

Editorial Page

Greatly Overshadowed . . .

in the long and heated discussion at the Township Board meeting last week was a piece of legislation which may have major significance in the months and years ahead.

As the hours of the clock neared midnight, the Board confirmed the appointment of a five-member Industrial Development Committee. The committee, proposed by the Supervisor, was unanimously approved. Thus the Township has served notice that it intends to proceed with the correction of one of its major problems, namely the creation of a sound economic tax base.

The Enterprise has long advocated such a program in both the Township and City. By careful study, promotion and selection, Farmington can have the kind of industrial development it wants and needs. Not only will this distribute and lighten the individual tax burden, but it will strengthen the employment and the purchasing power of the community and give Farmington an even greater sense of identity and civic pride.

These things are important now and they will be even more important in the years ahead. With careful study, planning and coordination Farmington can meet the challenges of tomorrow . . . the challenges of better schools, improved police and fire protection, adequate sewer and water facilities, additional park and recreational opportunities and modern, efficient governmental buildings. Yes, all this without breaking the back of Mr. John Q. Taxpayer.

Another Familiar . . .

face has left the governmental scene in Farmington Township. Last Monday, Clayton Goers officially stepped down as Township Treasurer after serving the office continuously for over 15 years.

The very fact that Mr. Goers has received a vote of confidence from the people in election after election is conclusive testimony of regard the voters have for this public servant. During his long tenure, Mr. Goers has seen the Township grow from open fields to busy subdivisions. During this same period his own office has increased tremendously in volume and importance. Both he and Mrs. Goers, his able assistant for many years, have played a significant part in the orderly development of the Treasurer's office.

There are several major reasons why Mr. Goers has always maintained the support and enjoyed the confidence of the majority of the people of his community. One is friendliness, a golden quality for which there is no substitute. Another is integrity, a characteristic so vitally important to the success of any man. And last but not least, conscientiousness, the quality of effort and sincere labor in behalf of his fellow citizens and his community.

These three points in themselves provide more than adequate cause for recognition to Mr. and Mrs. Goers for the years of public service they have given to the people of Farmington Township.

The Big Talkathon . . .

is over and Congress at long last has approved a compromise civil rights bill. Not only is this the first civil rights legislation to be passed in 82 years, but it marks a new record in the much publicized art of filibustering.

Last week Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina kept his vocal cords exercised for a total of 24½ hours. That's a lot of talkin' no matter how you listen to it. However, this convenient parliamentary tool succeeded in accomplishing little more than to give Senator Thurmond a few headlines and a picture or two.

Regardless of the pros and cons of civil rights legislation, this outmoded stall, known as the filibuster, should be buttoned up in a sound-proof booth and shipped off to the Smithsonian Institute where it belongs. Hot air has its place in this modern world . . . but the place is not the Congressional chambers of our Nation's Capitol.

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SOUTHFIELD—School children in Southfield, an expected 5,500 strong, will begin the 1957-58 school year this week.

For the first time in several years all children in above the first grade will be on a full day schedule. Several transfers of classes from one school to another have made this possible, school officials said.

The new E. J. Lederle Junior High and the new elementary school on 12 Mile Road, between Evergreen and Southfield Roads, were both completed and ready for use on the opening day of school. Other schools in the district were completely polished up and made ready for opening day throughout the summer months.

Eighth and ninth grade students will be attending school on new hours this year. They will be attending school from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., school officials said.

—The Four Corners Press

WAYNE—Traffic control and the parking problem will get the major share of attention this fall when the annual Chamber of Commerce Greater Wayne Business Improvement Clinic is held.

A four meeting clinic will be held this year.

The first meeting will deal with the Wayne area and speakers will be present from both the Village and Nankin Township. Parking and traffic will be discussed at this meeting.

The second meeting will concern itself with the growth of the schools. Speakers will be from the Wayne Community School system and Wayne Township. The third meeting will feature representatives from other communities the same size as Wayne. They will discuss similar problems and solutions.

The fourth clinic meeting will deal solely with the traffic and parking problems.

These meetings will be held each week starting on the fall. No definite dates have as yet been set.

—The Wayne Dispatch

BIRMINGHAM—A bill of complaint has been filed against Birmingham officials in Oakland County Circuit Court charging that their refusal to permit construction of a four-story apartment dwelling here was "grossly unreasonable."

The plaintiff, Coker Company of Detroit, seeks a mandatory injunction compelling the City of Birmingham to permit building of the structure on property the company owns on Woodward Avenue near Reister Road.

Commissioners Monday night directed the city attorney to defend the city's action in refusing to rezoning of the property to allow a multiple family classification which would allow the four-story structure.

The residents of abutting property objected to the four-story dwelling at hearings on the Coker Company's request before the planning board and city commission.

