

Editorial Page

The Word "Politics"

has been bouncing around the Town Hall lately like a rubber ball in a dog house.

Maybe this is something that we have to learn to live with, sort of like the country cousin who came for dinner and stayed for three weeks. Yet, it hardly seems necessary to the proper function of Township government. As a matter of fact it is a decided detriment. We aren't particularly interested at this point in who started it or who is promoting it now. This would only result in a continuation of the argument and would accomplish nothing. We are interested at this point in promoting Miss Polly-tix right out the nearest window. We believe we speak for a lot of people on both sides of the political fence as far as that statement is concerned.

There are too many problems facing the Township to expend time and energy on needless political debate. The citizens have a right to expect more than that. We are not so naive as to expect that all politics can be eliminated from the local scene. However, we can at least hope that it will be controlled to the extent that it will not interfere with the progress of the Township. The qualified voters, at the last election, named officials from both political parties to public office. They were elected as individuals to do a job. In order to do that job they must work together with one basic objective in mind, that of serving the people. It is as simple as that.

We recognize that there are going to be differences of opinion and even differences of principal. This is as it should be. However, the differences should stop there. We may be Democrats, Republicans or Independents but we are all citizens of the community and we will get the cart down the road a lot faster by pulling together than we will pulling apart.

The Stage Has Been Set . . .

for another special election in the Clarenceville School District. The date will be September 16 and the spotlight will be on two questions of major concern to the future of the District.

While September 16 may seem quite a ways in the future, it will be here before you know it. In the meantime, those qualified electors who are not already registered, have but a few weeks to place their names on the dotted line. The final date of registration has been set for September 6, which is less than a month from now.

We will probably be talking a lot about this election in the next few weeks, and there is a big reason for it too. During the last regular school election a total of 282 votes were cast which is less than 5% of the number of registered voters in the District. It is our sincere hope that this kind of record will not be repeated on September 16.

If an issue or issues are important enough to require a vote of the people, they are important enough to command your interest and your action. Minority rule is not the American-way. As a citizen and a taxpayer you have an obligation and a responsibility which you can not afford to ignore. Remember, voting is more than a privilege. . . it was given to us to use, and not to stick away in some corner as an occasional conversation piece.

Two Wrongs . . .

never did make a right. If it's wrong for big business to gain a monopoly in a particular field, and we personally believe it is, then it's wrong for big labor to do the same thing.

The proposed council of American transport unions, as suggested by James Hoffa last week, would be such a monopoly. By tying-up in one central control all means of transportation, the proposed council could strangle the nation. If big business was to propose such a move there would be a gigantic storm of protest and rightfully so.

Collective pressure and mass control are foreign to the democratic processes whether it's executed by a council of labor unions or the board of directors of a corporation.

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NOVI—Novi Township this week was on the verge of one of the most significant developments in its history as plans were outlined for incorporating almost the entire township as a charter village.

The move would make Novi the third largest incorporated municipality in the state—ranking only behind Detroit and Livonia.

Under present plans the proposed incorporation would cover more than 32 square miles or all of the township except two small sections which lie in Wixom and Northville. Some estimates put the cost of incorporation as a year away while other fees it can be carried out smoothly.

The plan was outlined last week by a five-member board approved by the Novi Chamber of Commerce which has been studying the possibility of incorporation for the past several months. The committee has received contributions totaling \$2,000 to pay for attorneys, the posting of bonds and the carrying through of the election.

Advantages cited by incorporators included a more efficient government; it would bring in roughly four times as much gas and weight tax money for road repairs; it would consolidate the area and provide machinery for action on many pressing problems; it would help in being able to provide greatly needed facilities, namely sewers.

—The Novi News.

SOUTHFIELD — The Southfield Board of Education has approved the millage figures to be filed with the Southfield Township clerk and the Lathrup City clerk as the school tax rates for the coming year.

The figures show a drop in the school tax rate. The total school tax rate was 18.21 mills (or \$18.21 per \$1,000 equivalent valuation) last year as compared with a rate of 17.56 mills (or \$17.56 per \$1,000 equivalent valuation) this year. The new rate earmarked 3.70 mills for debt retirement and 11.86 mills for operation.

