

Editorial Page

He's A Good Example

State Supreme Court Justice Eugene F. Black, who angrily denounces our present method of naming members to that tribunal, is himself one of the best examples of why we should go slow in changing the methods.

The public gets to know such examples by their actions over a period of years. Black's term does not expire until 1963. We have no doubt that he will not be reelected, for everyone will be pretty tired of him by then. He has said repeatedly he will not seek re-election. If he does when the time comes, he'll be reminded of that, we're sure.

There are attempts being made to change the method of naming our state supreme court members. One suggestion is the so-called Missouri plan, under which justices are not elected. Let's say here that our present plan of electing justices does have faults.

In attempting any changes, however, Michiganans should certainly not get away from the plan of making these justices answerable to the public by regular elections. Under the present system a justice and most other judges, once elected, are usually automatically returned by the voters. But if one of them gets too far out of line, the public may want him put back into private practice—and certainly his term should not be lengthened. Rather, it might best be shortened to four years.

There is always danger of political and other pressures under this system, but we think they are far less detrimental to the public than having to put up with someone like Justice Black too long a time.

He has warned there will be other Supreme Court reversals of earlier doctrine, such as the one recently announced on unemployment compensation for Ford workers idled by the same Ford union but outside the state.

Keep up your actions, Mr. Justice Black. It will help everyone to be certain that you will be retired (probably on a fat pension) when your term runs out in 1963. Michigan may not have the funds to pay the pensions at that time, however.

Suburbia Today

We have been very happy at the many comments about Suburbia Today, the colorvogue magazine section which first went out to Enterprise readers in the issue of January 8. We ourselves think it is terrific.

So it was pleasing to find that quite a few readers evidently agreed. We've had comments on the stories, the recipes, and on the ads. It tickled us when one woman got into a little argument with the people at a drug store where she customarily buys the newspaper. She expected one in the issue of January 15 also, and thought she was being short changed.

We can only say we're sorry that present plans call for publication once monthly—the issue the first full week of each month. If the reception was as enthusiastic elsewhere as in Farmington, it may well be that before long the magazine will be issued more often.

The coming issue is now being printed, and we've seen a copy. All we can say is—wait for it, it's worthwhile.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD — A master road plan for the City of Southfield prepared by planning consultant Albertson, prepared at the direction of the planning commission, has been turned over to the city council.

The plan features a boulevard system.

If the council decides to place the plan on record, a public hearing will be held at which the general public and utility companies will have an opportunity to express their views.

Unincorporated areas, which do not control their own roads, have little or no authority. A city which has no plan of its own for roads is also held to have little power when it comes to road officials begin to chop up the area, it was explained.

If Munson's plan is adopted, the city can, in future road discussions, then show that it has its own idea as to where roads should be in order not to interfere with the local residents. The map Munson produced shows a recessed Northwestern Highway through the city and a similar design for Southfield road to the west. The plan also includes the Wayne-Munson interchange.

Munson's plan does not include the east-west 11 1/2 mile road crossing the State road. It is going to build. Munson favors 14 mile for this highway.

—The Southfield News

NOVI — Opposition to a proposed Novi "landfill" has forced the village council to schedule a public hearing on the subject.

Under fire is the proposed landfill at a site just off Nine Mile and west of Beck road on swampy property owned by McCredie. The garbage and rubbish collector, McCredie handles this pickups in the City of Farmington. Enterprise has reported that 50 people who live in the vicinity of the property were on hand at the last regular council meeting to voice their objections. The hearing, however, to wait until the public hearing to do so.

President Walter Trep, who said the proposed agreement did not concern a "dump" but a "sanitary landfill" indicated that any lease agreed upon by the council and McCredie would be contained in detail at the hearing.

—The Novi News

BIRMINGHAM — To guarantee emergency ambulance service for the city, Birmingham municipal officials this week took the first step toward what might become partial subsidization of a private company.

Alarmed by the news that Birmingham's only ambulance company's financial plight had reached the acute stage, city officials Monday night tentatively agreed to a proposal by the company to bid the amount the city must pay for this emergency service.

