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New Signs . . .

are going up along the Farmington-Brighton expressways, and other expressways over the state. They are approximately 3,000 feet in front of exit roads directing motorists to "GAS, FOOD AND LODGING." These are used if gasoline service stations are to be found within three miles.

Commissioner John C. Mackie has tried to find a solution to the service problems created by construction of our new expressways. The new signs do not solve all the problems, and we're sure Commissioner Mackie is as aware of this as we are.

Thousands of Michigan drivers are now finding out what it's like to travel beautiful new four lane highways with only an occasional cross road or exit ramp. Suddenly these drivers are also wondering what will happen if they run out of gas, have a flat tire, where they can find a rest room for the youngsters, or find a restaurant or hotel.

To preserve the fine engineering advantages of these roads, Congress decreed that no commercial activity may be permitted along the right-of-way. The Michigan legislature decreed the state could not establish state-owned services along the highways. So, we know where service facilities are NOT going to be located.

There are three logical proposals to attain service, and we in this area are interested. One is to make full use of existing parallel roads as service roads. Mackie recognized this when he stated old Grand River should continue to be used and that he would include a bridge at the Kensington park area in planning activities. This isn't apt to help for a couple of years, and our Grand River businesses will be hurt during that period.

The others mean new business locations—either where the expressway is intersected by feeder roads, or at designated stretches along the expressway. It has been suggested that new service areas could be made accessible by a parallel service road similar to a railroad siding. Traffic swings off the expressway right-of-way, down the service road, and eventually back onto the main road. There are many proposals, and in our area we want them all studied.

Michigan Week . . .

which is coming next week, is really something special when you look at the way groups in other states cooperate. It would be hard to find another state, we're sure, where as extensive cooperation takes place as on the part of all groups in the annual Michigan Week program.

There are a few minor changes which might be made as a result of experience gained. For instance, we have had to wonder several times if the mayor exchange might be better controlled. Perhaps the state could be divided into portions—perhaps the upper peninsula, the upper lower peninsula, and the southern portion into east and west halves. And perhaps it might be better if mayors were exchanged between communities of about the same size—or at least cities above or below 25,000 population.

But the overall benefits being gained from Michigan Week should not be lost sight of because of minor things. Besides advancing economic and social progress in the state, its aim is to promote among Michigan residents and the people of the United States better understanding of the advantages Michigan offers as a place for living, working, playing, and carrying on a business.

For the first time, this year special emphasis is given to two things: education in Michigan, and the state's water resources. Both are vitally important.

Don't forget that Michigan Week is May 4-10, and do your part to promote our state. It will repay you many times.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD — Electors broke the hitherto impregnable home rule city barrier last week when they voted approval of a city charter better than to 1. Voters also elected Donald L. Swanson as mayor and 11 other officers to handle the operations of the new city comprising 20 square miles, which is left of the 26 square mile township with the villages of Lathrup, Westwood, Bingham Farms and Franklin hacked out.

Officers of the newest city in the metropolitan area took their oaths of office on Monday night of this week.

—The Four Corners Press

WIXOM — Thirteen candidates—three for mayor, two for justices of the peace and eight for council—were on the ballot for Wixom's city incorporation election on May 19.

Some 575 registered voters must also appear for the newly drawn city to complete the change from township to village to city in less than two years.

All incumbent village officers have filed their resignations in office if incorporation as a city passes. President Joseph Stadnik will have competition for mayor from Wesley M. Lee and Larry M. Moore at the Wixom elementary school.

The six present village council members will have competition from R. W. Lahti and Fred Brahm.

Candidates for office will discuss the city election and give their qualifications for office at a meeting of the Wixom Civic Association at 8:00 a. m. at the Wixom elementary school.

—The Novi News

LIVONIA — The new city council was handed an inspiring set of objectives by Mayor William Brashear this week and they include a proposal for a 200-acre recreation area to be known as "Camp Livonia."

The proposed camp would be at the northwest corner of the city at the intersection of the 7 and 8 Mile Roads. It would be a camp for Livonia youngsters and adults only, along the principal of Mayor Edward's well-known Camp Dearborn.

Other objectives cited by Brashear were:

1. That the city take over the complete collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish instead of leaving it up to residents with private contractors as it is today.
2. That in addition to "Camp Livonia," the city acquire neighborhood park sites adjacent to schools.
3. That the County Drain Commission be urged to proceed with the \$5 million storm sewer system for the southern portion of the city and that if no progress comes, to push through the project by other means.
4. That a Livonia branch library be built.
5. That a proposed \$6 million Civic Center project be put to a vote of the voters in November.
6. That the \$14.000 sewage disposal charge being levied most home owners be substantially reduced.

