

# Editorial Page

## The Year Ahead

Many forecasters are saying that the year ahead holds great promise. It does appear that some things are moving back to normal. A layman may find it hard to judge—we do. Perhaps it might best be said, that some sections of business are moving sideways, instead of ahead.

The First Federal Savings, in its December quarterly news letter, says the revival of economic activity, which started in the late spring and gained momentum in the fall months, should continue well into 1959. But the economists also say that some communities and some industries will lag behind the advance. We have to wonder how far the motor industry will lag, and whether more strikes will continue to hold Detroit back. If the auto business is continually slowed by strikes, it will have some effect on the remainder of the nation.

The news letter noted that industrial production is up to 137 per cent of the 1947-49 average (after dropping to 125 last April, and that personal incomes are running around five billion dollars ahead of levels a year ago. Consumer spending was at an all-time high in the third quarter, and we know in this area that house building is continuing quite well.

So, you take your choice of the forecasts—but most are for better business. We just hope they are right.

## Public Power Questions

What's So Public About 'Public Power'?

That's the title of an advertisement being run around the country now, signed by America's Independent Electric Light and Power Companies. We'd like to repeat what that ad says:

"Public power is a favorite term of the proponents of federal government electricity. But what's so public about 'public power'—except that the public pays for it through taxes?"

"The public never asked for federal government electricity in the first place. Opinion polls show that most Americans would rather have the independent electric companies run the electric business."

"And nine-tenths of the public doesn't get the electricity from the federal power systems. That goes to the relatively few 'preferred customers' near the government power plants."

"But the public pays for it—and pays plenty! To date, about \$1/2 billion dollars in tax money has been spent to build federal government electric systems. These billions are just a beginning if the 'public power' pressure groups have their way. Right now they're pressing hard for 10 billion more!"

"And the whole program is so unnecessary. The independent electric companies are ready and able to provide all the electricity the nation will ever need—without using tax funds."

"So far, the federal 'public power' lobbyists and pressure groups have succeeded with this multi-billion-dollar tax grab because the public doesn't understand the facts and forces behind it. But informed Americans can stop it."

This message pretty well speaks for itself. We know it to be true. We also know that Michigan people pay their full share of such "public power" and should know it.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**SOUTHFIELD**—Removal of top soil, sand and other allied materials from Southfield's acres will not be impossible in the near future but will be extremely difficult if the city council and attorney approve an ordinance drafted by Gordon B. Hunter, assistant to the administrator, and Councilman Jean McMichael.

Moving soil or other materials is not regulated by the ordinance if the process is for the purpose of improvement or development of a site. However, a permit will be required. Required on permit applications will be complete identification of persons benefited or indirectly in the permit. To be submitted is a complete description of the land involved by a registered civil engineer or land surveyor and a figure showing the approximate number of yards of soil to be removed.

Also to be required will be a statement of the depth and slope of sides of the excavation, street routes to be used by trucks and equipment, past experience of the applicant and the applicant as to whether the applicant has ever had a permit revoked.

A filing fee of \$150 to cover investigation and other costs is also called for as well as a job hazard survey. The purpose of hearing objections by any affected parties to the proposed soil removal project.

In addition to the filing fee, a permit fee of \$1 per yard hauled will also be charged.

Other stipulations require a chain-link fence around any excavation made which is less than 10 feet deep. Excavations must not exceed a point six inches above the mean elevation or the nearest existing top of proposed street. Excavations over a depth will not be permitted without council approval.

—The Southfield News.

**PLYMOUTH**—Whether to construct a \$3 million high school or to build additions to the present building and erect a new junior high are questions in the normally quiet air of the Junior High Library by the School Facilities Committee.

While no direct recommendation was made, it appeared evident that most of those in attendance were in favor of a new high school as being "most economical."

The question of "additions versus new school" has been under study by four school board members and the high school principal.

Proponents of the new high school say that additions would only satisfy enrollment needs at the top three grades until 1964, the year the district would be at a dead end because still another addition would not be wise.

—The Plymouth Mail.

**LIVONIA**—A crash program to get Livonia's city garbage and trash pickup system in operation by the end of March, and then the district would be at a dead end because still another addition would not be wise.

The City Hall has been deluged with calls from Livonians who have received their tax bills and found they are to pay \$1.41 per \$100 of assessed value for garbage pickup while they are still paying private contractors.

Impressed with the deep concern shown, the mayor has instructed the city engineer to get the head of the assistant city engineer to drop everything to work on the garbage program.

The reason for the delay is simply not enough. The Council is effecting this service for going into effect as part of the City Improvement Bond Issue package they put to voters on the Nov. 8 ballot. While the package deal was turned down, the garbage and trash pickup promise was retained as a program.

When the work of preparing this program is completed, however, it was found to be a much bigger job than had been anticipated.

—The Livonian.

**WIXOM**—The "deputy assessor drew fire from council" as well as citizens' guns last week. Councilmen were aimed at Kenneth Warren who was retained to re-assess Wixom property.

Two citizens reported that Warren had told them their upcoming taxes would increase sharply over last year while another said Warren told him he would have to change the entrance of his driveway from one road to another.

Council indicated that Warren had no right to make any of these statements since he was not in the office in the afternoon. A Christmas lurch for Elsa began Dec. 19th and will continue until Jan. 4.

—The Novi News

## THE AMERICAN WAY



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### Seek Permission to Retain Records on All Crime Suspects

DETECTIVES in laboratory smocks, armed with microscopes and cameras are fighting crime in Michigan.

They are the scientific arm of the law, working closely with the famous Michigan State Police, county sheriffs, local law enforcement agencies and the courts.

From fingerprints, footprints, blood samples, a stray pawn ticket stub, the scraps and debris of crime, they trace violence to its source.

