

Editorial Page

Annual School . . .

reports came in for a lot of extra interest this year as the result of a few changes in the law regarding their content.

As part of this change there was a contest in which school districts of the state were selected for honors as a result of clarity and excellence in the official reports to their communities.

Plymouth schools earned one of the plaques, in the school group with from 1,000 to 5,000 pupils. Other winners were Harbor Springs, in the less than 1,000 pupil class, and Saginaw with over 5,000 pupils. We congratulate them all, and especially our neighbor to the south, Plymouth.

The contest was sponsored by Michigan Press Association, with whom the Michigan Department of Public Instruction has been working several years so that the public can be better informed. In a great many communities in Michigan, the school district is by far the largest and most important business in the community. It is only right that the annual reports be made more readable and understandable, for it is the public which supports it, and which must from time to time decide how it shall be improved.

Although the Farmington and Clarenceville school districts didn't happen to win any awards in this certain contest, we think both have done very good jobs of keeping local people informed about their activities, problems and programs in recent years. We're quite certain they will continue.

Children's Hospital . . .

in Farmington, the local branch of Lapeer State Home and Training School, had its first open house last Sunday, and the staff should receive a lot of commendation for the manner in which it was handled.

It's been around two years since the state leased the building and began to move in children who had the misfortune to be mentally retarded. Fortunately the building was readily adaptable. Many Detroit families must have been comforted by having their children in such excellent quarters, and so close to their homes.

As an indication of the interest in Farmington Children's Hospital, there were more visitors than had been anticipated, yet they were all going to see the facilities available. Everything was in apple order, and showed there had been attention to some of the fine details. We are thinking particularly of the pretty decorated "cookie" houses used as decorations in several rooms.

When there is another open house, we think even more of our citizens should know what goes on at this state hospital.

The Best Gift . . .

of all is safety on the road. Since Christmas is the season for giving, here's a list of "gifts" that motorists can give themselves and other drivers:

1. Give the other fellow on the highway or road the right of way when there's doubt at an intersection.
2. Give other drivers the courtesy of lowered headlight beams when you meet them after dark.
3. Give pedestrians the same break you would expect if you were on foot.
4. Give your car a break, too. Check brakes, lights, tires, defrosters and windshield wipers.
5. Give yourself, as a driver, additional time for traveling when road and weather conditions are hazardous.
6. Give yourself more space between your car and the one ahead on slippery pavement, and adjust your speed to give yourself better control of your vehicle on snow-packed or icy highways.
7. Give your passengers the comfortable feeling that they are riding with a safe driver.

Do these things not only at Christmas but all the time, and you'll not be one of the "casualties" we read about so often in the newspapers.

"Tis expectation makes a blessing dear;
Heaven were not heaven if we knew what it were."
—Suckling.

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What's New With Our Neighbors

LIVONIA — The Livonia City Council at its last regular meeting adopted an amendment to the existing Ordinance which is designated as the R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm) zoning districts.

The amendment changes the ordinance to provide that every lot in an R-U-F district shall have an area of at least one-half acre and a width of not less than 100 feet.

It also provides that before a proprietor can develop a smaller size lot in an R-U-F district he must first file a petition with the City Planning Commission to have his property rezoned to an R-1 residential district.

The ordinance as adopted also contains a "savings clause" which in substance provided that the amendment shall not be effective until the tentative subdivision plans which are approved by the City Planning Commission prior to the date it becomes effective.

SOUTHFIELD — Approximately 60 Southfield home and business owners are headed for court on health violation charges, it was revealed last week.

A spokesman for the county health department stated that leniency to date has failed to bring about the desired cooperation and therefore it will be necessary to issue tickets.

Several restaurants are held in violation of the licensing and sanitation code. Chief complaint seems to be against outdoor toilets which were outlawed in Southfield over five years ago.

NOVI — Petitions calling for the incorporation of Novi township as a village were filed last Friday.

Unless irregularities are found, an election on the question will be set for sometime early next year, possibly in February.

