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Swim Pool Deaths

In our suburban areas the use of private swimming pools is going to continue to grow rapidly. Not only are they fun and healthful, but it's a good way to provide something for young people when there is often not too much to do unless considerable distances are traveled.

The township officials recognized this trend when they passed a year ago, the ordinance regulating building and use of private swimming pools. These provide that all such pools shall be enclosed by a fence at least four feet high and that gates shall be secured when not in use. They also demand adequate supervision when the pools are in use.

The trouble is, the regulations provided in the ordinance have not been enforced in all instances. Township officials held an emergency meeting Sunday morning to talk about prompt enforcement measures. They tried to get representatives from as many groups as possible. The manner in which these ideas and plans from this and subsequent meetings are carried out, will to great extent determine how many drownings happen in this township. The officials are alerted now. So it's up to present and future pool owners also to be alerted to the dangers.

We doubt if a swimming pool has been built where the owner hasn't covered the situation with adequate liability insurance. This will protect the owner against financial loss in case of an accident or death. It wouldn't make him feel much better, however, if in his own pool some youngster drowned—whether it was his own or a related youngster, or the son or daughter of some neighbor.

There are some other interesting facets to this problem. It is our understanding the township attempted to interest the Village of Wood Creek Farms in an ordinance similar to its own. Wood Creek didn't have such an ordinance, but the first drowning happened there.

Quakertown village was approved in August, and a charter commission there is preparing a proposal which residents will vote upon one of these days. In the light of these drownings, we presume there is a possibility the new village might also wish to adopt swimming pool regulations when it finally does break away from the township.

The proposed cities of Farmington Woods and Clarenceville, and Village of Woodcroft, if approved, will undoubtedly benefit by past sad experiences, if charters are to be voted upon later.

The swimming pool season is about past, but there's always a possibility of danger in pools where water can accumulate, even in winter.

Certainly some action will now be taken, and most people will back up the township officials.

Michigan Taxes

Michigan's per capita tax for 1957, says the Bureau of Census, was \$101.78. Ohio paid \$76.40, Illinois \$72.85 and Indiana \$67.21. In New Jersey the rate was a low \$50.92—or \$250 less for a family of five—on the general average. That's the tax climate voters are being asked to judge.

I was reared among hard-working women, including my mother, but became detached from the type shortly after leaving the home fires.

As a man grows older, he pays more attention to the weather and less to the women, a financial advantage.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI—Novi seems headed for another "race track rezoning" question, leading to a public referendum next year.

Promoters of the Novi track, the new Ten Mile and Fairview, said members of the Board of Commerce that rezoning of the site remains the only incomplete detail before a serious rezoning for a license. Walter A. Cox, spokesman for the Grand River Enterprises corporation, said that the track, seemed mildly confident that a genuine request might be given favorable consideration by the racing commission.

The rezoning of Novi into a village has delayed action on a zoning change. Presumably a new village planning commission will be named in the near future. The track rezoning is expected to be their first matter of business.

The request to the planning board will be whether to permit the change in zoning from city to village, or to maintain the city status for the 200-acre site. It will be considered on the basis of request to change zoning and not whether or not a track should be allowed in the area.

WESTWOOD VILLAGE—Berkley Asphalt Paving Co. was appointed to take over Westwood Village's asphalt paving. The firm was recommended by the road administrator who reviewed bids received from several firms.

At the same time, the council listened to complaints of village residents on road problems and promised that the signing of the contract the new firm would move swiftly to improve road conditions.

PLYMOUTH—Burroughs Corporation, occupying a key place in the big picture, has issued a statement urging that the old state be wiped clean and a fresh start made on City of Plymouth Township planning.

The unusual declaration came from the top, the office of Pres. R. Ray Eppert, who said: "The immediate action before us is whether Plymouth Township, in view of its existing urbanization, can best operate under its existing township government by retaining a new and separate city government; or by merging with the City of Plymouth."

Burroughs Plymouth division is the biggest single taxpayer in the area. In the past it has aided Plymouth Township in resisting annexation attempts by other city administrations.

Eppert indicated that he did not sympathize with the attempt to incorporate the City of Plymouth. He said, "There is no reason why Plymouth's borders may well become fixed, affording little opportunity to attract new industry. It will at least result in serious rezoning problems."

