

Editorial Page

National Newspaper . . .

Week is being observed across the country right now. We'd like to dwell briefly on the event, for this is a good time to remind you that nothing takes the place of the local newspaper in any community.

Other media may bring you a part of the story, but for full news about Farmington you must look to The Enterprise. We try to give you much local news, and as time goes on this will be increased and bettered.

We support local organizations, civic, religious, fraternal and social. We support local merchants, and make it possible for their interesting advertising messages to come into your home at small cost. Possibly by another year we'll be able to tell you a little more about your community newspaper, and invite you to an open house during National Newspaper Week.

Don't ever forget that it's YOUR newspaper, serving YOUR community.

Arkansas . . .

has been much in the news lately, and the trouble there is being watched not only in this country but all over the world. How it all will end we are not prepared to guess.

There's one thing we can be pretty certain of, however. Arkansas will probably never fully recover from the damage a small percentage of its citizens have done. It has been calling itself The Land of Opportunity—its license plates bear that emblem. How little they believe?

We've been there, and know a little about the state—so that makes us an expert, of course. In recent years a Rockefeller (his first name is Winthrop, unless our memory is faulty) has lived there, and has been trying to build up the state by attracting industry through local groups formed for the purpose. We can't help but be curious as to just what he thinks now about his adopted state. We'll guess Arkansas has done itself heavy and permanent damage so far as attracting industry and residents is concerned. The problem of integration in the south is very real, but it isn't helped any by state and local officials who allow mob violence to erupt.

Next Week . . .

is National Employ the Physically Handicapped week, from October 6 through 12. It's been observed rather well the last few years, serving only to call attention to the idea. We think it's good.

In connection with that, we'd like to say a few things about Goodwill Industries. Not everyone is an employer, or has much to say about actually employing the handicapped. But everyone can join in the spirit of the week by sending usable discards to Goodwill, which actually does employ 450 handicapped persons.

Goodwill not only employs, but it trains handicapped workers so that eventually they will be fit and ready for a job in industry. Each year Goodwill sends an average of 250 persons into private industry.

Next time you have some discards that might be used, if you'll call Goodwill you are actually helping the handicapped.

Another Reason . . .

for safe driving is your auto insurance and liability rate, which has been going up and up as a result of increasing number of accidents and more expensive repairs.

The casualty insurance industry has just warned that the only thing which can keep rates from going up again is a major reduction in auto accidents. That puts it squarely up to you, and you.

We've heard the arguments for compulsory insurance, and know that is not the answer. Rates would really be high, coverage inadequate, and it would undoubtedly develop into a political football.

Drive careful, darn it!

Let's fear no storm, before we feel a show'r. — Drayton.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD — The department of parks and recreation commission recently passed a resolution asking that the township's legal department investigate the feasibility of securing for play purposes a 99-acre parcel of land in Section 22.

The resolution holds that this is one of the few remaining areas suitable for development as a township park.

The property, owned by the Detroit Province of Jesus Society, is located immediately north of Nine Mile between Hunters Lane and Plow Hollow Drive. Up for sale, it is traversed by the Rouge River and has both flat and "rugged" land suitable for various types of park and recreational activity.

The commission has conceded that at this time it is not possible to propose a bond issue for outright purchase and is therefore recommending to the township that legal steps be taken to bind by option or other available means control of the land for a period of 5 or 10 years.

—The Four Corners Press

PLYMOUTH — Contests for the young people and a demonstration program for everyone are among the functions being planned by the fire departments of Plymouth township and city this week for the observation of Fire Prevention Week from October 6-12.

Students in grades six through eight in the Plymouth school system are already working on a slogan contest.

Displays from various schools are also preparing booths or displays for Kellogg Park with a fire prevention theme.

A big display in the downtown area by the fire department is being planned for Thursday evening, October 10. Neighboring fire departments will also take part, it was indicated.

—The Plymouth Mail

SOUTH LYON — If you are fascinated by outdoor markets and bazaars where shopping is a combination social event and bargain hunt, then you won't want to miss being in South Lyon, Mich., Saturday, October 5. On this day South Lyon merchants will mark down prices and move out to the sidewalks to hawk their wares as in days of yore.

Bargain tables, racks and display cases will line local sidewalks as all merchants cooperate with South Lyon Chamber of Commerce to make the day-long event a thing to remember.

According to officials, sidewalk sales have proven highly popular in Howell, Livonia, St. Johns and Mason this year.

In case of rain the sidewalk sale will be postponed until the following Saturday.

