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EDITORIALS:

Since Its Infant Beginning . . .

The new Joint City-Township District Library Program has had the support of the majority of the citizens of the Farmington community. This fact has been reflected in the increased appropriations allocated for library purposes in the city budget. It has been even more graphically demonstrated in the special millage allocation, approved on two occasions by the voters of Farmington Township.

From its birth to its present stage of development, the Enterprise has attempted to encourage and support this struggling infant. Like all youngsters, the rate of progress has seemed a little slow at times, but libraries, like infants, don't grow up overnight. It takes patience and hard work to build anything worthwhile.

We believe, however, that this infant is about to break out into its first step. A joint committee of the City and Township is now working on an agreement which should insure the continuing financial support of the new library program. This is designed to protect the interests of both the city and township and is in keeping with the support already extended by the citizens. Formal approval of the proposed agreement plus the turning over of existing funds from the Wilber Estate to the Library Board, should complete the first step. This will permit the Board to proceed with preliminary plans for the new library building.

It is not too often that a community has the advantages of property and money such as are included in the Wilber and Carlisle Estates. Nor is it often that a community the size of Farmington has such completely inadequate library facilities. Put the two together and you have plenty of reason for encouraging the little fellow to take his first important step.

Another Attempt . . .

is being made to organize an effective civil defense program in the Farmington community. The latest effort is being stimulated by the Bel-Aire Civic Association. We sincerely hope that their enthusiasm takes root.

Unfortunately, this type of program seems to be extremely difficult to sell to the average citizen. Possibly it's because we don't like to think of the unpleasant. Possibly it's because we think it can't happen here. Civil defense is like insurance; we hope we'll never have to use it, but we can't afford to be without it.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if, tomorrow, disaster struck in your block, your subdivision, your community? What would you do, whom would you turn to, how could you help or, even more important, how could you be helped? No, we don't like to think about such things, but think we must if our lives and the lives of friends and neighbors are to be saved. It doesn't matter whether it's an atom bomb, a tornado, a major fire or a hundred and one different things, organization for disaster is vital. Prearranged plans to meet any situation in any part of the city or township should be developed. These plans must of necessity include: a central control, key personnel, volunteer specialists, priority equipment and organized rescue procedures. In other words, the right people must be at the right place at the right time with the right kind of equipment. It's that simple and yet it's that complicated.

The keys are organization and enthusiasm. Civil defense is one insurance policy we can't afford to be without.

The Rag Chewing . . .

over the relationship between taxes and the exodus of industry from Michigan is continuing at a noisy rate.

The pro-corporation tax plan seems to have one set of statistics while the anti-corporation tax plan has another. This is a common situation since figures are usually pliable enough to be fashioned into almost any kind of a picture the artist wants to paint. In spite of all of the artistry of the pros and cons, the state tax picture is not especially pretty to look at, and the enactment of a corporation's tax would just take a little more glitter off the already-drab scene.

Michigan has a great deal to offer to commerce and industry, but, unfortunately, we have lost sight of the fact that business, whether public or private, is built on volume rather than price. Instead of trying to cut the waste out of government and attract a greater business development, we're spending our time dreaming up new ways of pricing Michigan right out of the market.

What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD — The Southfield Township Board last Tuesday night held a hot, noisy but, fortunately at least, solved the problem by tossing it right back again.

The American Broadcasting Company and WXYZ radio and television broadcasters appeared before the board with a battery of six or seven attorneys, engineers, and executives to press a request that permission be granted for erection of a 1,000 foot television tower and a second tower for radio broadcasting. (The proposed site is on 45-acre tract of residentially zoned property located south of Ten Mile Road between Evergreen and Lahser.

Dr. Harry Nelson, owner of the property, appeared before the Board and indicated that it was up to the Board whether it wanted a single operation like the television and radio towers there or the property to be subdivided and houses built on it. After more than an hour of discussion, the board passed a resolution that WXYZ, if it chose to do so, could exercise its legal right to demand a public hearing on the matter by petition. Signatures on the petition and the towers would be required of eight per cent of the votes cast for Governor of the State of Michigan in Southfield in 1956 to force the issue.

