

Editorial Page

If War Came Here

Because Detroit would be a prime target of attack of all kinds, if war were to erupt, a lot of people have vague fears, and have been doing some thinking. There are quite a few families which have quietly tucked away some disaster supplies. It's this which has undoubtedly prompted the good response of citizens here in Civil Defense activities.

Perhaps some of our families have seen the 22-page Civil Defense booklet on atomic war. We're a member of Civil Defense, and know the many important things it is trying to do in Farmington township and the county.

This bulletin contains some assumptions we have to wonder about. For instance, it urges us to keep an extra supply of food at home—enough for at least a week. It recommends canned and packaged foods that keep without refrigeration—being kept with the regular supplies and used so as not to spoil. But how many of us will shop regularly and keep our buying at least a week ahead of our needs? Most will get lazy or run short of money, and there will go our good intentions.

We are urged to keep jugs of water, changing every two or three months so algae won't grow and spoil the water. How many of us will regularly change the water every two months for X number of years?

If atom bombs came, the roads are supposed to be closed to all but military personnel, and later, food convoys. The thing that bothers us here is that if Detroit were bombed, we have no doubt hundreds of thousands of panic-stricken survivors would try to break through military patrols and flee to the country. We doubt if a handful of policemen and Civil Defense workers could stop them here, or outstate where they might be forced by starvation to break into stores and homes to obtain food and shelter.

But if most of us remained here, as we should, would be tied down to walking distance of your house. Because of fall-out you'd probably have to stay inside. There'd be no electricity, so most houses would have no heat, no water, no stove, no refrigerator, no lights. Your problem would be the existence of your family. If war came in winter, your canned foods would freeze.

Perhaps there are a few cheap steps you could take now to assure your family of bare survival. The most concentrated and cheapest foods you can keep are sugars and oils. Sugar kept in metal containers that insects can't penetrate will last indefinitely. So will cooking oil, and neither will freeze. Flour takes up more room, but also keeps if carefully sealed. Dried milk would take care of the baby. Dried fruits and vegetables will provide a more balanced diet. Water can be drained from the hot water heater for drinking. If you have a camp stove, it might be a good idea to have extra fuel around, even if insurance men frown on this sort of thing.

After two weeks, there may be some semblance of order, or else there will be universal chaos and death for all. During that time we'll be on our own. It's not silly to spend a few dollars and a few minutes thought toward some minimum precautions.

What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



BIRMINGHAM—Members of the Birmingham Chapter of Commerce, a group of 31, will be the first batch of 1959 to be born in the Birmingham area.

All residents having Birmingham, Bloomfield and Franklin postal addresses were eligible to enter with entries being taken at the Birmingham Economic Center.

It was required that all entries be in prior to noon, January 6.

Time of birth of any child born after midnight, December 31, was required to be verified by the attending physician or hospital record.

More than 25 Birmingham merchants participated in the project.

—The Birmingham Economic Center

WESTWOOD—Land at the southwest and southeast corners of 14 Mile and Southfield roads will be rezoned from residential to ERO (educational, research and office) use.

The rezoning of the land is the result of the recommendation of the Westwood Planning Commission is followed up.

The recommendation of the planning commission will be voted on by the village council for action later.

A proposal by Villanueva and Associates to draw up a Master Plan for the village was tabled to be discussed later.

—The Village Clerk

NOVI—The victory flag has gone up for scores of village residents who protested a rezoning change to permit a trailer park on Grand River.

But the rezoning was being raised, the rubble of another conflict over a proposed trailer park grew louder.

Monday night, the planning commission accepted the withdrawal of a bid for a park on Grand River. This withdrawal was being made because of the rezoning of the land.

But a request for another even larger trailer park, and rezoning of the land is still pending, and several citizens are in arms. This second proposed site is in the Walpole Lake area.

—The Novi News

PLYMOUTH—A protest to the Michigan Economic Development Commission is expected to be made by the City of Plymouth over the offering of tax concessions to new industries by some Michigan governmental bodies.

At least one Plymouth industry, and perhaps more, have received invitations from governmental bodies in the Michigan area to move there.

According to information received by the Chamber of Commerce and City Manager Albert Glassford, the offer is being made to permit new industries to write their own personal property taxes for taxes.

The only reason for the offer is that the industries employ a certain number of area persons and it is reported that the concession is for a period of eight years.

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He said that if the community arranged to have a concession in the industry, other communities will need to do the same to keep their factories.

—The Plymouth Mail

LIVONIA—Two separate programs leading to a complete review of assessments for tax purposes of both land and personal property in Livonia have been set in motion by the mayor, or city council.

Mayor William Brashear has asked the Wayne County Board of Taxation to bring up to date a study made of local land several years ago.

At the same time the council has approved the hiring of a full-time city assessor requested by the mayor as the first step in bringing personal property assessment up to date. It is believed that many assessments are too low, while in some other cases assessments are too high.

—The Livonian

SOUTHFIELD—The City of Southfield will take a very close look at merchants seeking permits to operate in the city if the tentative application form is any indication of intention.

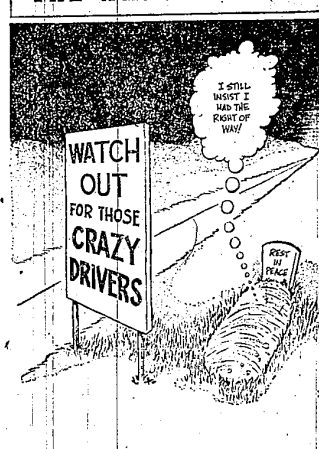
According to the application form proposed, the city clerk will need to place on file citizenship status, length of time, number of arrests, all the nature of the trouble, if any, and employment records for the past five years. The city will also want to know the integrity of all persons interested in the business in addition to the immediate applicant.

