

Editorial Page

The Criticism . . .

levelled at the volunteer Fire Department during last Tuesday's Township Board meeting brings up an interesting point.

The criticism had to do with the reported inability of volunteers from Station No. 1 to reach the scene of a fire. Since we are not fully aware of all of the facts in the case, and since it is now being investigated by a committee, it is not our intention to take sides at this point. It is only fair to state, however, that we have had an opportunity to observe all three of the Township Fire Departments in action and in the vast majority of cases they have done a commendable job.

The principal difficulty as we see it rests not with any individual or groups of individuals but with the general organization. We have mentioned this on several occasions in the past and it is encouraging to see that some steps are now being taken to accomplish the objective. At the present time, the various fire departments are manned by volunteers who for the most part are engaged in other employment. This in itself requires an increased amount of coordination between the department heads and the administrative and legislative branches of the government. Only recently a Board committee was set up to accomplish this coordinating objective. It is possible that even an additional step should be taken, that of naming a Fire Commissioner.

This would not only be of assistance to the volunteers, but would facilitate a uniform training program and would permit the establishment of definite plans and procedures in handling fire calls. Fire protection is a vital service to the community. It is essential that we begin now to develop a progressive program which will eventually grow into a fulltime system.

In A Few Short Weeks . . .

the voters of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts will go to the polls to elect various members to the respective Boards of Education.

We can't help but wonder at this point, just how many citizens will cast their vote on Monday, June 10? Will it be a repetition of most previous years when the minority did the job for the majority? Or will it be the starting point for a new era in practical citizenship based on action by all the people? It is an extremely vital question that only you and your friends and neighbors can answer.

However, before any answers are supplied, one very important step must be taken. Most of you have probably taken this step already, but there are many of you who have not. Before you can step into the voting booth, you must step into the registration line. One is of no value without the other.

So take the first step now. If you are not already registered, sign up at your respective city or township office immediately . . . and resolve today, right now, that you will take the all important step on Monday, June 10!

As A Newspaper . . .

we are staunch believers in the basic principals of democracy as set forth in the Constitution of the United States. We believe in these principals because our very existence depends upon free expression. This doesn't mean just our expression but the opinions and convictions of every citizen.

The Constitution of the United States is the pattern for a constructive way of life and not to be twisted and fashioned for an individual's convenience. Unfortunately the "Fifth Amendment" has become such a tool for those who wish to accept privilege but not responsibility. The basic objective and purpose of the "Fifth Amendment" is sound and it should be preserved at all cost. Yet, in our opinion, it is being twisted out of all proportion to the ideals and intentions of the drafters of the Constitution.

The fault rests not in the law, but in the interpretation and motivation of those who are "using it." Unfortunately, we have lost sight somewhere along the way of the fact that it's more than just a privilege to be an American . . . it's an obligation as well!

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD — The Southfield School District Board of Education last Monday night approved resolutions to place a proposed three-million dollar bond issue on a \$4,000,000 bond issue at the June 10 School Election.

The \$4-million bond issue has been recommended to cover the serious steps in the school system in its growing demands.

Because of a substantial reduction in bonded indebtedness, the Board can cut back its present tax spent for debt retirement enough to finance the bond issue and the increased operation millage proposed with little if any increase in the current school tax rate, school officials pointed out.

When voters go to the polls June 10 they will also be asked to name four new members to the Board of Education. With Southfield's elevation from a fourth to a third class district, an additional member will be added to the Board. In addition, the terms of President Fred O. Leonard and Treasurer Will J. Oliver expire this year.

BIRMINGHAM — In its race to keep up with the rapidly increasing school student population, the Birmingham Board of Education at a special meeting Monday night incorporated a \$5,000,000 bond issue proposition as part of the annual June 10 School District election.

The money would be used to construct a new 1,500-pupil junior high school, a new elementary school, the rehabilitation of Baldwin elementary school and the erection of a service building for school buses and storage of school equipment.

The program can be financed with no increase in the amount of debt service levy now at \$5 mills, according to Board President Ernest W. Seaholm. He said the proposed bond issue would be extended another four or five years at the \$5 mill rate, instead of decreasing in 1958.

Action by the Board was based on a recommendation from the citizens committee on education, which only last January recommended a continuation and an increase in the service building for school operation. The electorate approved it at a March 23 election.

—The Birmingham Eclectic

PLYMOUTH — A vital decision that must be made by the City Commission concerning the furnishing of water to the city's consumers will be delayed a month or more due to a decision by the Commission last Monday night to first obtain a complete survey of the city's supply.

A request had been received last month by the Fred Garling Construction Company to furnish water for a proposed subdivision located east of the city limits. The company offered to pay all costs. Last year the commission agreed to furnish water to town consumers where there were mains running past the lots. Garling's request would require a revision of this policy.

Commissioner Carl Shear requested that the city hire qualified engineers to make a complete survey that would tell how much the water table has fallen in the past 10 years, how much it may fall in the next ten years, a survey of present use as compared with past use and how much more water the city can use in years ahead.

—The Plymouth Times

WAYNE — Free dust treatment for all secondary roads in Nankin Township will be provided as the result of action taken by the Nankin Township Board at its last regular meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to sign an agreement with the County to provide the service to Nankin residents. Last year approximately \$12,000 was expended for this same purpose.

Until last summer residents were required to pay a portion of the dust treatment cost.

—The Wayne Dispatch

ROMEO — Merchants and residents of Romeo are this week conducting a paint-up, spruce up week. The campaign is being sponsored by the Romeo Merchants Association working in co-operation with Village officials.

A strong appeal was made earlier to all merchants fronting on Main Street to give their store fronts a scrubbing and painting. Also underway is the painting of the Village Hall and the washing down of streets and sidewalks in the main business district. Special trash collections are also being made this week.