A protest against the towers was filed with the Board by the Bendix Aviation Corporation located about one-half mile away from the proposed towers. WXYZ engineers denied the charge.

—The Four Corners Press

BRIMMINGHAM — A proposed 1957-58 budget request of \$10,822 has been submitted to the City Commission and Board of Education for study by the Recreation Board. What was proposed was that the three groups will get together to go into detail on this budget request.

The School Board and the City will share the cost of the program which is estimated at \$1,076, each with the remaining amount coming from anticipated revenues of \$28,697.

The current recreation budget is \$50,829.

"Principal reasons for the large increase is that two new swimming pools will be in operation this summer; the playground program will be expanded and enlarged and we plan to hire a full time woman recreation supervisor." Mrs. William Jackson, Recreation Board Chairman said.

The proposed budget also included \$20,000 in operations costs of the Eton Park ice rink which was carried this year in a separate city fund and did not include recreation department figures. The enlarged swimming program is expected to cost more than \$20,000, an additional \$4,000 is to be added for playground equipment. The recreation directors salary is estimated at \$4,500 with \$1,000 more earmarked to go into the summer baseball program.

—The Birmingham Eclectic

ROME — The Romeo Merchants Association has drawn up a solicitations code which contains a joint statement of policy regarding individual and organizational fund raising programs.

Purpose of the code is to restrict the flood of "unwarranted and fraudulent solicitations for money, merchandise and advertising."

Under the plan, local merchants signed an agreement not to contribute money or merchandise, nor to purchase advertising in any but established mediums and a list of solicitors has shown a letter of approval from the Romeo Merchants Association solicitations committee.

The solicitations committee consists of four or five members of the merchants' group and is a secret group appointed by the president. Solicitors are referred to a sort of "clearing house" where their requests for recognition and approval is reviewed by the committee.

—The Romeo Observer Press

NOVI — A special meeting of the Novi Township Board was held last Tuesday night which may have been the first step toward increased harmony among members. The meeting was held specifically to appoint a temporary building inspector but more than an hour of the meeting was devoted to discussing ways of improving relations among the Board members. For most decision was to hold a series of private meetings at which time the Board members would inform themselves of the background of Novi's problems and possibly thrash out any personal differences that might otherwise mar public board proceedings.

—The Novi News

Poland, in a new Soviet-Polish trade agreement, will get iron, manganese, chromium ores, coal, oil products, rubber and nonferrous metals from Russia in return for coal, zinc, coal-ships, fishing trawlers, railroad engines and other goods.

Passport to Opportunity



AN AGGRESSIVE POLICY of stimulating Michigan's tourist business will get underway July 1.

The new program, an active plan of "going to the people," will replace the present system of state operated information offices in Detroit and Chicago, says Robert J. Furlong, of the Michigan Tourist Council.

"Vacation salesmen" are key figures in the program. Plans call for hiring two men to actively sell the idea of Michigan vacations. Members of industry, labor and material on statewide tourist travel. Department stores with trip planning facilities and travel agencies will also receive individual visits.

"We are convinced," said Furlong, "that a large part of our tourist potential is made up of people living in Michigan who want to visit other parts of our state."

Tourist offices have high hopes that the new plans will increase both the number of tourists and the length of Michigan's vacation season.

"Experience has shown that the Chicago and Detroit offices don't reach all the people we consider as prospects. Because of many limitations of our present operation many persons who take yearly vacations never hear about the advantages of a Michigan outing."

"For example the large number of steel and gas company workers from Gary, Indiana, are not excited by our sales ideas. But their unions or personal offices have vacation committees that recommend and prepare plans for members. With our proposed system we can go directly to these people and add many new prospects."

