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In The Current Issue . . .

of the Readers Digest is a factual story on the successful integration of police and fire departments by the City of Oak Park, Michigan.

A similar program has been suggested on several occasions for the City of Farmington. After reading the Oak Park story, the Enterprise is even more convinced than before, that this program has merit. It should be emphasized, however, that such integration cannot be accomplished overnight. For this reason, we believe that steps should be initiated now to plan a progressive course of action. Some information is already available, and still more could be obtained through either an administrative or legislative committee.

Integration of the police and fire departments in the City of Farmington would accomplish a number of important objectives. It would increase both police and fire protection. It would provide a larger force of trained personnel in case of emergency. It would insure faster service at a lower per capita cost.

These facts are based on the assumption that ever increasing protection will be needed as the City continues to develop. At the present time the volume of fires in the City is not too great, and yet when a fire does occur, protection is needed, and in a hurry. On the other hand, there is an ever increasing demand for increased law enforcement, particularly where traffic is concerned. Thus an integrated force would go a long way toward fulfilling the needs of the community.

Because this program is new and somewhat different, it deserves a great deal of study, particularly in regard to the procedure by which it can be accomplished. At the same time it affords a new challenge in the never-ending search for greater service and efficiency in municipal government.

The Results . . .

of the latest vote registration drive, which closed at 8 p. m. last Monday, were terrific, to say the least. The City and Township not only racked up a record number of new registrations, but came very close to reaching the saturation point on qualified electors based on estimated population. This is a record that the entire community can be mighty proud of. It is a genuine reflection of individual responsibility and community pride.

The Enterprise, a month ago, went on record as predicting that this would be the heaviest registration in the history of the Farmington community. Thanks to your interest and cooperation, this prediction has come true. Thus the stage is set for what we hope will be the greatest turn-out of voters in the history of the Farmington community.

Being registered is of vital importance, but it's only half the job. If we are to fulfill our obligations as full-time citizens, we must also follow through by voting on election day. It would be extremely unfortunate indeed if we failed to turn our record registration into a record vote on November 6. Thus we still have a big job before us. Like a football game, the first half has been most encouraging, but there is still a lot of ball carrying to be done yet.

We can't afford to let down now!

Every So Often . . .

we receive a letter from an individual or organization expressing appreciation for the news coverage we have given to a particular community project. During the same week we will receive other letters or comments criticizing our handling of news items. We expect and appreciate both kinds of letters.

Unfortunately we are faced with growing pains, and while they are primarily our problems, they do affect you as a reader and a news contributor. One of these problems has to do with finding enough space to publish the ever-increasing volume of news that is coming across our desks. In plain words, the news volume is far in excess of the advertising volume. Since additional pages cannot be run without supporting revenue, news material must of necessity be left out.

We don't like this situation, and we are continually working toward improving it. However, it is a difficult task to convince some that an ever-increasing majority of residents are reading and are participating in your home community newspaper. We intend to keep right on trying and we hope you will keep right on displaying the same interest you have in the past.

What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI—Voters will go to the polls on October 30 to decide whether four Novi Township School Districts will be consolidated into a single school district. The election was called for last week by the Oakland County Superintendent of Schools after petitions for the vote had been submitted several weeks ago by residents in the district.

In addition to voting on the proposal for consolidation of the four school districts, voters will also be asked to decide whether debts of \$33,000 and \$193,000 of Novi No. 8 District should be paid off if the consolidation goes through. The third proposal will be on whether or not, if the consolidation goes through, and the debt is assumed, voters will favor a nine mill tax increase from 1936 to 1938 and an increase from 1937 through 1974 of four and one-half mills to retire the debt.

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield Township Attorney Harry N. Bell went into Circuit Court this week in an attempt to get the Township out of the 12 Town Drain project which would cost the taxpayers over three-quarters of a million dollars. Communities taken into the project have been told that they must share the total \$38,500,000 cost of draining storm water into Red Run and cannot withdraw.

