

Editorial Page

Another Memorial Day . . .

is about to descend upon us. A day away from the shop or office . . . a day with family and friends . . . a day of parades, picnics and outings. Yes, to most of us, this is what Memorial Day means.

In this fast-moving world, we welcome any "break" from the regular routine of everyday living. This does not mean that we are disrespectful of the true purpose of Memorial Day. If those who lost their lives on the scattered battlefields could speak, we have the idea that they would say, go ahead and enjoy yourself this day. But none of us should let Memorial Day, 1957, go by without devoting at least a moment or two to the purpose for which this day is dedicated.

The very fact that we can watch a parade and enjoy a picnic is cause enough to pay tribute to these men and women who didn't come back, for these are symbols of an American way of life which they knew and loved. They did more than their share to preserve them for us. The least we can do is pledge our continuing efforts in strengthening the cause and the ideals for which they died. It is important that we enjoy the traditions and the pleasures of free people and it is equally important that we remember the sacrifices that have gone into the making of this way of life of ours.

Memorial Day is more than just a memory . . . more than just a parade or a picnic, it's a living thing that no power on earth can destroy. And it will continue to live as long as man loves freedom and is willing to fight and to die for it!

The Proposed Enactment . . .

of a Township Dog Ordinance is welcome news to a lot of residents. It has been the source of comment at public meetings and in "letters to the editor" for many years.

There is no question but what this is one of the most aggravating problems facing the Township. It is difficult to appreciate unless you have actually surveyed the situation. Sometime ago, The Enterprise publicized a report that a pack of 15 stray dogs were roving loose in the southeast section of the Township. Through the efforts of the police and the Oakland County Animal Welfare Shelter, the pack was broken up, but only after considerable difficulty. This is but one example of an almost weekly occurrence.

The proposed new dog ordinance should prevent such situations in the future through vigilance and enforcement. The hiring of a Township dog warden and the establishment of a local dog pound would provide the prompt service and close attention necessary in eliminating this mass hazard.

In our opinion, the situation has long ago reached the point where the health and safety of our citizens is at stake. We have been indeed fortunate in having a limited number of rabies cases reported. The periodic special quarantines, coupled with a conscientious effort on the part of the County has helped to keep the incident rate down. However, we cannot afford to stretch our luck any further.

It is possible that the proposed ordinance will be approved before this week's issue is distributed. We sincerely hope so for the welfare of the people and good of the community.

The Recent Flare-Up . . .

in Formosa along with threats of violence in Japan points up a tried and true philosophy that you can't "buy" real friendship and loyalty.

This doesn't mean for a minute that the United States should abandon its efforts to aid free and independent nations. It does mean, however, that we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that dollars alone will not cure all of the world's ills. Our objective must be to raise the standard of living on one hand and the standard of individual responsibility on the other. Money by itself doesn't build character in nations or people. It provides food for the stomach and clothes for the back as well as a tractor to cultivate the soil and tools to build a shelter. These are the elements essential to every man's existence, but are they a way of life?

We must stand for more than just the symbol of wealth. We must prove by example that success and a better way of life can come only through hard work and effort stimulated by a desire for freedom

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

BIRMINGHAM — Last week's Birmingham Evening map, showing that the sprawling Birmingham School District will have 14 elementary schools this fall, graphically underscores the need for more junior and senior high school classrooms in the near future.

This was the comment made by Citizens for Sound Education which last month recommended that the Board of Education ask voters at the June 10 election to authorize a \$6.8 million building program to meet additional classroom needs through the 1959-60 school year. The Board accepted the independent committee's recommendation which calls for a 20-room elementary school, new 20-room elementary school, rehabilitation of the 40-year-old old Baldwin School and the construction of a service building.

Cost of the program can be met with no increase in the present school debt service level of 8.5 mills, the committee assured. It was estimated that since 1949 about 67 per cent of the \$15.4 million committed by the voters for school buildings has been for elementary schools and that now something must be done to provide for these youngsters entering into high school age. Studies show that enrollments are increasing at the rate of 1,000 a year, it indicated, and that present buildings will meet needs for only two more years.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

PLYMOUTH — Because it appears that the county and state will boost the valuation of real and personal property by a third in the Plymouth Community School District, the Board of Education voted Monday night to ask for approval of a 3½ cent millage rate for additional operating funds on the June 10 ballot.

