

Editorial Page

Cooperation Needed

Most people understand that in this area of Michigan the water level is well under what it was years ago, because of the steadily growing use by the huge population. Some areas are much worse off than others.

In our own community we have a portion of the southern township where water has to be hauled in. Contrariwise, the city wells seem sufficient to provide all needs for several years to come.

We hope this will not discourage serious study of the proposal that the township and city form a Water Authority to buy soft water from the City of Detroit and distribute it here, and possibly elsewhere. At first glance, we can't see even one objection from anyone, although it's possible something might arise after full study. We can see many advantages.

It's quite likely such an Authority would have to allow exactly equal advantages and powers to both city and township, even if the township system might become the largest user. Because each municipality would control entirely its own distribution system, this should easily be done.

Beyond benefits to the customers, it's possible this might lead to some degree of cooperation between the township and city. In the past the officials have been suspicious of each other, and there has been anything but cooperation on various matters.

Main thing yet lacking is what the public thinks. All ye people who dislike to regenerate, your water softeners—now's the time to speak up if you want to get rid of that chore and expense.

Help Industries

Michigan newspapers, assisted by Michigan Economic Development Department, have been running a series of messages to the public about getting new and expanding present industry in the state. The fifth of the series talks about communities aiding their present industries to expand.

Industry in Farmington township is an issue on which there seems to be two rather strong opinions—for or against, with not much middle ground.

Statewide, it's become a political issue. Our township has lost some industry, but we don't think too much political significance can be read into that. Most of the changes here are either moves to other places but still within the state, or discontinuances caused by the recession and the changing automotive scene. Main effect is going to be the fact the township government is going to have to take much less money to spend.

The current newspaper message on industry points out that if these industries are appreciated in their home communities, chances of local enlargement are high. If local residents take an interest in them, are proud to have them and recognize their problems, industries will have a feeling of being wanted. A considerate attitude on the part of the people will pay dividends, in that there will be more jobs, increased sales in the stores, and greater community prosperity.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI—The Novi township board has entered a polemic with the most of its functions to the new village government.

Until board members and village officials can figure out how to make the switch, neither body will know where its duties begin or end.

This was reflected at the board meeting last week when several matters on the board's agenda were tabled, "until we talk with village officials."

Who, for example, shall make appointments to Novi's youth bureau? Who shall see about ordering a new police car? Who will pay the bills since October 1?

The problem is complicated by the fact that state sales tax and liquor taxes will now go to the village even if the village doesn't take over all governmental functions immediately.

The township board is now down to \$2,000 in its general fund and probably will get little additional money.

—The Novi News

SOUTHFIELD—The widely-published \$4 million Eight Mile Storm Drain is still a misadventure, and a complete surprise to many property owners in the Eight Mile Road area, according to Southfield officials.

Property owners in the area established as a special assessment district are now being given an opportunity to visit the office of Dr. Barry in Public to examine the official district map and ascertain the property in the drainage district.

The bulk of the bill is to be done by the property owners over a 30-year period. Minor portions will be paid by the road commission and the city and a county-at-large.

The drain will extend about 300 feet into Oak Park since the desired method of building requires that two or more municipalities take part. From Oak Park the drain will extend due west ending at and draining into the Rouge River just west of Berg Road.

—The Southfield News

LIVONIA—The cost to taxpayers of Livonia's proposed \$8.3 million Civic Improvement program should drop in 10 years from \$8.3 million to \$2.0 million, according to figures of the Municipal Advisory Council of Livonia.

The drop in cost for the individual taxpayer will result from an expected increase in the assessed valuation of the city from \$159 million at present to \$330 million by 1969.

Within five years the cost should drop to \$1.0 million. The assessed valuation is the city's total valuation climbs to a projected \$200 million.

The schedule of what the program would cost at various city valuations was prepared by Municipal Advisory Council Director Louis Schimmel.

The Civic Improvement program question will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot.

—The Livonian

WESTWOOD—Westwood Village may operate its own water department before long if voters approve the plan, as expressed by the village's council at their regular meeting Monday night.

At the same time the council asked that a preliminary report be prepared based on contracts with the Twelve Town drain authority, Oakland County department of public works and other authorities regarding costs allocated to the village for sewer and drainage projects.

The village attorney was asked to be prepared to place a proposal on the village's own water department on the ballot in the spring of 1960.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

Money Can Solve State's Ills; Problem Is Where to Get It

MONEY CAN BUY MICHIGAN'S most compelling economic problem is where to get the money.

Leaders in every field of government repeat before legislative committees that more cash will make the difference between inadequate and satisfactory services.

In an election year, political parties are blaming each other. Democrats insist on more spending for needed services. Republicans refuse to spend money the state doesn't have.

The best explanation from an administrator caught in the middle came from James F. Wagg, state mental health director, who said that, despite emergencies, lawmakers did not give him an extra dime.

"There just isn't an extra dime," he said. Legislators, who have been studying the state's revenue structure for two years, plan to make proposals for new and revised taxes for the 1959 session.

They believe a personal income tax could be passed, one which economists call "the fairest possible." This is a hot subject and at this time lawmakers cannot quite agree without committing themselves.

Republicans and Democrats agree some changes must be made. Perhaps a boost on the \$1.25 per barrel tax on beer. The intangibles tax increase is expected to start another fight.

When the revenue falls \$10,000,000 behind estimates for the year, with the economic situation adding to welfare rolls; with the growing population; with the growing need for new taxes are almost a certainty.

"We can't go on spending money we don't have forever," said one legislator. Symptoms of the money crises are visible on every side.

Part of the story came from Controller James W. Miller, who said that 274 building projects—those costing \$200,000 or more—are still on the planning boards. There will be about \$226,000,000. Money has been provided for only 195 of the projects and payments must be kept up to finance them, estimated to cost \$101,000,000.