The complaint against the city was signed by Coker Company President William Berman and prepared by his attorney. It stated that the terrace zoning "curtails the market value of the premises."

—The Birmingham Eclectic

PLYMOUTH—The City of Plymouth's hard water costs each person using \$12 to \$15 yearly, according to a survey made by engineers for the city commission.

It was indicated, however, that housewives who are unhappy with the hard water situation may have to wait awhile before the city gets around to softening up the stuff.

The engineers indicated that two types of softening plants are available. The cheaper one (costing \$700,000) it was revealed, probably would not be approved by the State Health Department for a community of this size. This type, called the Zeolite plant, is regenerated with salt and acid.

The recommended type is called the lime soda plant and offers the best results. This plant would cost about \$1,150,000.

But despite its cost, the report declared, "it has been repeatedly demonstrated that water as hard as Plymouth's nets great savings to the consumer when it is municipally softened."

They indicated that each person uses approximately 20 pounds of soap each year just to soften the water before cleaning action can even begin. This figures out to \$4 per-capita per year in extra soap just for softening. They also indicated that clothing life is lengthened another 20 to 50 per cent per year when soft water is used netting an estimated saving of from \$4 to \$10 per year. Repair and cleaning bills for heaters when hard water is used is estimated to result in another \$4 cost per year.

No discussion has as yet been conducted at a commission meeting regarding the softening plant proposal.

—The Plymouth Mail

Yeah---But What Are the Side Effects?



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Now Compiling Data On State's 1957 Summer Resort Season

RESORT EXPERTS ARE CHECKING results of a summer season predicted to be disappointing at the cash register but which has been showing new signs of life.

At one time it was believed the dollar influx would drop from \$6 billion to \$5 billion. Michigan's Tourist Council, fighting off the effects of a stable appropriation and increasing needs for advertising, has pinched its pennies and stretched its dollars.

Michigan in recent years has slipped from third to fourth in ranked states as a tourist-attracting magnet. But its natural attractions are enjoyed by millions.

Tourists already are flocking to the newly-completed Mackinac Straits Bridge.

Improved highways are attracting more, making speedier the trips to summer vacation mecca. The state's parks are jammed every week end.

Fall is here, and only the post-Labor Day work of compiling statistics and getting estimates from the experts is needed now to complete the story of 1957's summer resort season.

Most areas report an upsurge in the number of motel and lakeside resort accommodations. One reason for the increase, if one exists for this season, will be sheer population pressure.

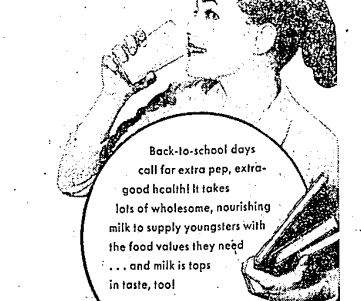
"When there are more people, there are more of them vacationing," said one state official.

Michigan has abandoned the idea of sending a lobbyist to Washington to snare federal defense contracts to help ease the state's unemployment crisis.

Gov. Williams sent a group to Washington to investigate the idea. Lee M. Uhl, an official of the State Department of Economic Development, reported back that the federal government was under an economy wave, making the state lobbyist's office "unwise."

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CLOSED SUNDAYS



Glenn A. Green, Associate director of the National Education Program, is doing research in Sweden this month. This column and several following will be reports on his findings in that "model Socialist state." —G.S.B.

SWEDEN'S WELFARE STATE

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN —

Dear Dr. Benson: We have heard and read so much in America about the Swedish "Middle Way," her famed Welfare State, and "The People's Home" (as Swedish Socialists planners themselves call it) that I was expecting to observe a living standard here about equal to ours in America. I can now report that measured by all the accepted yardsticks it is not half as good, and when significant additional factors are considered Sweden's special brand of Socialism loses even more of its widely advertised glamor.

My first introduction to its ramifications came from a Swedish housewife who sat chatting with me as our big SAS (Scandinavian Airlines System) DC 7 plane flew down the Thames estuary from London and out across the North Sea toward Oslo. The purser had just announced on the plane's PA system that photographing the land area of Norway and Sweden from the plane was prohibited by the Governments of the two countries.

Sifting Opportunities

"My, my," she said in excellent English. "It has got so one must almost consult a book of Government rules before doing anything in Scandinavia." As I reluctantly put away my camera I told her of the nature of my visits in Norway and Sweden — studying the Welfare State. We instantly became friends and I proceeded to interview her. As her story unfolded I classified her family as in the upper middle-income group. Her husband is the Stockholm agent for an insurance firm; she keeps a full-time maid in her home, and for the family of four (plus maid) the food budget is \$250 a month, about 1500 Swedish crowns.

