

Editorial Page

The Recent Action . . .

by State Highway Commissioner John Mackie to speed the opening of the new U. S. 16 Expressway, on a temporary basis, comes as welcome news to most Farmington area residents.

This is particularly true as far as the Farmington Cut-Off is concerned. The almost daily jam-up of traffic through the City business area has become a serious hazard not only to life and property, but to the welfare of the community as well. On several occasions local officials have suggested temporary measures, designed to ease the congestion. However, until just recently, temporary steps to relieve the situation have been ignored or at least discounted.

The opening of the Cut-Off portion of the Expressway will eliminate one of the most serious bottlenecks in the heavily traveled route from Detroit to Kensington Park. By so doing, it should also cut the recently heavy accident toll on this section of highway. It is estimated that the temporary opening of the Expressway will cost an additional \$25,000. It's a small price to pay, if it saves even one life!

Let's Get Off It . . .

and start boosting instead of blasting. Farmington isn't dead; as a matter of fact, it isn't even sick. These growing pains which we are experiencing right now are as much a part of a community's development as breathing and they have never been fatal yet.

During the past several months these pains have brought forth an unusual amount of moaning and groaning. The sounds of despair have been heard at public gatherings, in business places, on the street corner and yes, even in The Enterprise office. In essence, the word is that nothing is quite right and everything is quite wrong.

What are we going to do—sit around and let a few pains get us down? Sure, we need water, sewers and better roads. We need improved school facilities, a new library, more adequate off-street parking and less taxes too! As far as that goes, show us a community that doesn't. There is only one sure way of getting these things which we want and need . . . that is to start "working" together. It isn't going to be accomplished by running down the city, the township or the schools. Nor is it going to be accomplished by tearing down the neighbor in the next block, the businessman over town or the newspaper around the corner.

It is going to be accomplished by spirit, determination, cooperation and above all else, confidence in the community and its future. This doesn't mean for a minute that we should never criticize. Far from it. But there is a big difference between criticism and condemnation.

We are about to say some things which we haven't heard mentioned in many a year. In our opinion, it is about time they were said. The Farmington community has a bright future. Among its citizens are people who have the interest and the ability to help guide its progress. Among its assets are attractive homes, friendly people and the foundation for prosperous commercial growth. These things we have . . . these things we can be proud of.

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The Two-Cylinder Word . . .

"respect" seems to be fast fading from the Washington scene. It got a pretty good boost out the window from Senator Robert Kerr of Oklahoma when he made the statement last week that President Eisenhower doesn't have "brains" in matters of government finance.

In the same breath, Kerr intimated that some of his fellow Senators were somewhat lacking in gray matter. Now, we don't have the slightest idea how the Senator from Oklahoma stacks up on the I. Q. ladder, but we assume that he has something on the ball to get where he is today. However, there seems to be one fact that the Senator failed to absorb somewhere along the line. That is that other people have "brains" too, and they make it a habit to use 'em!

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WIXOM—Officials of Wixom, elected into office only last Monday, lost no time this week in setting up one of their goals into a fourth class city. Village president Joseph Stadnik said Wixom probably can have city status within the next year.

No certain population is required for fourth-class cities, he said. Only a qualified charter, approved by voters, is necessary. Stadnik said the move is necessary "in order to insure ourselves against encroachment by other communities and to give ourselves needed tax rights over industry and commerce within our boundaries."

At the same time, Stadnik promised that his administration would work hand-in-hand with surrounding communities to solve common problems and improve relations. "We are going to get up a planning commission," he said. "We have a lot to do but we must do it in an orderly manner and with much consideration as possible. We must plan, plan and plan some more rather than rushing into something before knowing it is the right thing to do."

Stadnik said that the council will soon look into Wixom's tax picture.

The Novi News

SOUTHFIELD—The Township and its wide open expanses of land seem to invite unwanted pests. When a woman who lives in Zinski estimated that about 100 dogs have been "dumped" within the township since the first of the year.

Zinski stated that he finds five or six stray dogs every Monday morning—the weekend seemingly being the most desirable time for owners to get rid of unwanted animals.

Dogs are most often dropped along highways, Zinski added, but many others are dropped off at school grounds apparently with the idea that children playing in or near the school will adopt the new pets.

The proper place for unwanted dogs, the dog warden commented, is the dog pound. The Humane Society of Detroit or any Anti-Cruelty League would be only destroyed by dog pound or humane society officials when they are sick, Zinski added.

The Four Corner Press

BIRMINGHAM—Birmingham may take the lead in seeking revocation of a state law permitting juveniles to obtain licenses to operate motor scooters. City officials Monday night discussed the complaints of residents that the motor vehicle law encourages young people to live by creating a noise nuisance as well. City Commissioner Florence Willett said that if Birmingham officials continued against the youngsters' use of the motorized two-wheelers he planned to present a motion to seek repeal of the law to the Michigan Municipal League in September.