—The Four Corners Press.

BUCHANAN—Touted as a traveling fantasy of cotton candy, pink lemongrass and clovers, Hagen Bros. three ring circus will give two performances in Buchanan on Friday, August 16, under the sponsorship of the Buchanan Jaycees. The huge tent-city will be erected at the old athletic field.

An afternoon and evening circus presently being conducted by the organization, officials said. —Berrien County Record.

ROMEO—At least 18 elm trees in Romeo have been condemned by the state because of infection with Dutch Elm disease, a survey showed. More than three dozen local towns have been condemned since the disease, carried by a bark beetle, first appeared in the area. State orders received from the department of agriculture call for the immediate removal and burning of infected trees. The state must be notified as soon as the order is complied with.

Cutting and burning trees runs from \$75 up in Romeo. Surveying, it is expected, would cost approximately \$2.50 per tree. —The Romeo Observer.

PLYMOUTH—While construction of new dwelling units in Wayne County dipped almost 30 per cent during the first half of this year, home building in Plymouth Township and City took a sudden swing upward. There were permits for 100 new dwelling units issued in Plymouth Township and 24 in the City according to a survey made by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission. During the same period last year there were only 36 dwelling permits issued in the Township and 12 in the City. —The Plymouth Mail.

FRANKLIN—Three of the four defendants in Franklin's road oiling traces were found guilty and fined \$15 each last Tuesday night when Justice A.C. Carr held a court session to render his decision in the matter. The fourth was not fined since no proof could be found that he had requested having the road in front of his property oiled.

The defendants were charged with having violated Ordinance No. 6 of Franklin Village requiring property owners to apply for a permit through the village office before performing work on any village roads. The defendants put oil on the roads without getting a permit because they knew that the Franklin administrators have long been opposed to the use of oil or dust laying on village roads. Village authorities require that calcium chloride be used instead. —The Birmingham Centric.

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Democrats Take Over Michigan Through Step-By-Step Progress

DEMOCRATS ARE NOW EMBARKED on their first complete operation of state government for the first time in two generations.

"We are on the spot to produce. We welcome that." To the top six administrative offices won in 1956, the Democrats added the department of public instruction and the state highway department last spring.

The party, celebrated by staging the first spring inauguration ceremonies in Michigan history. Taking office were Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett, new superintendent of public instruction, Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie and Chris Magnusson, new member of the state board of education.

Williams spoke of a "mandate of the people," and said the victories at the polls meant that the public wanted Democrats to build their highways and administer the education of their children.

It was plain that major politics and decisions would be made in a position not far away from the office Democrats have held for almost nine years—that of Williams.

The Democratic take-over in Michigan was a step-by-step progress.

Williams shocked Republicans in 1948 when he handily defeated former Governor Kim Sigler, bringing in with him his own lieutenant governor John Connelly and Attorney General Steven J. Roth.

Both and Connelly fell by the wayside two years later, but Williams remained—alone but in a commanding position as chief executive.

Came 1954 and Williams won again with his full fall staff, leaving only the department of public instruction and the highway department still in the hands of Republicans. Last spring, the full sweep was completed.



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Following is Glenn Green's second report from Norway. I personally studied conditions in that interesting country in 1946 when it was just starting down the road of Socialism.

I shall share your deep interest in the following reports from Mr. Green on what has happened to the fine people of Norway during these intervening eleven years. —G.S.H.

DEEP IN SOCIALISM OSLO, NORWAY — Dear Dr. Benson: A fateful action will be taken by the Norwegians on October 7. In a national election on that date they will choose their representatives in the Storting (Norwegian Parliament). The election will decide whether there shall be no more Socialism in the government and more regimentation in the Norwegian way of life — or less.

On the basis of taxation and regimentation Norway today undoubtedly is farther into Socialism than any other of the "free" countries of the world. The tax take for government is more than 40 per cent of the national income; and the top income tax on business is 67 per cent — the world's highest.

