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## It's Our Opinion:

### EDITORIALS:

## For The Second Time . . .

In recent years, the City Council has approved plans for the improvement of the off-street parking lot on the south side of Grand River west of the Precise Tool Company. We are confident that the latest plan will be carried out.

At the same time the Council confirmed the recommended appointment of two committees to investigate and report on other possible off-street parking sites in the central business area. Thus the Council has taken concrete steps to ease the immediate problem while planning for the future. This makes sense in our book.

Taking steps are mighty important in the life of any project, but it takes a lot of steps to reach the objective. While the recommendations for improvement of the lot west of Precise Tool Company were prepared by the City Manager and future recommendations will come from the Parking Committees, this is a community problem. The future growth of the Farmington area depends to a large extent on finding an answer to this problem, and quickly.

As stated before, we are confident that the answer will be found. A new spirit of determination is reflected in the Council action and more and more evidence of community cooperation is being displayed. As long as these forces remain, progress will result. The stakes are high and the rewards are great. We can not afford to go anywhere but forward.

## This Is Our Last Chance . . .

to have a word with you about registering, because next week at this time it will be too late.

First of all we want to express our appreciation to the hundreds of Farmington citizens who have qualified during the past few weeks. We appreciate it not only because of the space we have devoted to the project, but because of what it does for your community and mine. An alert and responsible citizenry makes for a progressive community.

However, in spite of the record registration to date, there are still some among us who have not felt the urgency of the situation. It is to these friends and neighbors that we wish to direct our remarks. Needless to say, voting is one of our most cherished rights. It is inconceivable to think that any American would voluntarily deny himself this privilege of freedom. And yet we know there are some who are just too busy, or who don't think it's too important anyway. This apathy has had a serious effect on our democratic processes. Far too often we have allowed a minority to make the decisions for us. This is not the American way.

Only you, as an individual citizen, can correct this situation. You can get "your name in the book" and you can mark your ballot as a free man should. But the time is getting short. You must register before 8 p.m. on Monday, October 8 if you are to vote on Tuesday, November 6. Don't sell yourself short . . . remember the only ballot that doesn't count is the one that is never cast!

## Your Newspaper . . .

"Freedom's Key to Better Living" is the theme of the 1950 National Newspaper Week now being observed in communities large and small across this nation.

This is more than just another promotional campaign. It is a challenge to every newspaper and to every citizen of the United States. In recent years particularly, the American press has been the focal point of a wave of false attacks. Yet in spite of this well planned campaign, newspapers are being read today by more people than ever before. This in itself is recognition of the value and service they are performing in their respective communities.

However, the purpose of National Newspaper Week is not to defend the record of the past, but rather to search into the future. A new era in our democracy is beginning to unfold . . . an era of greater tolerance, better understanding and increased freedom. The newspapers of the United States, in spite of propaganda to the contrary, are taking a prominent part in this progressive crusade. They are bringing more and more facts to their readers. They are taking a more aggressive stand in defense of the rights of our people. They are opening their columns even wider to the views and opinions of other citizens. Your newspaper is truly "Freedom's Key To Better Living" and behind the door is an even brighter tomorrow!

### What's New With



## OUR NEIGHBORS

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The news item and editorial comment published in this new column are reprinted from other weekly newspapers throughout the State of Michigan. They are being published for the purpose of giving Enterprise readers some idea as to what is going on in other communities. Wherever possible the printed items will be related to problems similar to those of our own community. It is hoped that through this exchange of ideas, we may be able to pass on to our readers the constructive thinking and action of other communities, thus making the solution to our problems just a little easier.

**ROMEO**—A civic center to serve the Romeo area is one step closer to reality today with the adoption Tuesday of a resolution creating the Romeo Community Building Authority and the election of a temporary board of directors to meet with the village council.

Forty-two representatives of 27 area clubs, churches, fraternal and youth groups met in the village clerk's office to consider problems faced by the joint "civic club" committee which has been studying plans for the proposed civic center building. Discussed at the meeting were the possible sites for such a center, and the ways and means to raise funds for its construction and maintenance.

A \$40,000 pre-paneled building has been offered by Detroit industrialist W. F. Sheetz, who makes his home in Romeo. Last night's meeting was the first formal move to take advantage of Sheetz's offer. The unanimous approval of articles of incorporation were read and explained by the village appointed attorney. The articles ask for the appointment of a five-man commission to run the Romeo Community Building Authority. The five will be chosen by the village council.