The reduction, however, will depend upon the final outcome of hearings which the State "equalization" will come under fire by county officials. It was indicated that a county appeal, however, will probably be lost if past history is an indication.

It was indicated by the County Board of Education that the school tax rate during the next fiscal year will be based on a total valuation of \$75,193,787 as compared with a much lower equalized valuation of \$58,118,642 for this fiscal year. —The Plymouth Mail

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield's financial woes were passed on to the voting public last week in a letter detailing what is going to happen to the approved 1957-58 budget if the millage asked in the June 3 special election is turned down.

Called for is a reduction in the salaries of clerical help from \$32,400 to \$28,000 with the hiring of a bookkeeper and clerk to be eliminated. Board members have agreed to take a one-third cut in their token fees for attending meetings. Also called for is the cut of \$7,500 off the total allowances and the scrapping of a plan to hire eight additional policemen and enlarge police quarters at a savings of \$28,480.

Several capital improvements planned at a savings of \$15,350 will be tabled, park maintenance fees will be cut and the job of a recreation head will be forgotten. Fees for recreational equipment and supplies will also be cut drastically.

Numerous other cuts were also outlined calling for decreased services to the public if the millage proposition fails.

—The Four Corners Press

NOVI — The Township Board voted to revise its purchasing operations and keep exact track of where almost every cent is going.

From now on, any expenditure over \$10 must be approved by either the supervisor or the clerk and a signed purchase order issued. For anything under \$10, except for petty cash items, an invoice will be required.

The plan was discussed at length by the Board after it was first proposed by Trustee Stan Balon, who is a purchasing agent for a Detroit firm in private life. Balon said the plan is similar to that followed by most businesses.

Supervisor Frazee Stames raised some objections to the plan stated that it might mean too much paper work. He indicated that the present practice of requiring purchase orders only for items for more than \$100, in his opinion, had proved satisfactory.

—The Novi News

ROMEO — Ford Motor Company announced last week that the Ford Fund would donate \$3,500 toward the construction of a new building in Romeo. The announcement was timed to coincide with dedication ceremonies at the Ford Company's new sprawling proving grounds at Mack. High Dr. Sherman M. Harding, treasurer of the Romeo Community Building Authority, said that the Ford grant pushed the total funds for the Youth Center to \$12,000 not including materials and pledged labor for the proposed Center.

—The Romeo Observer Press

It Figures: Vacation's Coming



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

State Counts Blessings, Cites Great Progress

MICHIGAN HAS COUNTED its blessings and recognized the progress of its state again. Each of the state's 7,500,000 citizens could be his own public relations man from May 19 to 23, preaching the glories of living in Michigan to the world.

As the week started, engineers announced that the state's two peninsulas had been spanned for the first time in history by steel beams — the framework of the Mackinac Straits Bridge.

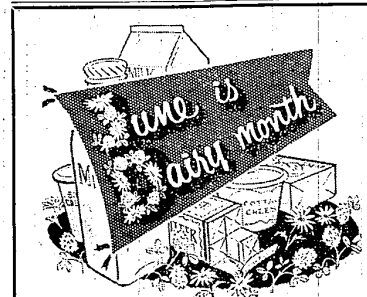
With an overall length of 26,444 feet, the dream of linking the Upper and Lower peninsulas will be realized next November. It is just one of the highlights of the week set aside each spring to advertise and promote Michigan.

The state's vacationland, surrounding more than 11,000 inland lakes, the growth of the resort industry to a \$500,000,000 business—plus other uncounted millions in tax money left in the state by resorters—was heralded as a major factor in the economy.

"All of us should be proud of our achievements, and in that pride should find strength to make ours an even more wonderful state," said Gov. Williams' proclamation. Another part of the pride of Michigan is wrapped up in the \$500,000,000 highway program scheduled during the next three years, \$200,000,000 of it set for next year.

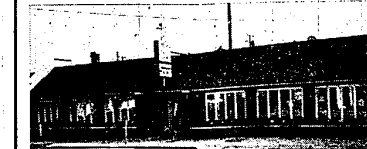
Great advances have been made in the care of mentally retarded children, the rehabilitation of prison inmates and the safeguarding of the health of the public.

Air travel has expanded and airports have improved to meet the need, while the St. Lawrence Seaway promises to make Michigan a world trading center.