In Michigan, the State Police and the State Health Department each has crime laboratories which work together.

Commissioner J. A. P. A. Childs has organized a team of highly specialized scientists from both and from his special investigation squad to speed to the scene of every state crime, looking for the criminal.

Every policeman in Michigan has access to the service.

The science of crime fighting in Michigan goes a step further than laboratories, too. Bulging files contain the records and pictures of every crime registered. These are used constantly, often providing the first clue.

When a bank is robbed and witnesses are injured or non-existent, the detectives go into the files for any possible link to past crimes, for a scrap of information that will point to suspects.

The files are carefully guarded against misuse.

In an effort to prevent this, the legislature passed a law in 1951 and strengthened it in 1958. Included is a requirement that the arrest cards and records be returned to those who were released without prosecution or acquitted. This provision creates chaos and, law enforcement officers contend, impedes the work of the special committee of law enforcement officials who seek either repeal or modification of the law when the 1959 legislative convenes.

The original purpose of the 1951 law was to prevent police information from being used against a man or woman later if he were never proved guilty of a crime.

The police committee wants to keep the records in the files for future reference, but restrict the use of the information.

Others would:

Increase the concealed-weapon registration fee from \$2 to \$5 when issued by a city police officer. Police believe the additional dollar going to the city, the state and county now each get \$1.

Strengthen the state gambling law by providing penalties for misdemeanors in combination of jail terms and fines up to \$500, increasing them for subsequent offenses.

Broaden the state narcotics law to cover three drugs now covered only by the federal law.

Suggestions from other agencies were also passed on by the Michigan committee.

They would allow persons between 14 and 17 to attend a licensed, reputable dance hall, give the state attorney the power of subpoena in investigations, and set up machinery to extradite mental patients who flee to other states.

**50 Years Ago**  
December 31, 1909  
City Land Sale  
Final invitations for bids on the sale of 33 acres of city-owned property south of the Grand River. City Hall will go out this weekend.

The invitation will be in the form of advertisements and letters of notification to prospective buyers. Deadline for receiving bids has been set for noon Monday, January 18.

The property is being made available for industrial development and will be sold in part or in total.

This property was recently rezoned from residential to light industrial. Consideration is also being given to rezoning adjacent private property bounded by the Cut-Off, Nine Mile, Gill and Farmington roads in the same manner.

A proposed layout for the property including parking requirements, green belts, location, etc. has also been drawn up.

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**10 Years Ago**  
December 30, 1949  
Special Control Bill  
Establishment of a special control zone on Grand River and the Grand River Cut-Off around Farmington has been announced this week.

The announcement followed a second meeting of state and local officials on the matter at the City Hall last week. The special control zone will encompass the sections of Grand River, the industrial park, the Gill Road and on the Cut-Off to Seven Mile. The established speed limit from Meadowbrook west of the city will be 20 miles per hour. The limit on Gill to Seven Mile, the Detroit city limit, the speed will be 45 miles per hour.

The section of roadways within the City of Farmington will be patrolled by the State Police and that inside Farmington city limits by the local police department.

These speed limits are expected to take effect March 1.

**Select Guest At Army-Navy Grid Classic**

Jon Elson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Deane Elson, 2824 West 10 Mile Road, was one of 31 cadets at Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri, who attended the Army-Navy grid classic in Philadelphia recently.

The cadets were accompanied to the East by Capt. F. H. Duggins, Jr., assistant professor of military science, and met by Kemper and a 1950 West Point graduate, and L. Richard Huffman, assistant commandant at Kemper for several years.

In addition to attending the contest, the group toured historic places of interest in Springfield, Illinois, and Washington, D.C., and the cadets were received by General Lemnitz, vice-chief of staff of the Army in the office in the Pentagon.

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## Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

**25 Years Ago**  
December 23, 1933  
Whisky by Glass  
Whisky will be sold by the glass in either Farmington City or Township remains a matter of considerable doubt, although both communities in the county have already passed on the question.

A poll of opinions among township and city governing officials disclosed a practically even division of views among the officials in both units.

The question appears almost certain to come up for action in the city again and may be discussed Tuesday.

Under a new state law, whisky may be sold by the glass in any community if the local governing body within 60 days passes a resolution approving such sale. If no such resolution is passed in this time then sale is a traffic offense, or by means of a petition and followed by a vote of the people.

German Union  
A new organization of Farmington residents is fast being organized. The organization is known as the German Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh. The union has as its purpose insurance and social benefits.

At a meeting last week, the following officers were elected: Joseph Blumensack, president; Elmer Ash, vice president; John J. Schmitz, secretary; George Gildemester, treasurer; Robert Cairns, auditor; Frank Davis, door guard; and Louis Schaefer, secretary.

**Will Go to Big Scout Round-up**

Margie Moorhead of Farmington is among a group of 41 Scouts for Girl Scouts from Southern Oakland Girl Scout Council selected as delegates and alternates to attend the Senior Girl Scout Round-up in Colorado in July of next year.

They will be among a group of 7,500 Girl Scouts from all over this country and representative Girl Guides from other countries who will camp on a private ranch in Colorado Springs from July 3 to July 12. The South Oakland Scout group will be joined in Colorado by two girls from Mexico.

The first meeting of South Oakland girls and their parents was held in Ferndale recently. Special training sessions for the Senior Scouts selected to attend the camp will be started each day.

**Happy New Year to All**

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Every humanity in the connotation of human greatness, like the stars, comes out in the darkness to shine with the reflected light of glory.  
—Mary Baker Eddy.

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Here comes the New Year... bowing in to the festive sounds of music and merry-making, whistles and bells. It's time now to wish you and your family the best of everything... prosperity, good health and lots of luck in all you do! Enjoy every day of 1959!

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