The proposed village would include all of the original township except for four areas: Wixom, Northville Estates subdivision, Broadland Farms No. 1 and part of the City of Northville.

The petitions which were filed with the Oakland County clerk will now be under the consideration of the county committee and then to the county board of supervisors at their next meeting.

The board must approve them before an election, can be scheduled.

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Township Board climaxes a historic move at their last regular monthly meeting by adopting an ordinance that will put them in the water and sewer business.

The ordinance will regulate water and sewer systems in the township and accept the systems already installed in Lake Pointe Village.

The only actual cost which the township must incur in acquiring the Lake Pointe Village systems is 75 per cent of the cost of the water storage tank now up.

This will be a cost of approximately \$150,000 with payments to be made from net earnings derived from the sale of water.

Plymouth Township's move to develop water and sewer installations has definitely made obsolete the Townships of Plymouth and Canton Water and Sewer authority which was formed two years ago.

Although the authority is still in effect, the two townships were never able to develop sewer and water plans and financing arrangements that would fit both's needs.

Therefore both townships have been working on their own plans.

DEARBORN — The Dearborn Federation of Teachers last week charged the Dearborn Parent Teacher Association Council with interfering with school administration contrary to Parent PTA policy.

The federation became irked when a council letter was sent to the Board of Education recommending that action on a proposal to subsidize school employees' health insurance be withheld until next year's wage negotiations.

The federation president stated that although many teachers were members of PTA none of them knew about any action.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — A report made at the last Bloomfield Hills city commission meeting by City Manager Elmer Kephart indicated that the Hills' share for trunk sewers to the North Evergreen system would be about \$1,650,000.

IT'S A FACT

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MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Shortage of Doctors, Dentists, Other Medical Personnel Cited

MICHIGAN'S SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS, dentists and other medical personnel was underlined in a report submitted to the governor by a 24-member commission he appointed to look into the matter.

Willbur J. Cohen of the University of Michigan School of Social Work, who is chairman of the commission, reports that this state, which ranks 10th in wealth and personal income, ranks 35th in its supply of physicians.

National average is one doctor to each 1,761 residents, said Cohen. Michigan has only one doctor for each 2,900.

National average for nurses is 259 per 100,000 people, Michigan has only 200, his report showed.

Only sound solution to the situation seems to be the graduation of more doctors. Cohen's report urged that facilities for medical training be expanded rapidly at Wayne State University, where a minimum expenditure would permit an increase in student load and the early construction of a third medical school in the state.

Education has become Michigan's top political and practical problem. It will come into sharper focus during the 1958 session of the legislature when schoolmen and lawmakers will seek solutions to problems which are largely financial.

Interventions into the money issue is the new emphasis on education as a cold war weapon for the nation.

Sputnik makes its point even before it becomes an important military weapon. Republican legislators estimate that education costs through high school grades, the area covered by the school aid formula, will cost \$41 million more next year.

It will take that much to make up a \$2 million to \$6 million deficit in the school aid fund this year. Another \$14 million is needed because of an expected 70,000 student enrollment increase and to replace the \$25 million raised this year only by cigarette and liquor taxes.

Legislators felt that the liquor and cigarette taxes, levied as an emergency maneuver to guarantee schools \$190 per student this year, cannot be extended beyond the June 30 expiration date.

The sales tax revenue is down 10 per cent since last year.

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HIGHER EDUCATION also will be asking for more money and help this year.

Both the University of Michigan and Michigan State University state they need more if they are to provide the education in science and other fields that students need.

John A. Hannah, president of MSU, said the institution needs help if it is to "achieve the near-ideal of the American people expect of us."

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LOOKING AHEAD

by Dr. George F. Queney
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AN OLD BRICK WALL. While speaking to and visiting with a group of the employees of The Monsanto Chemical Company in St. Louis recently, I had the pleasure of touring one of the company's largest chemical plants. It is not only one of the biggest, it also is the oldest. It is the John F. Queney plant. John F. Queney was the founder of Monsanto. He began the enterprise in a small way a great many years ago. In time his operations filled a modest - size red brick building in an industrial section of St. Louis.