She ticked off some of the things she didn't like about Sweden's Welfare State, first instituted by the Socialist — Labor Government (Social Democrats) 23 years ago. "My husband says there is absolutely no future for Sweden," she said finally. "We both feel that we should take our two children and establish a home in some other country. He strongly thinks the Socialists are ruining Sweden forever for capable, ambitious people."

A Hope Expressed
"Will you leave Sweden?" I asked. She sat quietly a moment gazing down upon the calm sea so far below. I wondered if she had heard me or understood. Then she turned and said: "I think not. AF" (Continued on Page 7B)

Dangerous root rot, brought into Michigan from Prince Edward Island last May, will be under control on five infested areas in Bay County by mid-September.

Infestation in Michigan was in a shipment of seed potatoes destined for Bay County.

This set in motion a little-known function of state government which works as a sort of police force to protect the farmer and his crops against natural enemies.

Word was passed from federal officials to C. A. Boyer, plant hus-

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 1, 1932)

"Blind Pig" Home

Denial that the alleged blind pig farm home of Joseph Reno, 46, of Farmington Drive and Tuck Road, raided last Saturday night by Farmington deputies, was a "rendezvous for gin drinking students of Farmington High School" as stated in Detroit and Pontiac daily papers, was made Thursday by Deputy Sheriff William Mann. Meanwhile, members of the Farmington Board of Education who were incensed at the reflection upon the reputation of the school and officials in charge of it, are investigating with a view of demanding proof or a correction and apology from the source. Board president A. L. Ross indicated that the owner of the place had already been interviewed and declared that no students had been served liquor there. Mann, who was quoted by a Detroit chain paper as saying that Farmington students frequented the alleged blind pig, denied making the statements. In the raid, several cases of bottled beer and a few kegs of beer were confiscated, Mann said, but there was no gin or hard liquor of any sort in evidence.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 4, 1947)

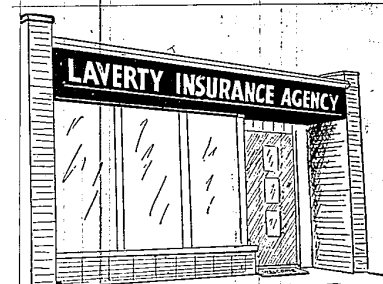
Sewage Problem

City Commissioners Roy Miller and Howard Oils, along with City Clerk Harry Moore, were in Lansing last Wednesday to confer with officials of the Michigan Stream Control Commission regarding alleged pollution of the Rouge River and plans of the City of Farmington for a sewage disposal plant. At the present time, plans for a disposal plant are being made by L. N. Hayden, consultant engineer, at the request of the City Commission. Milton P. Adams, engineer-secretary of the Stream Control Commission, agreed that it would be of no value for the city to establish a disposal plant to treat city sewage when all along the Rouge River, other communities are polluting the stream. He indicated that he felt the ideal solution would be for all communities to unite to explore in detail the idea of establishing a central sewage disposal plant.

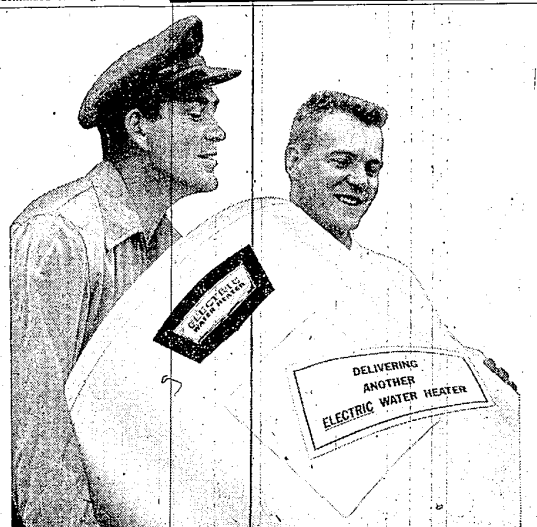
FIVE YEARS AGO (September 4, 1952)

Seventh Grade Program

Expansion of the double-session seventh grade program in the Farmington School system for this year from two three-hour sessions to two four-hour sessions was unanimously approved at a special meeting of the School Board Tuesday night. The program will be inaugurated as soon as an additional seventh grade teacher can be hired, Superintendent O. E. Dunkel stated. The decision was reached following a report made by Dunkel indicating several courses of action which could be taken to improve the existing program calling for separate three-hour sessions for seventh graders. He pointed out that under this program students would receive a full academic program for study. The only courses which will have to be eliminated will be the enrichment subjects including art, band and physical education. High School Principal G. Y. Harrison said. Harrison pointed out the fact that eighth grade and high school students are also being denied some of the enrichment subjects because of the lack of facilities.



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