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QUESTIONS FOR YOU!
In recent weeks we have been discussing the U. S. Army's careful study of Communist "brainwashing" of American prisoners of war in North Korea and the significant findings. Of the 1,000 prisoners, constituting a cross-section of healthy young adult Americans, 3,000 died. This was an unprecedented percentage of deaths attributable to "lack of determination to survive." Most of the 4,000 survivors, the Army study indicated, succumbed in some degree to the Communist "brainwashing."

The Communists found the Americans weak in many fundamental characteristics. The Army is inclined to charge this weakness not to the men but to a partial breakdown of responsibilities in the American home, and school, and church. In summation the Army seems to say that we haven't been doing an adequate job of teaching the incoming generation in these three pivot-points of education, the home, the school and the church. Our American young men in the Communist POW camps simply had not been taught strongly enough the basic human, spiritual, economic and political values which form the substance of our American way of life.

In Our Homes
What can we citizens do about this grave omission which, unless corrected, can generate a fatal weakness? The home is the first area where improvement can be made. Up through the generations of America's progress by example and with every other educational means parents have inculcated in their children the great virtues of honesty, loyalty, love of God and fellow man, discipline, self-sacrifice, self-reliance, resourcefulness. This has been a responsibility of parenthood.

In our present generation, have we let it slip, have we put it off until "tomorrow" — day after day after day? In the hurry-burly of "modern life" have we parents subordinated the important responsibilities, have we been lured away from the genuine values by a set of synthetic false values? Many signs indicate that too many of us have. But each citizen must answer for himself.

In Our Schools
In what way are we defaulting our responsibilities in American schools and colleges? Many schools and colleges in recent years have begun a positive program of teaching the advantages of the American political and economic system, of inculcating character virtues and love of God and (Continued on Page 3B).

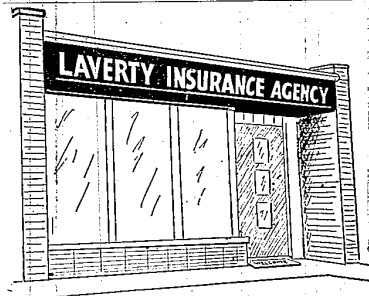
Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 26, 1932)
Jitney Line
A hearing for a permit for a jitney bus line on Grand River between Farmington and Redford will be held next week in Lansing by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission. The hearing is on the application of Frank Reuland of Detroit which calls for a 10 cent fare between Farmington and Five Points with a 15 minute schedule as compared with the present fare of 25 cents and old-time schedule with infrequent service. Mayor Arthur Lamb urged as many officials and citizens of Farmington to attend the hearing as possible and support the application for a jitney line, in a statement made before the City Commission Monday night. It is understood that Reuland will use several passenger sedans for transportation if his jitney line application is approved. He also indicated that he would make every effort to hire local drivers whenever possible.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 29, 1947)
Liquor License
The application for a transfer of a Class C Liquor license made by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simpson from their present location at Tom's Tavern at 34505 Grand River to a new location on 13 Mile just east of Orchard Lake Road has been denied by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. It was disclosed last week. Interest in the requested transfer has run high in Farmington Township and petitions were filed by persons living near the proposed new location against the move. Likewise another group of residents who supported the transfer appeared not only before the Farmington Board to express their opinions but also at hearings held by the Liquor Control Commission relative to the change in location.

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 29, 1952)
School Shortage
A shortage of four classrooms is expected in the Farmington High School this fall, according to a report submitted to the School Board by G. V. Harrison, school principal, at a special meeting Monday evening. Harrison stated that a total of 850 students is expected to be enrolled in grades 7 through 12 this fall. The 1952 graduating class totaled only 72 while 200 students are expected to enter the seventh grade in September, he pointed out. According to estimates, 32 classrooms will be needed to handle the anticipated number of students, while only 28 rooms are available at the present time.

Road Resurfacing
Construction work was started Monday on the resurfacing of Farmington Road from Grand River to Eight Mile Road. The work is being done by the Cadillac Asphalt Paving Company of Detroit, which was awarded the contract in January at a bid price of \$59,078.20. Called for is 1,632 miles of aggregate base widening and two lanes of bituminous concrete surface. The job is scheduled for completion by July 31.



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