A time schedule for licensing the various business places in Southfield is being worked out by the city clerk so that licensing may be continued throughout the year.

A schedule ordinance for various types of businesses is also being worked out.

—The Southfield News

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Six States Join to Keep Chicago From Stealing the Great Lakes

MICHIGAN AND FIVE other states are fighting in court to keep Chicago from stealing the Great Lakes.

The simple statement of a complex problem distorts the issues on both sides of the courtroom, but the danger is here and immediate.

Chicago for decades has been draining water out of Lake Michigan for navigation at the rate of 1,200 cubic feet per second. That much is alright with all concerned.

But the city also is increasing its flow to 2,000 cubic feet per second for another purpose: treatment of sewage. The water then goes through a sewage canal, ultimately reaching the Mississippi river.

The result is a development impossible except in the wildest of dreams. The level of the Great Lakes is being lowered!

Atty. Gen. Paul H. Adams has charged that the drainage into Chicago is damaging the recreational lure of Lake Michigan, lowering property values, and creating chaos.

If the drain continues, the level of the lakes will be lowered another two inches, reducing the tonnage freighters can carry in available dockage space and ports.

Adams warned that this alone will cost shippers \$4,000,000 a year and raise prices of products shipped into Michigan by boat.

Not only will Lake Michigan's level be lowered, but, ultimately, a heavy impact is foreseen on the other Great Lakes which surround Michigan on three sides.

Chicago officials, visiting Lansing for a conference on the problem, said the citizens are turning to their only natural source of water to help them solve their sanitation problems.

Michigan and the other protesting states are insisting that Chicago return the water, treated and restored, to Lake Michigan.

Chicago people said this would double the costs of pipelines at a time when financing merely the taking of water for a public purpose is burdensome.

States involved in the legal fight, which is now before the United States Supreme Court, are Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

While that case awaits action, three of the states, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, refused to allow three small Chicago suburbs to finance an \$18,000,000 pipeline to the lake.

It was blocked by refusal of the states to agree to a "non-litigation" guarantee, demanded by investors before they would buy the revenue bonds.

Michigan officials contend that residents of the state have a vast investment in the values the Great Lakes offer. A high percentage of the state's economic life depends on them.

An added factor of significance is the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway which is expected to carry Michigan products to world markets and return the goods of other nations to the state.

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It is the foods and standards division of the State Department of Agriculture.

The department, headed until Jan. 1 by Miles A. Nelson, a veteran career state employee, makes certain all goods meet

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago

January 4, 1933

Credit Business

Formation of a Farmington Credit Bureau to serve business and professional men of the community is underway as a result of action taken by the Exchange Club at its meeting on Wednesday.

A committee of the club is engaged in a study of the methods of organizing a credit association. Members will first interview officials of similar organizations in nearby towns, preparatory to the formation of a Farmington Bureau.

Whiskey by Glass

Sale of whiskey by the glass may be expected to begin in Farmington at the same time it is started in other communities, the City Commission heard spirits in this manner at its last regular meeting.

The motion was passed by a 2 to 1 vote. A report that a hotel might be opened in Farmington as a result of the action stirred a good deal of interest and favorable comment.

The purpose of the action was to the effect that the Grace building on Grand River, operated years ago by Walt Smith as a hotel, and now owned and occupied by Ulysses Grace, might be leased by someone for whiskey purposes again. Sales of whiskey by the glass are permitted in hotels only.

10 Years Ago

January 6, 1949

Seek Census

At a special meeting the Farmington City Commission passed a resolution requesting the Secretary of State to conduct a census of the newly annexed area to the city as well as all of Farmington Township.

The purpose of the census requested is to determine the exact prorata share of any State funds, moneys or grants distributed by the State to municipalities on a population basis. The census in the township is to determine the ratio of population between the area annexed and the remainder of the township.

Three at MSU Get Degrees

Three Farmington students were among a group of 72 who earned their degrees at the end of the fall term at Michigan State University.

Awarded his bachelor of art degree in production administration was Robert D. Grininger, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Grininger of 28810 Halsted Road.

Patricia A. Miller, daughter of S. S. Miller, 33235 Shawnee, was awarded her B.A. degree in elementary education. Also getting her degree in elementary education was Ann E. Redner, daughter of Mrs. Grace Redner of 34263 Cass Court.

Dinner to Honor Rep. Clarkson

A dinner-dance sponsored by the Socialist Democratic Club will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 16, at Sammy's Avonon Room (Nine Mile Rd. and Coolidge).

The purpose of the dinner is to honor James Clarkson, the first Democratic State Representative to be elected in the Fourth Legislative District.

All of Representative-elect Clarkson's friends and constituents are welcome. For those attending, there will be a choice of French fried shrimp or stuffed chicken. There will be music played throughout the evening.

For reservations, please contact Mrs. James Ginn, MA. 5-5141.

Disabled Vets Must Report

Approximately 30,000 disabled veterans and widows of veterans in Michigan who receive monthly pension payments are being reminded by the Veterans Administration to report their income promptly and thus avoid the risk of having their payments stopped.

Lloyd H. Jameson, manager of the VA Regional Office at Detroit, said that VA is now mailing to all pension recipients a tabulating card upon which the income report may be made.

Pension cases if the income of a single individual exceeds \$1,400, or \$2,700, if the recipient has dependents. Regulations require payment to be stopped if the income report is not received within 30 days.

He warned that the tabulating card will be processed mechanically when it is returned, and that cutting, folding or otherwise mutilating it will delay the recording of the information and risk a cut-off of payments.

No income questionnaire is sent to veterans or dependents receiving service-connected compensation.

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