—The South Lyon Herald

ROMEO — Work on the new Youth and Civic Center under construction was reported advancing well last week.

Due to the delay in the construction, superintendent, the center should be ready by December 1.

Yet to be installed at the center is window glass, electrical and plumbing fixtures, the wood auditorium floor and tile corridor floor.

A door-to-door canvas for more construction funds is to be held. The group of 40 women and a lone man who will be taking part in the canvas expressed hope that they could raise \$1,500 in funds to help finish the building.

—The Romeo Observer Press

WAYNE — Only persons living within the proposed city boundaries for incorporation as the City of Wayne will be allowed to vote in the election on this proposal. This is the substance of a legal opinion received by Nankin Township officials.

In other words, those areas in Nankin Township which are not included within the proposed boundaries for the city will not be allowed to vote.

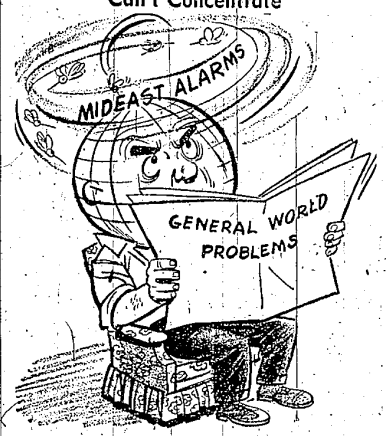
The opinion was handed down by Robert Taylor, Jr., Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, who has been the county's legal aide on the matter since the city's plan inception three years ago.

—The Wayne Dispatch

NOVI — Township officials along with members of the zoning board and board of appeals will meet with representatives of the township's engineering consultant firm Monday night to review the long-discussed land use map and general plan for the township.

The firm has offered to draw up a land use plan for \$775 and a general development plan for \$750. The land use plan could be completed quickly, it was indicated, and would show how each parcel of land is now being used and what its potential is. The general development plan would be a long study plan, lasting up to two years, and involving a series of tests, analysis, meetings and restudies before completion. When completed it would show everything from projected population density and soil conditions to water resources and drainage.

—The Novi News



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Studying State Tax Structure; Future Tax Increases Predicted

TAXPAYERS GET A BREAK this year, partly because of the coincidence of time.

Experts in civic political camp are predicting there will be no increase in existing taxes or the birth of new ones during the year.

State government, they said, will be content to operate on a "manageable deficit."

This is the election-year machinery which allows both major parties to campaign on a record of economy and displaying past achievements when money was available.

But next year more money will be needed from citizens to pay off the even-year deficit; to buy the extra services people demand and expand those now offered to handle a booming population.

The signs are all here.

Legislators are studying Michigan's entire tax structure.

Rep. Rolfe G. Conlin (R-Tipton), chairman of the tax study committee, has named a 19-member panel of economic experts to help and has hired a University of Michigan man as study director.

As the fall of 1957 gets started, there have been two major meetings of the committee. The study may take until late in 1958 to complete to the point of showing a financial trend.

If so, taxpayers cannot possibly know the result — the prospects of new or increased taxes and the need for them until after the 1958 election.

Another committee is studying the needs of the schools and its members are facing the \$25,000,000 "temporary" tax increase on cigarettes and liquor will have to remain for an extra year.

This will carry it at least until June 30, 1959, six months after those elected in 1958 take office.

Another time factor has a special significance in 1958. It is the 10th year in the schedule which places on the ballot the proposal to call a constitutional convention to re-write the basic law of the state last rewritten in 1907.

There are those among legislators who believe a convention, in re-writing the constitution, could come up with a financial reform, thus eliminating the need for immediate tax changes.

Democrats and some Republicans do not want a constitutional convention under present methods of selecting the delegates.

Under the present laws, three delegates are selected from each state-senatorial district.

Though no member of the legislature may be a delegate, politicians feel the convention would reflect the participation of the districts which select the delegates.

Democrats, who have 11 Senators, and the Republicans, who have 23, figure any new constitution.



A FRENCH FAMILY
PARIS, FRANCE — "Dear Dr. Benson: I have just come from a visit in a French home. It was an experience I want to share with readers. The husband — father is a mechanic; he works in a French factory. The wife-mother is the housekeeper. Both of the two grown daughters work, one as a secretary, the other as a clerk. The flat which this family has called 'home' for 20 years — since the Socialists began to dominate the French government and created the Welfare State—is a ten minute subway ride from the center of Paris."