On my recent visit, I found that only one fragment of the old red brick building remains standing. Among the plant, three-story-high crucibles in which chemicals are made in one area of the sprawling works stands today a section of red brick wall about four feet high and 15 feet long. Its relative ancient vintage and its utter uselessness, standing there amidst the massive paraphernalia of modern industrial chemistry, causes almost every passing visitor to pause and ask: "What in the world is that old wall doing in here?"

A Symbol. "That's the last tiny bit of the old John F. Queney plant," a Monsanto man will say. "No one here seems to want to tear it down. I hope they never tear it down. Because it represents something of vital importance to every Monsanto worker in plants operating today in nations throughout the world; and something of vital importance to every person in America. It represents and reminds all of us of the value of the freedom to dream, one of the basic values built into our American system."

The man who planted the dream and started the growth of the vast present-day Monsanto enterprise - like most of the people who conceived and brought into being the other great industries of America - had no restrictions on his dream capabilities, no hampering restrictions on his enterprise and productive capabilities. He dreamed of establishing a needed business, and he went to work and did it. Tens of thousands of good jobs have been created and all Americans have benefited in a number of ways, because this one man dreamed and then backed up his dream with intelligent action.

THE FIVE FACTORS. This freedom to dream one's dreams, which our American system provides and protects, is one of the five fundamental factors in our unmatched production. The other four productive factors are: (1) Freedom to compete with the dreamers or with other producers; (2) Screened management; (3) High investment in tools; and (4) Freedom of labor.

John F. Queney and his early associates had to develop the capabilities for competing - if they wanted to stay in the chemical business. They had to learn to produce needed chemicals of a quality and at a price which would attract buyers in a highly competitive field. They had constantly to experiment, through research,

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Welfare Loan

RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION Loan of \$6,000 for welfare purposes is being awaited by Farmington Township and City. Of this sum, \$3,700 is required by the township and \$2,300 by the city. The application for the small city portion was made through the township board at the request of higher officials. Arrangements for a building for the township welfare store were also discussed at a meeting Monday night. Two offers of places to rent have been received. It was also indicated that a portable building might be bought and set up on public property. At the cost of a little over \$100.00, delivered, a small summer cottage can be purchased, Supervisor Arthur Coe stated.

Aid Children. The Cloth Needy Children Committee is now completing plans for another entertainment program next Tuesday with the money raised to be used to clothe needy children in Farmington Township schools. The proceeds from similar efforts held earlier helped a great deal, committee officials said, but were just not enough. There are still many children lacking shoes and adequate clothing.

Recreation Program. Township Supervisor Ernest Blanchard was appointed by the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night to represent the township on a committee now being formed, under the auspices of the PTA, to work out a plan for a recreation program for the entire community. It was requested that other organizations in Farmington Township also appoint a representative to represent them on the committee. The Town Club of Farmington has already joined the PTA and other interested parties in supporting the project. The original proposal of starting a "Teen Canteen" grew rapidly and is now taking form in hopes of forming a complete recreation center to serve all youth activities to the fullest.

New Fire Unit. Township Supervisor Ernest Blanchard announced this week that steps are now being taken to organize a volunteer fire force for the newly completed fire station in the Clarenceville area. Assisting Blanchard on the recruiting of volunteers is Treasurer Clayton Goers. A number of men have already been contacted and have agreed to serve as volunteer firemen. Blanchard said. Tentative plans are now being made for an organizational meeting to be held within the next couple weeks. No exact number of volunteers has been called for, although it is estimated that at least 12 would probably be required. All volunteers will be given special training on the use of the LaFrance fire truck and equipment as well as general fire fighting.

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Christmas Cheer! May all your joys add up to a very merry Christmas.

To all our friends we extend our very best wishes for a happy Holiday.

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Greetings

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