A HOPE The forthcoming election, therefore, is of great significance to Norway's 3,400,000 people and perhaps of even greater significance to people around the globe. There is a hope shared by many of the anti-Socialist elements of Norway that the controlling Socialist-Labor Party will lose a little of its strength in the Storting, which it has dominated since 1935. It is a delicate hope at best; and apparently none of the Government's opposition and no neutral observer in Norway believes that Conservative elements can win full control of the government.

In the four days of my studies here so far, I have talked to business and industry leaders, to the Minister of Commerce in (Continued on Page 3B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 4, 1932) Charlotte, N.C.

A change in the present system of handling garbage in the City of Farmington is likely to take place soon, as the monthly deficit in the collection has now reached \$32 per month. The City Commission is seeking a way to reduce this expenditure. A guarantee of \$50 per month has been given E. N. Gentry of Plymouth for collecting the garbage. He now has only 18 customers left who pay him \$1.00 a month, with the City required to make up the difference. The collections in former times had been on a substantial basis so that it was not necessary for the City to provide much money for the deficit. It was the general opinion of the Commission that there had not been a sufficiently active solicitation for new customers. The matter was tabled for 30 days during which time it is hoped that a solution to the problem can be found.

Street Lighting An effort to reduce expenditures in the City of Farmington was made Monday night by the City Commission when it decided to request the Detroit Edison Company to reduce the illumination of streets in the City. The lighting committee will ask that every other overhead light on Grand River Avenue from School Street east to the city limits be cut out and that the wattage in the boulevard lights be reduced from 1,000 to 600.

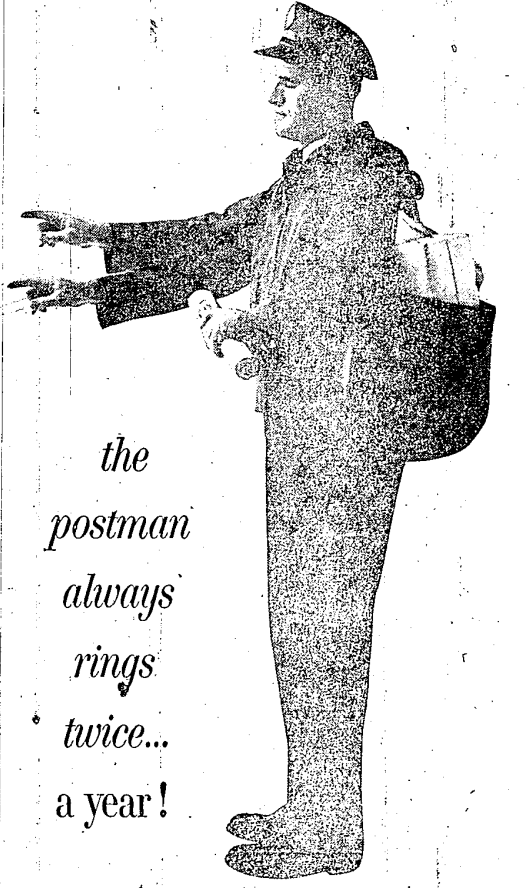
TEN YEARS AGO (August 7, 1947) Plah Bandalee

On August 12 a summer bandolee of five bands will take place on the lawn in front of the Farmington High gymnasium on Thomas Street. Participating will be the school bands from Algona, Clareville, Milford, New Baltimore and Farmington. The bandolee will start at 8 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge. A variety of marches and favorite band numbers will be played. Last Friday evening a 45-minute program of marches and show variety numbers was presented by the Farmington School band. This program was also held on the lawn by the gymnasium with special lights and chairs placed for the program.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 7, 1952) Classrooms Late

None of the three elementary school units now under construction in the Farmington Township School District is expected to be completed by the opening of school in September. It was indicated at a special meeting of the School Board Monday night, however, that the new Ten Mile elementary school should be ready by September 20. It was indicated by contractors that work on the Bond School addition would not be completed until October 29 but that the six rooms which presently exist would be ready for use by the opening of school even though the extra six room addition would not. The addition at the Middlefield School will not be completed until November 29, contractors determined. It was pointed out, however, that present rooms would still be usable by the opening of school but that it would be necessary for some children to go outside the building to change classes because of the construction work in progress.

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