—Romeo Observer Press

**NOVI**—The Novi township zoning board will soon consider a zoning change that would permit the establishment of a multi-million dollar race track and sports plaza in the township.

The board will hold a public hearing October 19 on a request to rezone a large tract of land north of Grand River from M-1 (light industry) to M-3 (heavy industry). The land lies between Grand River and Eleventh Mile Road and between Meadowbrook and Seelye roads.

The Novi News

**SOUTH LYON**—The Chamber of Commerce has announced the sponsorship of a community contest to select a new slogan for the city of South Lyon. Plans for the contest were formulated at the dinner meeting of the club last Thursday, September 26, at the Veterans' Hall. The winner of the new slogan for South Lyon" contest will be awarded a \$25 savings bond.

The South Lyon Herald

**BIRMINGHAM**—As the Birmingham police department's official bike inspections go underway Saturday, approximately 350 youngsters turned out at Terry school for safety lessons and Scotch tape on their two wheels.

Birmingham Kiwanis, co-operating with police on the bike safety program provided and applied white tape to the front and rear fenders of the bikes. Kiwanis also provided prizes which were awarded to 20 young cyclists who demonstrated skill and safety awareness in riding their bikes over an obstacle course.

The Birmingham Eclectic



Most of Oakland County's surface was originally covered with a dense growth of hardwoods and pine, according to the Oakland County Planning Commission. Now the wooded areas remain, one being Drahnei Woods in Addition Township.

## De-Fence-ive Move



**AFTER ONE FALSE START** it looks like the two-year study of higher education in Michigan is now underway. This is the \$161,000 survey of the state's college and university facilities. Money was approved by the Legislature, with added financing from the Kellogg Foundation. Main purpose: To determine how higher education in Michigan should be co-ordinated and controlled.

Trouble arose in finding a qualified assistant for Dr. John Dale Russell, director of the survey. Dr. Russell, chancellor and executive secretary of educational finance in New Mexico, plans to spend about one-third of his time on the Michigan study. The full-time assistant actually will be in charge.

The first assistant, Dr. Albert F. Seifner, vice president of Valparaiso (Ind.) University was forced to resign in July after his university governing board badly refused to grant him leave of absence.

Dr. Seifner's resignation delayed the study's by two months. Now Dr. Orvin T. Richardson, professor of education at Washington University, St. Louis, is named full-time assistant.

A preliminary report on the general survey will be ready for the 1957 Legislature, Dr. Russell says. A final report with recommendations is scheduled a year later.

One of the first problems the group will tackle is the present control of the state's universities. Dr. Russell commented that the state now has "a hodge-podge pattern of control" with various and uncoordinated boards which often compete with each other.

Cost of sending your children to college continues to increase. According to estimates given out by the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, the approximate cost for a student will be \$1,385 for the 1956-57 year! And this is only for the bare essentials.

Part of the increase comes from higher tuition. Resilient tuition at the U. of M. are now \$200, or \$50 more than five years ago. At MSU the basic tuition is \$204, a five-year increase of \$85.

Biggest factor in the rise is continued general increase in the cost of living.

And officers in colleges around



### THE WORKER IN RUSSIA

From the time of its origin more than 100 years ago the Communist Party has called itself the workers party and has constantly claimed that its fundamental purpose was to benefit the working class. This has been only one of the great falsehoods of Communism. Communism was conceived and nurtured by intellectuals, and since coming to power it has been operated by a dictatorship of the elite, with the workers becoming its slaves.

Socialism likewise has directed its appeal to the "working class," promising to take over and divide up all the wealth into equal shares for all citizens. But Socialism has succeeded only in distributing equal shares of poverty and slavery among the citizens entangled in its web, while its bureaucracy of intellectuals pulled the strings. History records innumerable incidents in which demagogues—always appealing to the "down trodden," the "working class," and "have nois"—have gained a following, have achieved power, and then trampled over the very people they championed so eloquently.

The Spell Continues  
Human nature doesn't change. People the world over still are vulnerable to demagoguery. Most of the "free" nations of the world are today ruled by socialistic governments created by "workers parties." Not one of them has a workers' living standard more than one third as high as we have in America. The more Socialism a nation has, the more restricted is the workers' freedom of expression and movement. With this fact in mind, the recent testimony of Nikolai Khokhlov before the House Un-American Activities Committee ought to be taken into consideration by every citizen, throughout the free world.