—The Livonian

PLYMOUTH — Numerous cases of City of Plymouth homes not yet properly connected with the new sewer have been uncovered by the building and safety inspector who is now conducting a house to house survey.

Work on the survey indicated that several have not yet switched from septic tanks to the sanitary sewer. The Wayne County Dept. of Health has set a deadline of July 1 for all homes and buildings to be connected. After this date, notification will be given by the health department and a time limit set when to comply. If after this time the work is still not done, court action will be taken.

—The Plymouth Mail

WESTWOOD — Is everybody in Westwood satisfied with the village's proposed budget and taxes? The council could hardly believe it since there was no talk at the new village's first public budget hearing. Forced to conclude that a tax of \$4.80 per thousand assessed valuation was all right and with the voters, the council still found final acceptance of the \$88,600 budget until its next meeting.

The budget is for a full year of operation. Another budget for the period between the time of incorporation and July 1, when the fiscal year starts, is already in operation.

Taxes to provide for both budgets will be collected together. The special interim tax, a special this year only, is \$2.15 per \$1,000 which brings the total levy to \$6.95. The tax will be due August 31.

Here's what the money will provide:

- (1) Public safety department including purchases — \$71,745.
- (2) General and administrative expenses including rubbish collection — \$12,000.
- (3) Clerk's office — \$8,985.
- (4) Financial expenses — \$2,955.
- (5) Council expenses — \$2,500.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

In closing hours pressure developed quickly and heavily on the legislature to make adjustments. The Republican party in the House held firm for the final vote on the education bill, retaining the cut.

"If we gave ground on education, we would have to relax on everything else," said one House member.

Various estimates gauged budget cuts as between 2 per cent and 10 per cent on the 114 agencies of state government. Republicans said it would mean layoffs of employees.

Reasons for the cutbacks lay in the general economic slump. When sales fall off, sales tax revenue declines. Business, which pays a good share of the state's revenue, pays on the rate of business volume.

LABOR HAS TWO MAJOR items at stake when the legislature meets on Monday (Continued on Page 3B)

THE AMERICAN WAY



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MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Legislature Still Faces Big Money Problem, Adjourned Session Set

PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUED Michigan when the 1958 legislature convened last January are still unsolved.

Most of the state's problems have dollar signs and all are tied to the economic illness abroad in the land.

The legislature will return May 15 for a two-day adjournment session at which six of the 1958-59 budget bills will get final action.

Warnings three months ago that slump in tax revenue and general resistance to new levies would mean cutbacks were borne out with session ended.

Higher education was hardest hit. Michigan State University was cut \$1,011,000 under current expenditures. The University of Michigan got \$900,000. Smaller colleges got smaller reductions.

Difficult administrative problems result from the cutbacks. Colleges and universities are trying hard to prepare for the "tidal waves" of students which has been moving through grade and high schools. Officials indicated they would be forced to "borrow from the future" by postponing purchases, slowing down programs, maintaining present pay schedules, reducing personnel in some categories, cutting back on building maintenance.

At MSU a way will have to be found to keep in existence the Traffic Safety Center and the Labor Management Relations Institute or they will be the number one program was provided for in this year's budget. The same is true at U-M's Human Resources Institute.

INCREASES in the cost of driver's licenses were enacted by the 1958 session.

They will boost original licenses from \$2.50 to \$3; renewals from \$2.50 to \$3; renewals from licenses from \$1.25 to \$1.50. The \$1 fee for minor's restricted licenses will be unchanged.

The largest part of the increase will be to raise \$700,000 for driver education in the high schools; and 25 cents of the total increases will go for identification photographs on licenses.

The legislature ruled that the photograph could not be added until money is appropriated — delaying the effectiveness of the new law until 1959.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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REPORT FROM FORMOSA
(Note from Dr. Benson: Dr. J. D. Bales, of the Harding College faculty, is lecturing and studying economic, political and social conditions in the Orient and throughout a wide area of Asia. He has just visited Formosa where he lectured in the universities on the nature of Communism. He interviewed Chiang Kai-shek and Hollington K. Tonz, Chinese Ambassador to the United States. Following are some excerpts from his report to me.)