It is an attic flat, three flights up. The neighborhood might be described as a typical Paris residential area, peopled by worker families and white collar people. The flat is miserably small and miserably dilapidated. Climbing the dingy, creaking spiral stairs, noting the chunks of fallen plaster, peeling floors, and the splintered, unpainted surface of the walls — this prepared me for the shock of the flat itself.

Cubby-Hole Flat
The living dining room measures about 8 feet square. There is a cubby-hole kitchen off one corner, about 4 feet square. In the opposite corner is a door to the bathroom, only about 6 feet by 9 feet. The dining table, chairs, a chest and an auxiliary table fill up the living-dining room. For my visit and interviews, there were eight people in this room. Only five could sit down; three had to stand against the wall.

The flat was clean, but nothing could hide the scars of untended use. When the family moved in 20 years ago, it was spick and span, and big enough for a couple just starting out. The rent was a normal figure. When the Socialist-controlled government applied rent control throughout France the rent on this flat was lowered to \$6. It has remained at \$6. The owner of the building couldn't maintain it on this level of revenue. So for many years the place has been deteriorating, falling apart.

As the family grew it wanted a larger dwelling place. But with rent control and other Socialist encumbrances, private capital could not afford to build and the Government was building only a fraction of the housing needs in France. Better rental housing thus, was not available to this family.

Low Income
On their income, buying a flat was out of the question. So the girls grew up, got as much schooling as most French children get, lived in the cramped quarters, and ultimately found jobs. The combined income of father and two daughters is not as much today as the average American industrial worker earns, and except for a low rent, low public transportation fares, and low cost of bread, potatoes and few other basic staples, prices are high in France.

An 8 cubic foot refrigerator makes \$80. A great many workers make less than that in a full (Continued on Page 7B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 29, 1932)
Movie Theater

Farmington may have a motion picture theater soon if Detroit film reported to be interested in opening such an establishment here through with tentative plans. They propose to purchase the former Buick garage on Grand River and reconstruct it to seat 500 persons. Alterations would involve lowering the entire back end of the building and placing a stage on the south side as well as making other alterations.

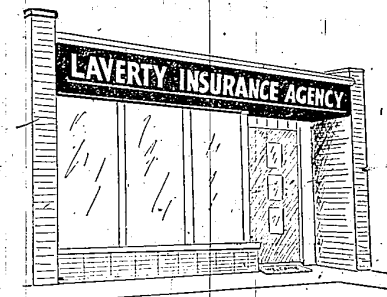
Benefit Project
Plans for a benefit project to supply clothes for needy Farmington school children are underway. A big bazaar dance is being planned and a meeting of all governing officials, school leaders, police, church group officials and other club officials has been called for Friday.

Bargains
An advertisement appearing in this addition for the Red and White Market, owned by Delos Hamlin, offered these bargains: pound of coffee, 21 cents; hamburger, 10 cents a pound; fresh hams, 11 cents a pound; butter, 21 cents a pound; pork loin, 14 cents a pound, and toilet paper, five rolls for 24 cents.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 2, 1947)
Advisory Committee
The newly created citizens advisory committee, named by the Farmington Township School District, held its first meeting last Monday for the purpose of organizing. The committee is composed of six members—one member from each of the three Parent Teachers' Association in the District, two members from the Board of Education and the School Superintendent. Francis Langthorne was elected chairman of the committee and Samuel Turner as secretary. The committee has no official power to act. Its purpose is to advise the Board of Education on the needs of respective areas in the District and to assist the Board in developing a workable program.

FIVE YEARS AGO (October 2, 1952)
Voting Machines
A new experience is in store for Farmington Township voters in the coming election. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, informed the paper Tuesday afternoon that the new voting machines ordered earlier had arrived. Persons wishing to will be given an opportunity before the election to try out one of the machines. An instruction series is being planned. The times and dates will be announced later.

School Enrollment
Enrollment in the Farmington Township School District is continuing to increase. As of October 1, enrollment in the elementary grades totaled 1,823. This is compared to an enrollment figure of 1,753 the first day of school, September 11. Junior-Senior high enrollment has jumped from 984 on September 11, September 4 to 911 as of October 1. It is anticipated that enrollment in the District will continue on a slight increase throughout the school year.



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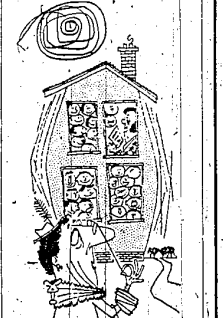
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Oakland County school board is in session, reports the Oakland County Planning Commission, with school membership increasing from 55,000 in 1940 to 75,000 in 1950 and to 126,000 in 1955.