"At every step the ordinary man in the Soviet Union is treated as a slave," said Khokhlov, the former officer of the Russian secret police whom our Congressmen describe as one of the most valuable witnesses ever to testify on the Communist conspiracy. His testimony continued:

**Communist Slavery**  
"Let me give you an example: You are a worker in a plant, you don't like your job, but you can't quit. If you try to leave, the director—or I should say the boss assigned by the party, can always stop you—even arrest you—because you do not have the legal right to leave your job. Or, if you come 20 minutes late on your job, automatically you get a 25 per cent cut in your salary for six months. This is a part of the labor discipline decree published in 1940 and still maintained in force.

"If you come 20 minutes late a second time, you should be brought to trial, carrying a penalty up to one year in jail. This usually doesn't happen because the director of the plant or factory is interested in keeping you on the job, and, therefore, he just overlooks it. But he continues to take the 25 per cent of your salary for another six months.

**Permit to Travel**  
"I would like to stress another point—All citizens in the Soviet Union have to have a passport.

In other words, an identification booklet, which you may need at any time. If you cross the main street anywhere not permitted by traffic law, the first thing the police will ask for is your passport. In this booklet besides your personal identifications, your civil status, relation to military

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (October 8, 1931)

### Sidewalk Plans

Final decision as to whether retaining walls or terraces are to be built in front of Grand River Avenue property in the city where sidewalks are to be put in is expected soon. Indications are strong that the City Commission will decide upon retaining walls instead of terraces. Three women residents living on Grand River appeared before the Commission Monday night voicing their opinions in favor of retaining walls rather than terraces due to the nature of the soil. They were of the opinion that soil along Grand River would not lend favorably to terraces. As soon as a decision is reached on which of these two alternatives will be used, work will be started on laying of the sidewalk, Commissioner Leo Gildemeister said.

### Oakland Avenue

Workmen began Wednesday morning to grade West Oakland Avenue down to below the level of the sidewalks in an attempt to solve a troubled situation with the sidewalks on that street. Rains and snow continually leave the sidewalks on the south side of the street covered with water and mud. By grading the road down it is hoped to keep the sidewalk at a higher level and thus eliminate this situation.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 10, 1940)

### Vote Registration

According to figures released early this week, 362 residents out of an estimated total of between 750 and 800 eligible electors in the City of Farmington have now re-registered to vote in the elections on November 6. It is again pointed out that all living in the city must register even though they may have voted in the June primary election. New Michigan election laws enacted by the Legislature at its last session require it. This law does not apply for residents of the Township, however, it was pointed out. The last day for registering to vote in the November election is October 16.

### Remove Honor Roll

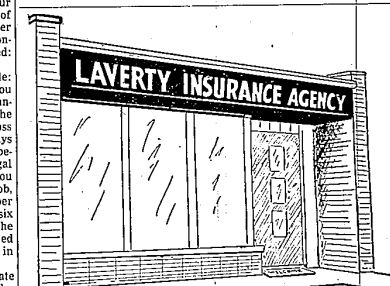
Approval was given Monday night by the City Commission for removal of the servicemen's honor roll located at the northwest corner of Grand River and Farmington Road at the request of representatives from the American Legion Post. The Legion indicated that they felt that the honor roll had now served its purpose and that since it was badly disfigured it should be removed. It was indicated that the American Legion plans to place permanent honor rolls in a proposed Memorial Home to be built in the near future.

FIVE YEARS AGO (October 11, 1951)

### Zoning Ordinance

The proposed zoning ordinance for Farmington Township has been turned over to the Township Board for action. Edward Moseman, chairman of the Zoning Board, announced this week. Approval of the proposed ordinance was granted by the County Zoning Board last week at Pontiac. The Township now has 30 days in which to study the proposed ordinance and either approve or disapprove it. Following final publication of the ordinance residents will then have 30 days in which to file a petition calling for a vote on the proposal if they so desire. Petitions must be signed by registered voters totaling at least 3 per cent of the number of votes cast for governor in the last gubernatorial election held in Farmington Township.

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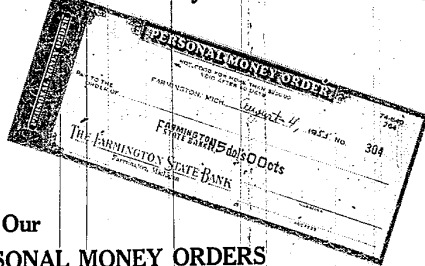


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