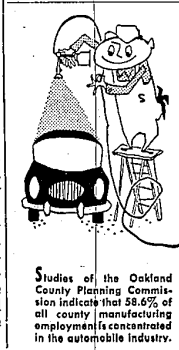
ROMEO—Architects for the proposed community hospital eight miles north of Romeo are recommending a 44-bed institution that would cost an estimated \$380,000, they reported to the hospital foundation board of directors last week.

BIRMINGHAM—In a special committee session following Monday's regular meeting, Birmingham city commissioners called for projections of two plans for the financing of a \$1.1 million list of 23 backlogged city projects. They asked City Manager H. H. Smith and Finance Director James Purkiss to determine whether a pay-as-you-go plan would be possible or if a bonding program should be launched and what its cost would be. The commission decided that some projects should get top priority. Stated as top priority projects were: relief sewers on seven streets and in one subdivision, widening of East Maple between Hunter and Adams and alterations to the first floor and basement of the municipal building.

PLYMOUTH—Three hundred canvassers staged a door-to-door survey in the community last Sunday afternoon to determine how many people were within a church home. All denominations participated in the Plymouth Community Church Census. It was indicated that no appeal was made during the canvass for persons to join a particular church, but rather to invite all to affiliate with one of the local churches.

Three questions asked in addition to the name and address of the party called upon were: 1. Are you now actively affiliated with a church? (If so, which one?) 2. If not, do you have a church preference in this community? 3. Would you welcome a call from the church of your choice?

—The Plymouth Mail



Crashing the Sound Barrier



THE "LITTLE" VOTER IS A MIGHTY BIG MAN in the coming election. Both parties believe their best chance lies in getting a big turnout for the Nov. 6 election. This is less strange than it seems when the situation is analyzed.

Key politicians keep continuing tab on the political atmosphere. Results from surveys are evaluated almost daily. Leaders in both parties are convinced that they have a chance to win at the polls.

Democrats, who hope to gain outstate, are anxious to get a higher percentage of their people to the voting booths.

Like a million new voters can be registered by October 8, the Republicans think they would half support their ticket. They are working hard in traditional favorable areas where the vote fell off last election.

Democrats think there are more like 1,700,000 to be registered; hope to overwhelm the GOP with the million votes they think would result if all of these people voted. They count particularly heavy on industrial areas, where labor leaders are pumping energy for the Democratic party.

General result is that Mr. Citizen may hear from anyone and nearly everyone that he should be registered. Labor groups, trade associations, churches, service clubs and even Cub Scouts are telling him that he is mighty important in this election.

A Michigan minority group is embarking on a program to better its situation. Almost overlooked in the battles of racial segregation and campaigns for racial tolerance is the plight of the state's Indian citizens.

There are some 16,000, and until recently there was no organized group to represent their views and interests.

Within the last 30 days steps were taken to remedy this situation. In a meeting at the Capital the Michigan Indian Study Affairs Commission was established. It is a group of men, most of



LOOKING AHEAD

by Dr. George L. Moore
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WORKERS REJECT "PUBLIC" POWER

One of the objectives of the first Freedom Forum, conducted by the National Education Program at Harvard College seven years ago, was to plan a program of economic education for men and women in American industry—the hourly-wage people, the white collar workers and the executives. Representatives of all were present at the Forum. Much economic education material was developed at this first Forum and much more has been developed in subsequent Forums. Among the most active companies in bringing the true facts about our American economic system to their employees has been the electric power industries. Fifteen major electric companies sent people to the first Forum.

Today the people in the electric power industries are notably well informed on the principles of the American economic system, the general comparative advantages which they bring about, and how those advantages are created and developed through the functioning of this system. A dramatic illustration of the value these people place on the basic principle of private ownership, which is the keystone of our American system, was an advertisement which appeared recently in the New York Times.

Paid For By Workers
The full-page ad was entitled: "Labor Fears Government Development of Niagara Power." It was paid for by the New York State Association of Electrical Workers, a union with 80,000 members; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, with 550,000 members throughout America. The ad took sides in the issue of who is to build and operate additional power facilities on the Niagara River—private enterprise, the New York State Government, or the Federal Government. The study committee, anxious to make its efforts effective, starting with \$200 furnished by funds available for "minor" commissions, the group hopes to begin a foundation for expanded operations.