—The Plymouth Mail

LIVONIA—Residents, a number of merchants of Livonia will have a railway merchandise and a freight pickup and delivery service, which will be a two-way service.

The service is coming as a result of many complaints from citizens of Livonia to the effect that it was necessary for them to pick up their mail orders in the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad line.

"We have already instituted the necessary machinery to work out an arrangement where by the entire corporate limits of Livonia will have pick up and delivery service for mail orders," E. T. Rucker, Regional manager of the C & O, said.

—The Livonian

BIRMINGHAM—Bids on Birmingham's second high school are nearly to percent above architect's estimates. In an official analysis of last week's bids indicated.

Lin Smith of Smith, Tarapata and MacLennan, architect, said he was comparing the bids against his firm's estimates to see where the differences are. He said he also is checking to see if any items can be renegotiated.

He promised that the building would be constructed within the school board's \$4,800,000 budget for the entire school development and construction.

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—The Birmingham Eccentric

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Action on State Financial Plight Will Wait Until After Election

POVERTY IN STATE government can wait until after the Nov. 4 election.

Leaders of both parties are happy about the decision of a legislative study committee to hold up its final report and recommendations until after voters go to the polls.

They know there will have to be new taxes if the state is going to avoid a \$50,000,000 to \$80,000,000 deficit by next June 3. The present tax pattern is described as a "patchwork" put together to meet various crises which occurred during the years.

But any change in the name of improvement is still likely to cause great reaction. Parts of the new plan almost leaked out before top candidates headed for the hustings to harvest votes.

The first leak developed last winter when Rep. R. G. Conlin (R-Tripoli), chairman of the committee, collected a tentative report favoring the increase in the intangibles tax.

For weeks, there was conjecture that all bank deposits and the fixed incomes of old folks would be raided.

To make it worse, Gov. Williams suggested a sales tax on the top Democrat. This brought both parties into the fray and the taxpayer sat on the edge of his chair, empowered only to vote.

The legislature finally dropped the idea as Conlin pleaded for more time to develop his whole program, rather than limit the bill after only one of several ideas had been pursued more time and more facts were required.

Through the summer the research people for the committee worked.

On Monday some of an income tax Michigan came from several sources.

Democrats, led by Williams to shun anything that sounds like a consumer tax, and only people pay non-consumer taxes, too) are saying privately it is "the fairest tax of all."

Prof. Harvey C. Brazier, research director of the legislative tax study, casually mentions the income tax idea and charges that the legislature must get down to work in 1959 and seek out new sources of revenue.

Officially, nothing has been said about the tax idea. But wherever candidates gather, they know what faces the state in 1959 and also that the income tax is the last new source of state revenue.

Brazier's proposals, he promised, will come up with ideas the legislature can use for "new sources of revenue without hurting business and industry."

INVESTIGATORS on legislative subcommittee have come up with one governmental administrative agencies might have trouble explaining intent.

They are charging that agencies are spending more time looking for loopholes than trying to follow legislative intent.

Highway officials said \$32,000 for a tourist information lodge at Mackinac City. Legislators said they did it without authority in the appropriation bills.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

October 19, 1933
Area Thieves
An epidemic of stealing products from farmers of this vicinity reached its climax during the past few days. One man was stabbed when he apprehended two men stealing fruit from his orchard and directing potatoes from a neighbor's farm.

Recovering from stab wounds is William Sukowski of Farmington Township.

Being held in the Oakland County Jail without bail on charges of felonious assault are two negroes from the River Rouge area.

Milk Meeting
The annual meeting of the Farmington local of the Michigan Milk Producers Association will be held at the Town Hall in Farmington on Tuesday of next week. The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to attend the statewide annual meeting in Lansing on November 2 and to elect local officers for the coming year as well.

Every milk producer in this area is urged to attend.

TEN YEARS AGO

October 21, 1948
Registration
A record number of voters of Farmington City for Township will vote in the general election to be held November 2. It is predicted by local officials.

Over 500 new registrations were recorded in the city and during the registration period, Township Clerk Harry McCracken reported that 427 new registrations had been received. It was reported by City Clerk Moore that over 80 were registered in the city.