It was estimated by the city manager that it would cost the city more than \$30,000 a year to provide its own emergency ambulance service.

Adding additional police or fireman was also given as a possible solution, although not considered satisfactory.

The third solution, and the one recommended, was that a private company (selected on a bid basis) be retained to provide this service.

The city manager said that Livonia does, and pays \$300 a month to a private company for the service.

—The Birmingham Eclectic

PLYMOUTH — First of Michigan Corporation has published \$500,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a sanitary sewer in Plymouth Township, making actual construction of the sewer now possible.

Four bids, representing 14 dealers, were opened by the Wayne County Road Commission last week. The winning bidder of Michigan Corp. was low bidder with bid is considered and attractive interest rate of 3.51 percent.

Actual construction is expected to start soon after necessary contracts are signed.

The sanitary sewer will be a concrete pipe, 24 inches in diameter, with 22 to 12 majority, nailed down in one of the hottest debates ever heard.

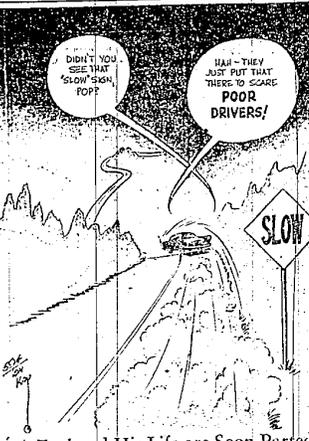
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Mackinac Bridge Attracts Tourist From All Sections of the Nation

TOURISTS AND TRAVELERS crossing the Mackinac Bridge are creating a boom for Michigan's northern resorts.

To determine if predictions were accurate, the state highway department conducted an interview survey among 9,439 motorists who made the crossing last July and August.

The bridge, which opened Nov. 1, 1957, and was dedicated in ceremonies last June.

"The tremendous drawing power of the bridge is probably best illustrated by the fact that cars from 40 of the 49 states crossed the bridge during a two-hour period," said Highway Commissioner John Mackie.

Four came from Alaska, which had not yet become a state, and one from the Canal Zone.

Twenty-five per cent came from outside Michigan, 60 per cent of that figure from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

About 15 per cent came from Eastern Canada.

Survey results showed that one out of every three vehicles came from other states through the lower peninsula of Michigan.

Every Michigan county was represented, with Wayne County (Detroit) having the largest number of trips, 1,011; Kent, 227; and Genesee County 148.

The survey showed that 1,625 trips were made by South St. Marie, but only 157 headed into Canada, while 687 were scheduled to run the east-west length of the Upper Peninsula to Wisconsin.

Mackie said the state's \$1,250,000 highway construction program will have completed an important link from the southern border of Michigan to the bridge by 1962.

"I fully expect the ease and speed of travel will increase traffic in the straits area by as much as 50 per cent over this year," he said.

REPUBLICANS NOW CONTROL the legislature, for whatever advantage or disadvantage it may enjoy or suffer during 1959.

Even an impartial observer was surprised at the developments in the first week of the session.

The 55-55 split in the House was upset when one Democratic member underwent surgery. So, Republicans organized with a one-vote edge, 55 to 54.

Democrats, on the surface striving for control of the House for the first time since 1937, immediately made certain legislative bills have to assume responsibility for its record.

The development came as the state faces a desperate cash shortage and the need to pass a new tax program.

Disension and strife in the House carried over to the Senate where Republicans won 22 to 12 majority, nailed down almost unprecedented powers in one of the hottest debates ever heard.

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Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago
January 25, 1934
Bank Plan Delay
Delay in completing plans for opening of a new bank in Farmington and vicinity of 35 per cent due to depositors of the Farmington State Savings Bank, came this week as the result of failure of a portion of the depositors to bring in their agreements for stock in the new institution.

Although a number continue to bring in their agreements daily, each one getting the goal of \$37,500 to be raised locally closer, the possibility of consolidation and perhaps indefinite postponement of the opening and distribution of the dividend funds.