"I signed petitions requesting action are submitted to the city commission, Mrs. Willett said, that would be able to sound out other communities about getting the league to sponsor legislation."

The Birmingham Eccentric

ROMEO—Inspectors of the Plant Industries division, Michigan Department of Agriculture, completed their annual check of local elm trees during the past week.

Results of tests for Dutch Elm disease, made on samples of suspected trees, should be known within a week, according to Hubert Kendel, regional supervisor. Testing is conducted by the Michigan State University botany department which found the first incidence of the disease in Romeo last year.

Condemnation orders are issued to owners of infected trees, Mr. Kendel said. Homeowners must make their own arrangements for cutting and burning. He said the cost in southeastern Michigan normally varies from \$50 up.

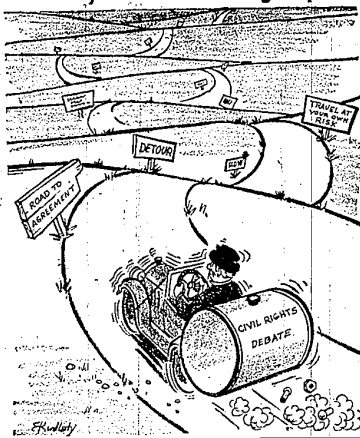
The Romeo Observer Press

PLYMOUTH—City commissioners will study the formation of an "engineering study committee" whose function it would be to check on plans and work of professional engineers hired by the city. Commissioner Richard Wernette and Mayor Hans Guenther are strong advocates of the committee. According to Wernette, the commission itself isn't qualified to pass judgment on plans or work of a hired engineer. "We just hope that he does it right," a committee of qualified engineers, citizens of the city, could be a big help by volunteering their services to check plans and jobs to see that the city is getting its money's worth, Wernette added.

The Plymouth Mail

A doctor writing in Your Health magazine says that accident-prone people fall into three general groups: Those who deliberately take tremendous risks in fits of anger; those who are insecure or dissatisfied; and those who react to emergencies by flying off in all directions emotionally.

Plenty of Gas for a Long Trip



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Prepaid Medical Insurance Plan Again Under Investigation

IT WAS EASIER to enjoy ill health until the "system" that paid the bills got sick itself. The system got its start as a prepaid medical insurance plan to help those who needed the services pay doctor and hospital bills.

Logically, the doctors and hospitals then would be paid, the sick would be made well again and the economy of the whole operation would remain sound.

In recent years, the rates of Blue Cross and Blue Shield hospitalization policies have climbed—to pay for "overuses" and some abuses of the system. Even the financial experts are puzzled now.

The latest rate increase—averaging 12 per cent, came July 5 and touched off another series of investigations.

At present, the University of Michigan, a special commission named by Gov. Williams, a legislative committee, and the Michigan State Medical Society—all are investigating.

"In order to maintain solvency of the hospital plan and to assure sufficient income to provide for increased hospital costs. . . ." In-Insurance Commissioner Joseph A. Navarre approved the rates.

He added that the "rates proposed are commensurate with the benefits provided by the medical plan."

Evidence of abuse by patients and by doctors and the hospitals has been developed by a legislative committee which reported last year, then threw up its hands. Doctors and hospitals complained that patients were misusing the services, making needless demands on doctors and hospitals.

Patients grumbled that they received "the works" x-rays, special care and diets for relatively minor ailments - after officials determined they were covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield policies.

Navarre said that the number of Blue Cross members going to

the hospital increased from 146 per cent 1,000 members to 151 since 1935.

Hospital care costs rose from \$25.96 in 1935 to \$28.60. As a result, Blue Cross paid out \$1,800,000 more than it received in the first five months of 1937.

Navarre said that Blue Cross and Blue Shield "is caught in the price spiral like other commodities which are sought and provided through social and economic instrumentalities."

The system, he said, is starting an experiment to apply insurance to out patient care "apparently to reduce the number and extent of the abuses caused by patients going to hospitals for expensive treatment."

The Michigan Medical Society, whose members have a direct stake in the system, is launching the latest investigation. The Michigan Health Council, a voluntary health education organization, is conducting the survey.

It is designed "to find out what people want from Blue Cross and what it is expected to do," said one spokesman.

The Society will pay more than \$30,000 for the survey, using its own resources for a direct-mail poll of thousands of citizens.

The Richard Oudersluis research organization in Detroit has been engaged to make a person-to-person interview survey.

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This Hot Summer Weather is a Good Time to Start the Habit of Drinking Plenty of MILK

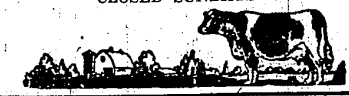


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IMPORTANT WORLD HISTORY
In his book, The Socialist Tragedy, Ivor Thomas showed that in modern world history Socialism has been the transitional stage through which Communism has come to power in nation after nation. In Russia itself, the Communists helped Kerenky's up the Socialist Provisional Government before taking over a short time later. In Hungary the Reds came to power after they had lured the Socialist government in to a coalition. In Czechoslovakia the Reds moved to power through the Socialist Party headed by Dr. Benes.