Listing their major problems as economic security, welfare, education and unsettled legal claims against the government, the commission decided to work first in the realm of education. According to Chairman Frances Wakefield of Grand Rapids, a program within the Indian population is the first essential. Members believe that Indians have little chance for more than minimum schooling so they are looking for ways to provide training in trades, business methods and advanced study for the country's "original citizen."

Scholarships offered by Michigan universities solely to persons of Indian heritage are rarely used. Wakefield comments, "Education itself will help solve some of the more pressing problems."

Optimism prevailed at the first commission meeting. Committees were named to deal with separate portions of the overall objective. Hope is high that additional money may be obtained from a philanthropic foundation.

In the meantime, Indian Affairs Study Commission members hope their cause will not be lost in the shuffle as other minority groups push their causes to the fore.

BETTER COVERAGE of Michigan football games should result from newly constructed press box. (Continued on Page 3B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (October 15, 1931)

New Valuations
Farmington Township and City property will be taxed by the State according to new valuations this year. A hearing will be held next Monday in the Farmington Town Hall at which time taxpayers will have an opportunity to learn of their new assessments and register protests if they desire. Announcement that the State Tax Commission was coming to Farmington was made early this week. Bitter protests to the Tax Commission's action in setting new assessments were reported in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills as well as several other communities where the commission has already been. It is reported that the Commission in these communities had multiplied property valuations as much as two, three and four times what it formerly was. It was not anticipated, however, that Farmington property has been given increased valuations as high as this. The assessment by the State is for State purposes only, it was pointed out, but is felt in the County taxes levied as well.

Widen U. S. 16
Preparations are to be started as soon as possible for the widening of U. S. 16 (Grand River Avenue) to 40 feet from Farmington to Brighton and 20 feet wide from there to Howell. Grading is to be completed for the project this winter. Completion of grading on the Farmington Cut-Off before Spring is also scheduled. A possible difficulty in the grading program announced this week is expected, however, because of the fact that the State wants road authorities for the County to advance the money for this work to be repaid next Spring.

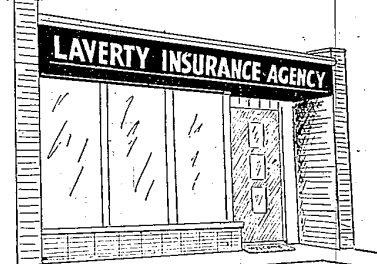
TEN YEARS AGO (October 17, 1946)

School Classrooms
Bids for the construction of an additional two classrooms adjacent to the present gymnasium on Thomas Street were opened at a meeting of the Farmington School Board Monday night. Five bids were submitted. Since four of the five bids were within \$500 of each other, the bids of the four firms were turned over to the architects for their study and recommendation on who they consider the best qualified for the job. The new unit calls for two 40-pupil classroom units with a corridor for locker space. The west property line has been brightened by the purchase of property from the Universalist Church and Leo Hendry, thus permitting the building to be lined up with the gymnasium.

FIVE YEARS AGO (October 18, 1951)

United Fund Drive
The annual United Fund Drive got underway in Farmington Tuesday with canvassers in both the City and Township. John Hulett, chairman of the 1951 Drive, stated that the budget committee has set the Farmington quota at \$8,500. This is \$1,000 higher than the 1950 quota. Mrs. J. P. Boyer is captain for the residential in the Township. Sylvester Phency is captain for business and industrial solicitations.

Ten Mile School
Contracts were awarded this week by the Farmington School Board for construction of the new Ten Mile elementary school. All contracts for the various phases of construction were awarded pending the turning over of the \$500,000 worth of bonds to the bond purchasers. Because of a critical shortage on some necessary building materials, plans for the construction of additions on the Bond and Middlebelt Schools at this time, it appears, will have to be shelved.



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