TAIPEI, TAIWAN (FORMOSA) — I have just had an interesting interview with Chiang Kai-shek and later I talked at length with Ambassador Tonz who happened to be here for a few weeks before returning to his embassy post in Washington.

The leaders of Free China are men of high character, keen intellect and great dedication to the cause of freedom throughout the world. They are in constant touch with many avenues of authentic information out of Communist China. They know what's happening there.

The Mass Murders — Ambassador Tonz said this morning at breakfast: "The American people should study thoroughly what has happened in Iron Curtain Europe. They are in constant contact with a verification of the statement made by anti-Communist leaders that Red China during the seven years of its rule has killed in cold blood 20,000,000 people, and that 25,000,000 additional people have died of starvation in slave labor camps."

"Some branches of American government have verified these figures. If the people doubt the scope of the Communist mass murders and brutality of slave labor camps let them make further verification. A study will convince Americans that the Communists' treatment of the people of China and the slaughter there is a condition of the fate of the American people if Communism — God forbid — should ever rule the U.S.A."

Q. Existence of Communist Party — Both Chiang Kai-shek and Ambassador Tonz emphasized that the Communist program of "peaceful co-existence" is only one phase of the implementation of the Communist plan for world domination. "It is not the whole picture. It is amazing to find that so large a number of American people simply refuse to believe what Khrushchev has said again and again: 'We are going to bury Capitalism and the Communists will conquer the world.'"

Friends of mine in this part of the world, both Chinese and Americans, are enthusiastic about the new book written by Chiang Kai-shek and published by the American firm, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy. Its title is "Soviet Russia in China." It is Chiang's account of his experiences with the Russian and Chinese Communists. It gives historical facts and analyzes the Communists' clever warfare both in theory and practice.

Total Atheism — In relating his efforts to work with the Communists in North China, Ambassador Tonz said that the Communists set their atheistic philosophy of life, repudiate moral law in both their theory and practice. To judge them by the standards of decency to which we hold is to enable them to deceive and destroy China. "In our dealings with the Chinese Communists we have always set great store by ethical considerations, good faith and righteousness. It was our belief that every Chinese could not help but feel loyal to his own country first. (Continued on page 3B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 27, 1933)

Gardens Offered — Whether your name is John Doe or Richard Roe, or anything else, you will have an opportunity to have a garden spot on which to raise food this summer even if you can't have a bank account. If you want a garden or more space than you now have, call The Enterprise and specify the amount of ground you want and your address. A garden spot will be assigned to you as near your home as possible. The garden plots are being furnished by a number of courteous citizens of the community having unused vacant lots. Plots will be assigned in the order that requests are received. The project, which is meant to increase the interest of citizens in gardening and to some extent beautify the city, is entirely separate from the welfare garden plan. The welfare gardens will be exclusively for raising foodstuffs and they are being provided free to those who show a definite need.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 29, 1948)

Musical Program — Four Farmington service clubs will jointly sponsor June Toth, talented young high school pianist, in "Piano Expressions," a special musical program at the Farmington High auditorium. The proceeds from the program will be used to send June to Los Angeles where she will appear before a national audience at the Kiwanis International Convention. The Exchange Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and Lions Club have all announced their support and participation in the program. June's exceptional ability as a pianist has long been recognized by Farmington persons. Just recently she received state recognition at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest held in East Lansing by being awarded a "superior" rating. The chairman of the Kiwanis National Music Committee also acclaimed June's playing excellent recently and suggested she compete in National competition.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 30, 1953)

Health Code — Positive action was taken by the Township Board Tuesday evening calling for tightening up on the enforcement of the existing Township Health Ordinance. A motion was passed giving Sanitary Inspector Thomas Hardy authority to proceed with enforcement of provisions of the ordinance. Several incidents of raw sewage being allowed to flow directly into open ditches were cited as well as cases where outside toilets are still being used despite the fact that provisions rule against this in the ordinance. Tardy was authorized to notify all known violators and give them a set period of time to conform with the ordinance. It was stipulated that court action will be taken against those failing to comply.

Court Action — An order is expected to be issued this week by the State Attorney General requiring that the City of Farmington appear in court to hear judgment on the delay in construction of a sewage disposal plant. The action is expected as the result of a hearing last week in Lansing when the city was given an opportunity to show cause why a court order should not be issued forcing the city to get a disposal plant built.

The United States' smallest possession is the Corn Islands, 4 square miles, leased in 1914 from Nicaragua for 99 years. The islands lie about 100 miles off the east coast of Nicaragua.

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