Some of the depositors whose agreements are already in have taken considerably above the average amount of stock in order to boost the program along and hasten the return of bank facilities in Farmington. The project has received similar boosts from others, not depositors, who have signed for cash subscriptions to end the "bankless days" in the community.

Street Signs
The old puzzle of where is such and such a street" in the various subdivisions along main highways of this part of the state, which has perplexed visitors and residents alike for several years, will soon be largely eliminated.

Some years ago the Detroit Edison Company brought order out of chaos and uniformity out of hodge-podge by insulating a master house number system for the entire Detroit metropolitan area. Detroit Edison is now planning to carry this plan one step further and install street signs on all main roadways which side streets come off from.

10 Years Ago
January 27, 1949
Clarenceville Gym
Hillal work has begun preparatory to the construction of the new Clarenceville School District gymnasium-auditorium building.

The area where the building is to be constructed has been surveyed and the exterior limits of the unit have been staked out. Workers are now putting up the construction office and tool shed. Materials for a start on construction are expected this week.

Contracts were awarded last week.

New Fire Truck
The Farmington Township Board, meeting in special session Monday night, unanimously approved the purchase of a new fire truck.

It was suggested that the present fire truck might be housed in the Clarenceville area to free

Sharp Increase In State Youth

There are 42 per cent more Michigan youngsters under the age of 20 today than there were 10 years ago, and their ranks will increase by another 610,000 by 1959, the Michigan Department of Health says.

According to recent department population estimates, Michigan now has 2,841,327 youngsters under 20 years of age—854,375 more than in 1948.

"Never before in Michigan's history has a population expansion of this magnitude taken place," said Dr. Goldie B. Corneliuson, director of maternal and child health for the Michigan Department of Health.

"To public health, the sharp increase in the number of children means there has been a sharp rise in the demand for the services these children need—particularly for maternal and child health services," Dr. Corneliuson said.

She said the one single area of child health in most urgent need of improvement in Michigan is care of children born prematurely.

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Oakland COP 'Idea Gathering' Slated Jan. 31

Oakland County Republican officials have indicated they are giving twist to the technique of political planning.

Put simply, it's this: Party bigwigs are going to give Precinct Captains, workers and all other interested Republicans a chance to help formulate a "Plan of Action" to guide the Party through the next two years.

Oakland COP Precinct Captains are being called to an "idea gathering" meeting (formally billed as an "Action Conference") on Saturday, January 31, at the Bloomfield High School, 4200 Andover Rd., Bloomfield Township. The conference gets underway at 9:30 a.m.

Republican headquarters last week sent letters of invitation to the conference to some 450 Precinct Captains, workers and officials. Co-chairmen of the event, Gordon Getsinger and Marshall Wolfe of Bloomfield Township, are already predicting a big turnout.

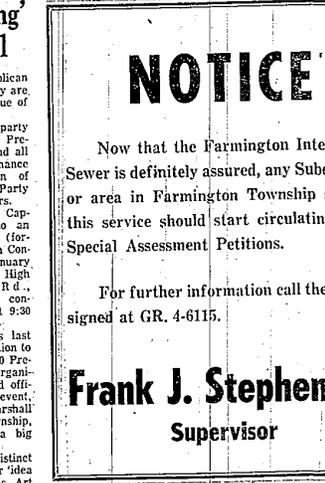
"We can see three distinct benefits growing out of our 'idea gathering' conference," says Art Elliott, County Chairman.

"First, we expect to receive some fine suggestions. But, we also figure that by leaving it all up to the grassroots workers, they feel they have had a hand in the planning.

"Good teamwork is bound to increase the Party's effectiveness during the coming campaigns."

Lawrence Lindemer, state chairman of the Republican Party, will moderate the "idea conference."

Malcolm the Milkman



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Movie Party Slated At Shiawassee School

A movie party, sponsored by the Shiawassee PTA, will be held this Saturday at the Shiawassee elementary school.

The party will start at 2 p.m. and continue until 4 o'clock. The movie to be shown will be "Hield."

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