The present number of registered voters in the city stands at 893. About 3,600 registered voters are now listed in the township.

SPEED LIMIT

The Farmington City Commission has recommended to the State Highway Department that a 25 mile per hour speed zone be established on the Farmington Cut-Off within the city limits.

A survey of the Cut-Off has been requested as the first step in showing cause why a speed control zone of this kind should be set up.

FIVE YEARS AGO

October 22, 1953
Initial legal steps were taken by the city council Monday night for the securing of property south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road as a public parking lot.

The council, at its regular meeting, approved a resolution declaring necessity for acquisition of the property for use as a public parking lot. The city attorney stated that the next step is to file a petition with the circuit court to initiate the condemnation of the property.

The site of the proposed lot consists of a number of interior lots located on the south side of Grand River and east of Farmington Road.

It has been indicated that the proposed lot could accommodate approximately 200 cars.

College Grads of '58 Say Salary Not Everything

Salary was not the most important consideration in job hunting among 1958 graduates of Michigan State University, according to a survey conducted by the university's Placement Bureau.

More than 550 male graduates and some 700 women supplied three reasons for accepting their current positions. Salary ranked seventh among first choice job factors with the men and sixth among the women.

Top job factor for 116 of the men was the relationship of the work to complete education. Other important factors listed by large numbers were opportunity for advancement, location and type of work. Salary was a factor with the men and sixth among the women.

Ninety-eight of the women graduates nearly half of them answering the survey, listed location of the work as the most important job factor. The survey ranked salary as the second most frequently listed third factor by the women also.

"Salary was not as important to our graduates last year as it has appeared in former years," declared John R. Kinney, director of the M.S.U. Placement Bureau. "The students seemed relatively more concerned with job permanency after our satisfaction."

"Probably the change shows the effects of the recession. Some students who jumped for the highest salaries earlier found themselves in danger of losing their jobs during the recession and tight labor market. Last year's graduates were taking second look at jobs being offered them."

Normandy Hills

AUDREY ROGERSON
GR. 4-0395

Normandy Hills loss is Florida's gain as Mary and Madeline Premier made their final move to their new home just outside of Orlando.

A very warm welcome to our new neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Hatter who just moved into their new home on Farmington Road.

JIM SCOFFIELD has been visiting relatives in Bartlesville, Oklahoma this past week. He returned Wednesday with his brother Raymond, who will be staying with Jim and Barbara for a short visit.

Les and Gay Houghton entertained close friends Mr. and Mrs. P. Mols for dinner Sunday evening. The Mols recently returned from a three month visit to Europe.

Dorothy Thorpe underwent surgery at Detroit's Harper Hospital on Wednesday. She is expected to remain in the hospital from a week to ten days. Many sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to her.

A LAST MINUTE reminder to you of our Harvest Ball to be held Friday night at Griffin's cocktails at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. For further information or reservations contact Dorothy Clark GR. 4-0351.

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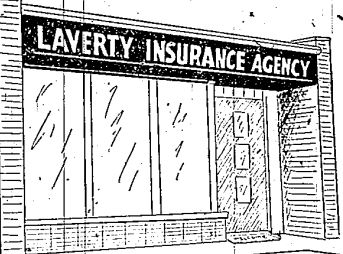


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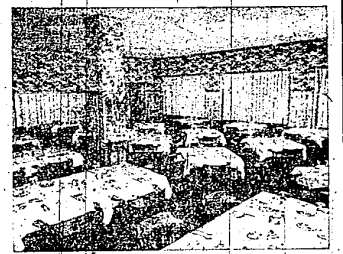
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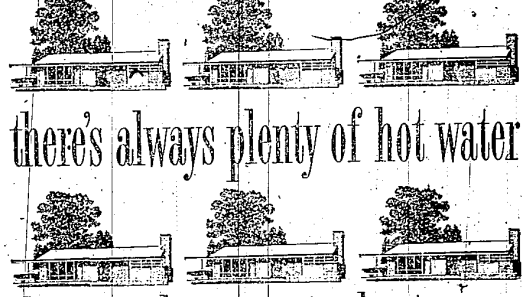
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