Miller said the projects have been delayed so long that they will have to be replanned just to recognize technological advances in building construction techniques.

Probate judges are demanding quick action to name a guardian for mentally ill children on waiting lists for state mental hospitals.

Public health officials are fighting for more money to keep their services at the present level for a larger number of people. Corrections officials are viewing overcrowding in the state prison as a major building project. Scores of schools in Michigan are borrowing against anticipated school aid to keep operating this year. The debt will be taken out of payments to be made early next year and later.

What will happen at that point is anybody's guess.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

October 12, 1933
Tax Deadline

The importance of Oakland County taxpayers availing themselves of the opportunity of making a big saving by paying their 1932 taxes before November 1 was stressed this week by County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks.

The legislature has set aside the penalties and interest on 1932 taxes until that date after which it will be the duty of the treasurer to restore them.

"The treasurer's office will be obliged to restore nine months' interest at three quarters of one percent in addition to the four percent collection fee," said Sparks.

Taxpayers are urged to visit the treasurer's office as early as possible this month to avoid expected long waiting lines on the last few days prior to the deadline.

First Mayor
Next week Mr. and Mrs. Wells to Butterfield will leave here to make their home in Detroit.

Butterfield will leave here to make their home in Detroit. Mr. Butterfield's first mayor. He retired voluntarily in 1929 but has since maintained a keen interest in community and civic affairs.

TEN YEARS AGO
October 14, 1948
School Nurse

Employment of a school nurse for the Farmington Township School District was approved by the Board of Education this week.

Employed Halvorsen has been employed to fill the new position and will begin her duties this Monday. She will be in charge of school nursing and public health.

Concert Here
Detailed plans have been completed for the N.B.C. Popular Concert to be held Wednesday, October 20, at the Farmington High auditorium.

The concert, sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, will bring to the community two outstanding artists of radio—baritone Fred Thompson and pianist Robert Drumm.

FIVE YEARS AGO
October 15, 1953
Special Deputy

A deputy police officer will be on duty in the township during bird hunting season, he is posted to the new hunting area, according to a motion by the Township Board.

The deputy will assist Irving Ylves, regular township policeman, during the bird hunting period.

A motion was also passed calling for the printing of 300 "No Hunting" signs to be posted along all main roads in the township.

Disposal Plant
The city has been ordered by the Oakland County Circuit Court to proceed at once with the construction of a sewage disposal plant in accordance with the directive of the State Water Resources Commission.

According to the decree, the plant must be completed and in operation by March 1, 1955.

Public Letter Box
Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will not be printed unless the writer so desires. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 500 words.

An Editorial to the Editor
Dear Mr. Editor:

This letter is written from the "Heart." A heart that is big enough to palpitate steadily in the face of the odds of so few volunteers; a heart that can promise guidance and help in time of personal need or national disaster; a heart that can give of itself to the community grows for, indeed, in a sense, I am the "Heart" of this community.

Non-political and unbiased, I stand here, at present, amidst you and the listeners of your voice, with the willing legs of a volunteer, to educate our friends and neighbors in the principles of survival.

Survival! That is a commonly used and commonly known word mostly associated with the other fellow.

I would like to ask you a question. In turn, you might ask yourself this same question. However, an answer in words is not necessary. What do you expect of me today, Tomorrow? Tomorrow, if an unexpected disaster should strike, would you take for granted that my main body of trained nurses and doctors is long enough to quiet and quell the assured panic? The food, water and medical supplies must come from my storage vaults; my vaults must be sealed and sterile, until a valve is opened. If enough supplies are stored

Townline News

Mrs. Frazer Huitts

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris of Haggerty Road are announcing the arrival of a new son Scott Peter on Oct. 1. The Harris are newcomers to this community having purchased the home of Mrs. Norris Hill. Mrs. Hill has gone to the home of her son, Harold, in Warren where she will make her home.

The Perambunco Hollow Farm Bureau will hold their 10th annual meeting on Tuesday evening, October 21, at the home of Mrs. Shirley Huitts. Discussion will be on the topic "Members must decide on the Farm Bureau's Future."

THE JOLLY Eight Pedra Club enjoyed an afternoon of cards on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Otto Resin with guests going to Mrs. John Hetrick, Mrs. Emory Johnson and Mrs. Lily Bingham.

Joe McElale, Kenneth Schanack and Bruce Bette spent the weekend at Atlanta where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and son Bobby who were former residents of "Schroeder Road." The Millers have purchased a gas station and Motel business in Atlanta and moved there the first of September.

Mrs. Mildred Hunt, Mrs. Lily Bingham, Mrs. Otto Resin, Mrs. Clyde Wyatt and Mrs. Emmet Houghton were at the Superior Township Hall in Cherry Hill on Thursday for a meeting of Farm Bureau Women of District 3 which is composed of Women from six neighboring counties.

GUESTS of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bush and family on Sunday were the latter's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Healey of Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Resin have returned from a two week vacation spent with Mrs. Resin's sister, Mrs. Ethel Kleinachmidt, of Osoosh, Wisconsin and Mr. Resin of Orr, Minnesota.

Park Users Record Set

With the year's end still nearly three months away, Michigan campers have already posted a building record for use of state parks during 1958.

To date this year, 132,481 permits have been issued for park camping, a healthy 16.2 per cent above the 1957 level. The highest previous year on record was 1957, when a total of 116,119 permits were issued.

Day use attendance, however, continues to run close to last year's mark, which is down from the record year of 1955 when nearly 18,000,000 visitors entered state parks.

To date, 16,017,000 persons have used parks this year, while 16,019,000 had used the parks to this date last year.

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