The "personal touch" is expected to play an important role in the program. In addition to going out to the potential tourist, the new vacation salesmen will contact radio and TV stations and resort editors throughout the state promoting the use of Michigan films.

RETRAINING OF JOB WORKERS (Continued on page 3B)

LOOKING AHEAD

By Dr. George S. Bonner
 MICHIGAN EDUCATION PROGRAM
 George S. Bonner

NO COMPROMISE WITH EVIL

Shortly after the end of World War II in the Pacific, a friend brought to my attention some literature being used in his Sunday School class which said the Communists in China were "different" from the Russian Communists, that they were really warm-hearted humanitarians who wished to bring about land reforms in China and otherwise aid "the downtrodden millions." This same statement about the "good" Communist leaders in China was being heard on overseas radio broadcasts to American and was being published widely in scores of books and magazine articles.

At the same time Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who opposed the Red hordes, was being attacked as "a corrupt leader" who sought to strengthen his power at the expense of China's "little people." We know what happened. Our own nation tried to make China bring the "good Communists into a" coalition" Government. And American public opinion was so confused that our people took no effective action when the United States government failed to give Chiang the kind and amount of aid he needed. China fell to world Communism. The U.S. lost 50 million allies. An immediate result was the Korean War.

Propaganda To Confuse

When the events are reviewed there seems little doubt that the Communists engineered a propaganda campaign which confused people, diluted the power of public opinion, and ultimately brought about the fall of China to the Reds. Today the Communists are working behind the scenes to bring about another great victory for World Communism — the recognition of Red China by the United States and the United Nations. Propaganda is their instrument of thought-shaping.

At the National Education Program's 18th Freedom Forum just concluded at Secaucus, Hellebrand K. Tong, Ambassador of the Republic of China which now has its Government on Formosa, took notice of successes which the Communists have achieved toward the creation of a public opinion in America which would accept recognition of Red China.

"Some Say 'Coexist'"

"There are some in America," he said, "who are proclaiming that the United States can safely co-exist with a Communist-ruled China. They want to restore trade and diplomatic relations with the (Continued on Page 8B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

CONGRESS RACES

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 28, 1932)

With more than a dozen candidates in the field for the Republican nomination for Congress from the 17th District of which this area is a part and from six to twelve more ready to enter, practically every community in the large district will come close to having a "favorite son" in the contest. Candidates from this area are Judge John J. Schulte from the City of Farmington and Robert G. Yerkes on Eight Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Scout Rally

Preparations are now underway for one of the biggest events held in Farmington in years; the annual Council Rally and Jamboree of hundreds of Boy Scouts from the Oakland County Council to be held in Farmington on the evening of Friday, June 10, and during the following day for the greatest occasion of the year among scouts. Also planned during the program is the official dedication of Farmington's famous Log Cabin to the use of local Boy Scouts.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 1, 1947)

Mobile X-Ray

Residents of the Farmington area are to be offered free chest X-rays on Monday and Tuesday of next week when a mobile unit operated by the Michigan Department of Health will come to the area. All persons in the community who are 14 years of age or older are urged to have their chests X-rayed. The unit will be set up at 7 p.m. on Monday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday. Students of Farmington High School will have their chests X-rayed on Wednesday. Children below high school age need not be X-rayed unless a known case of tuberculosis exists or has existed in the family, it was pointed out.

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 1, 1952)

Voting Machines

A total of ten voting machines have been purchased by the Farmington Township Board. It was announced following a special meeting of the Board held Saturday afternoon. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard stated that the machines were purchased on a one year trial basis at a price of \$1,250 each with a rental of \$150 each the first year. The rental charge will be applied to the price of the machines if a decision is made to purchase the machines. It is expected that the machines will be delivered in time for the Presidential Election in November. Blanchard said. The regular printed ballots will be used in the August primary; the added Precincts One and Four will have two machines and Precincts Two and Three three machines each.

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