—The Romeo Observer Press



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Great Lake Channels Deepening Project Important To State

START OF A \$135 MILLION project which has an economic importance to every person in Michigan and the entire area of the Great Lakes will be marked with a full day ceremony May 28 on the Detroit River.

Then work will begin on the Great Lakes Connecting Channels. This five year project will deepen the waterways between the lakes so that modern ships can navigate.

Every inch deeper means 90 more tons that can pass through the lakes. Present channels are dredged to permit depths of 21 feet for light carriers by up-bound and 25 feet for heavier down-bound channels. The new depth will be 27 and 30 feet minimum along the 1,200 mile waterway.

The deeper channel will also allow transportation costs. It is estimated that more than \$10 million per year will be realized by U.S. shipping alone, similar savings will result to Canadian shippers.

The deeper channel will also permit each port along the Great Lakes to develop fully its opportunity for expanding foreign trade. Any ship which can pass the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Welland Canal will be able to sail the Connecting Channels "without difficulty."

Official ceremonies include 1,500 national and international leaders in government, business, industry and civil affairs. William L. Clapper, chairman for the Channels project, announced that the program will begin at the Detroit Woodward Avenue dock where the guests will board the boat to Bob-Lo Island. A reception will take place and lunch will be served on the boat. Then the party will go ashore at Amherstburg, Canada.

There will be short speeches and dedication remarks as well as a parade on the river of all types of shipping using the lakes.

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"BRAIN-WASHING" TECHNIQUES

The Communist "brainwashing" technique was so successful with the 7,000 American soldiers held prisoners in North Korea that in one typical prison camp only six guards were necessary to keep 600 prisoners under perfect control. And there were no efforts to escape in spite of the fact that the prison camp had no barbed wire fence, no electric fence, no machine gun towers, no searchlights, no guard dogs.

This situation dramatizes the incredible control which the Communists achieved over the American prisoners. Such control was the primary goal of the "brainwashing." These facts and others were related by Major William E. Mayer, the U.S. Army's chief psychiatrist-expert on "brainwashing," in a report to the 18th Freedom Forum at Searcy.

The Three Steps

The three basic steps used by the Communists to gain control of the 7,000 prisoners and render them helpless were described by Major Mayer as: (1) Making each prisoner an informer on his fellow prisoners; (2) Developing an abnormal desire for self-criticism among all prisoners; and (3) Controlling the soldiers' mail. "If you are to understand anything about Communism," said the psychiatrist, "you must understand this: Informing as it is done in the Communist state can only be done when you reject your basic premise that he has dignity and worth."

As a result of the breakdown of the American concept of individual dignity and worth, the American POW's ceased to trust each other, ceased to band together in brotherhood as Americans under adverse circumstances had been doing throughout our history. This kept them from working together in small groups to escape, as American soldiers always before had done when captured. The Communists rewarded each act of informing; and yet they were able to obtain meek "confessions" from those informed-upon through the technique of self-criticism.

Creating Division

"Confession," Major Mayer noted, "is terribly important in the Communist state." A young English-speaking Chinese Communist "instructor," would throw his arms about the shoulders of the informed-upon soldier and say: "Confess that what you did is wrong, and analyze your confession and analyze why it's wrong, why it's destructive. Accept your determination not to do it again in the future." (Continued on Page 5C)

It is doubtful that either side convinces the other. It is also doubtful that arguments make much impression on the "average" Michigan citizen. He has heard too much shouting on this subject for too long.

What seems certain is that Michigan as a state is suffering in the existing competition to entice industry. (Continued on Page 4C)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 12, 1932)
School Accredited
Farmington High School has been placed on the accredited list of the National Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for the coming year.

Gets Hole-In-One

Floyd Nichols of Farmington enjoys a distinction that comes to but few men and rarely more than once in a lifetime. He scored a "hole-in-one" at the Bob-o-Link golf course Sunday, using a mashie. It was on the 18th hole and a shot of 120 yards. Clinton W. Wilber, playing with Nichols, declared when the ball went out of sight that it had dropped into the cup but it was not until Nichols had actually seen the ball in the hole that he was convinced.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 15, 1947)

Post Office

An immediate Federal Building survey has been ordered for Farmington by the United States Post Office Department for the purpose of gathering information concerning the need for a Federal Building to house a new post office. The announcement was made in a letter to Ernest V. Blanchard, Township Supervisor, from George A. Dondoro, a member of Congress. Farmington is now on the approved list as an eligible Federal Building project. Action was begun several months ago by local authorities and the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce to bring attention to the critical need for a new post office for Farmington. A \$95,000 post office building has been recommended for Farmington but actual appropriations have not been made by Congress. The Farmington Post Office, which burned out on January 23, has now been repaired. According to Postmaster Norman Lee, however, the present building is inadequate to handle the increasing number of families being served.

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 15, 1952)

School Election

Contests are insured for the June 9 School Board Elections at both Farmington and Clarenceville, it was announced Saturday, following the deadline for filing of nominating petitions. Three candidates have filed for Farmington School Board seats, with two to be elected. Those filing include Mrs. Chester Downing, DeLois Hamilton and Samuel Turner. Turner is present secretary of the Board. Curt Hall, Board president, did not file a petition. Both-terms to be filled are for two years. Candidates who have filed to fill the vacancy in Clarenceville are Fred Bailey and Robert F. Richert. Richert is now a member of the Board, having been appointed this spring to fill out the unexpired term of Thomas Wilson. The one candidate to be elected is to serve a three year term. A special proposition will also appear on the Clarenceville ballot. In summary, it asked permission to transfer all excess funds after paying off the 1948 bonded indebtedness to the 1952 Building Site and Equipment Fund of the District.

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