At the 20th World Congress of the Communist Party held in Moscow recently, the same old strategy was re-emphasized for the Red conspirators in all the countries outside the Iron Curtain: work for Socialism first; this was the order of the day. With the Reds pushing behind the scene, Socialism has risen to power in most of the nations of the world. All these extremely important facts of history are brought to the attention of high school students studying World History in the course developed by Harding Academy at Searey.

Warfare has been the only reference texts used in the course. He was a Labor-Socialist member of Parliament in England. He withdrew from his party when he saw where Socialism was taking his nation. He wrote his book to warn the people of the world that Socialism is like cancer of the blood stream - it spreads and attacks and destroys the body of a nation.

"The importance of this study of World History," says the outline published by Harding Academy for the guidance of high schools wishing to establish the course, "could not be more strikingly dramatized than by the facts visible throughout a large portion of the world today. Nearly a billion people have been engulfed by international Communism within the span of a single generation; and other hundreds of millions have embarked on Socialist experiments which many feel would, unless halted, lead to a similar entrapment of human freedom. World history, when studied today in its full-bodied perspective, should build up within the youth of America a zealous appreciation of their great governmental and economic heritage."

Educational Goals
In the Harding Academy course, these goals are set up for each student: (1) An understanding of the world by a study of man, places, events, and terms; (2) A knowledge of the main eras and movements in history; (3) An appreciation of freedom - how difficult.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 21, 1932)

Farmington Township constables are now serving as traffic officers as a result of action taken by the Township Board Tuesday night. The two men who now hold these positions are William Gregor and William LaForge. A motion made by Willis Roberts that the constables, elected by the people, and who had posted bonds, be made traffic officers at a salary of one dollar per year. Roberts explained that the constables would get a recompense from the County as they would be paid \$1 for each arrest that they made and would also be paid for the distance they were required to travel in making an arrest. All Board members approved of the motion except Ward Eagle, new member of the Board. He stated that, although the Township would pay these men only one dollar a year, "little expenses often grow into big ones." He also objected to having the public "preyed upon" so that the constables could make money from the arrests.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 24, 1927)

Memorial Home

Members of Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, Farmington, are looking forward to Saturday when it is expected that excavation for a new Memorial Home Building on the south side of Grand River opposite Lakeway will begin. According to members of the building committee, contracts have now been let for most work on the building, with the exception of inside finishing. It is expected that a considerable portion of the finish work may be done by members of the post. The new building will provide ample space for all Legion activities, including dining room and recreational facilities. It will be open at all times to use by veterans.

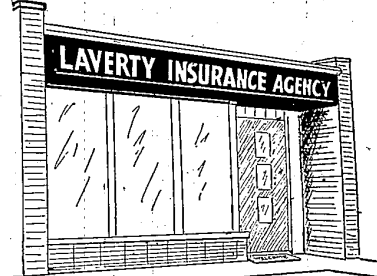
Boy Scout Drive

The annual Boy Scout Drive has been completed in Farmington and proceeds have now been forwarded to the Clinton Valley Boy Scout Council. A total of \$333.40 was raised in the Farmington vicinity to carry on Boy Scout activities during the coming year.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 24, 1932)

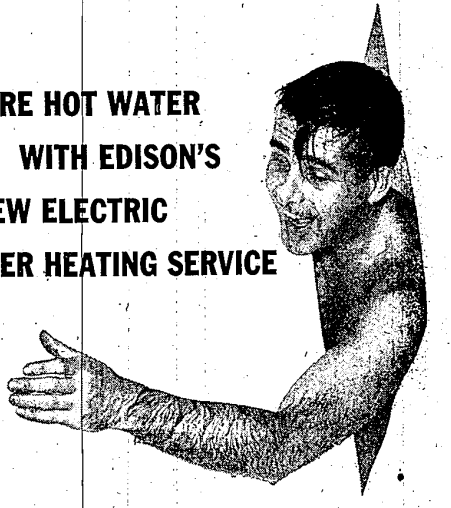
Truck Restriction

A group of residents from Floral Park Subdivision filed a petition with the City requesting that the Mather Trucking Company at 30777 Shawwassee be prohibited from using Shawwassee Road and other residential streets in the Floral Park area. It was suggested that they use the eastern outlet to their property along Shawwassee Road to Nine Mile. Walter A. Krueger, spokesman for the Floral Park group, presented a petition signed by 33 residents. He stated that trucks from Mather kept people along Shawwassee and adjacent areas awake from 5 a.m. and that they were deteriorating property values, causing damage to homes and endangering the lives of school children. Sylvester Pheny, attorney for Mather, stated that the trucking firm was in the area before most of the residents moved there and that they must have been aware of the situation before moving in. He said that it would be considerably more costly for the trucking firm to use the eastern route proposed. The question of restricting heavy trucking on all secondary streets in the city was turned over to the city attorney for study, following discussion.



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