. The proposed county real estate transfer tax will contribute to the General Fund, but it is estimated to contribute only \$3 million to \$4 million per year.

"This is not adequate to meet current needs," she said. "The deficit now existing in Wayne County," Mrs. Foerch said.

She urged that local authority to levy nonproperty taxes be restrictive enough to be really effective in supplementing property tax revenues to whatever degree necessary for the local unit.

**THE LEAGUE** does not believe, said Mrs. Foerch, that the proposed payment by the state of 20 per cent of all property taxes on schools takes into consideration the payment of state aid on the basis of need, minimum standards, a minimum level of local support and the cost of needed services.

Mrs. Foerch pointed out, "It is quite possible that some communities need and are entitled to the 20 per cent state aid for school taxes. It is also quite possible that other units do not need nor deserve such aid at all or they may require and deserve more or less than the 20 per cent. This same principle applies to the proposed upholding of the actual dollar amounts on current funds earmarked for schools and local government that would be lost or cut by repealing and reducing existing taxes."

The League's spokesman noted that in his Sept. 17 tax message, Governor Romney said he "would be proposing improvements in the school aid fund."

**THE LEAGUE'S** analysis of the tax reform proposals is based on consensus reached by its members in a study which began in 1940. Inasmuch as they did not study the needs of business and agriculture as great depth as they did other aspects of the tax structure, their comment in this area is of a general nature, Mrs. Foerch pointed out.

She indicated the belief that improved assessing practices will do much to help make the business tax climate more equitable and attractive.

She stated that they were aware of the inequities in the business activities tax, the corporation franchise fee, the intangibles tax and the high "nuisance" levy on beer.

The League believes that the repeal and adjustments suggested in the proposal for the four taxes on which they have a definite stand "would improve our tax pattern."

**MRS. FOERCH** stated that the proposed design for a corporation income tax is in line with the League's belief that the ability-to-pay principle should be used in developing an equitable tax structure.

**MRS. FOERCH** said that for several years League members have advocated county assessing systems as "the ideal solution to assessment problems."

She pointed out that in 1961 and in 1962 the League helped to draft legislation calling for county-wide assessing by trained assessors under state civil service.

"We respectfully call these bills to the legislature's attention in implementing the recommendation for county assessing systems," she said.

In 1961, S 1381 introduced by Sen. Geerlings; in 1962 S 1378, also introduced by Geerlings.

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**This & That**

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with a research price tag of \$29,300.

Study of the social structure of Madagascar will cost \$13,700, but it will be slightly more expensive to delve into the society and demography of ancient Babylonia. That comes to \$15,200.

• Communication signals in birds are being researched for \$20,000.

• Why a study of the social behavior of ants is more than twice as expensive as a study of the social behavior of termites, we don't know. But for the termite project the price tag is only \$16,800, while the ant project will cost \$36,000.

• APPARENTLY THERE is a reason for this divergence in costs, however. For a research project on the social behavior of the "barren-ground caribou" is costing only \$2,100. That's what we call a bargain - providing anyone really wants an explanation of the behavior patterns of the barren-ground caribou.

Perhaps the most interesting project unearthed by Rep. Abele was one dealing with the "modification of alcohol preference in rats."

The crowning blow was a \$10,400 project to be undertaken, significantly, by Harvard University. This one deals with the "monographs of the land mollusca of Cuba." This treatise on shellfish, comments the Senate Republican Policy Committee, "will represent the first approach by the Kennedy Administration to the beaches of Cuba since the ill-fated Bay of Pigs adventure."

Can't get those Harvard egg-heads interested in the Soviet "fishing fleet" (genus Russia sub-

**Revision of Zoning Code Continues in Wood Creek**

By NITA HARD  
Special Writer

**WOOD CREEK FARMS** - Joint meetings with the planning commission and the representatives of the firm of Villan-Leman continue for the council members of Wood Creek Farms as they cautiously progress toward the updating of their zoning code.

Several more meetings are scheduled, including one on Oct. 16 to finalize preparations for a public hearing. No hearing date has yet been set.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION** is being given to lot sizes of unplatted pieces which will in no way affect existing subdivisions. Minimum lot widths should play a large part in the proposed revision to assure ample frontage on roads regardless of lot depths, the council concurred.

If and when a foot bridge is constructed for school children crossing Middlebelt, money from general funds or the Wood Creek Farms Civic Association will pay for it, not major road funds as previously reported.

Street Commissioner Jack Richards is merely exploring costs at this time. There is no definite plan for construction of such a bridge at present.

But they seem to be happy to take our money to look into the "monographs" of the genus Cuba mollusca.

Erection of bulletin boards for posting village notices is being contemplated on the suggestion of Village Clerk Mrs. Alice Billu. Trees at the corners of Wellington and Millbrook; Wellington and Northwestern and Wellington and Old Colony are no longer adequate or have been removed, she said.

A fourth posting place, on 12 Mile Road, should be added for the benefit of residents in that area, urged Mrs. Billu.

**Democrats' Dinner**

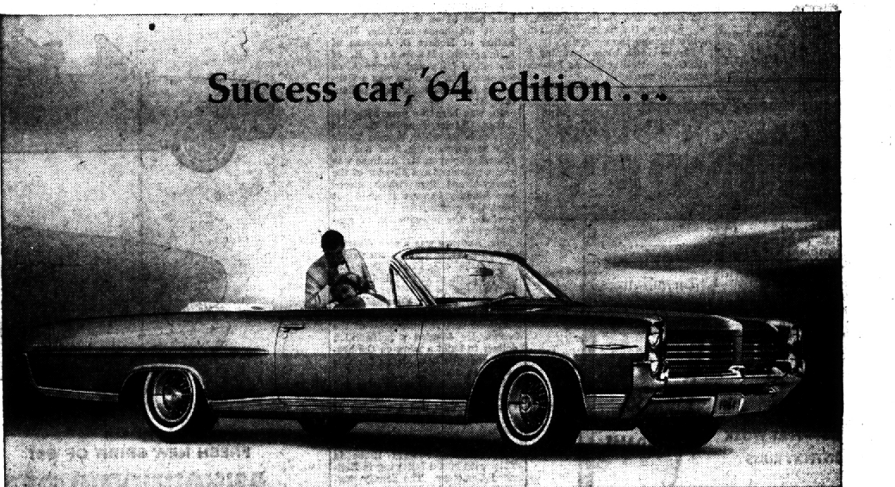
Sen. Edward M. Brooke, Republican, will be the guest speaker to kick off the 1964 campaign at an Oakland County Democratic Congressional dinner, Nov. 15 in Pontiac.

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