

Editorial Page

The Tax Proposals

Do you think you've heard quite a bit about taxes and taxing proposals lately? Well, you'll hear a lot, lot more, before the legislative adjourns in several months.

We have a good suspicion that a large majority of Michigan people and political leaders have settled in their own minds that there is no alternative to a personal income tax. We'll agree, too. But the final form of that tax is what will bring the fights.

We think that in Michigan, more than in most other states, there are two very definite lines of thought about taxes. One group believes all taxes should be the same for everyone, and that everyone should pay so that he knows how much government costs. The other group thinks there should be exemptions for various classes of people, which is in effect a redistribution of wealth, earnings and income. There is no blinking the fact these groups are political parties, and you know which ones.

The recommendations made by Governor Williams were in some ways similar, in some ways different than those of the Citizens Tax Advisory Committee. But both follow the thinking of Walter Reuther and labor, even if not actually written by them, as has been charged.

Last fall we went through quite a period in which it was brought out forcefully the multitude of problems industry was meeting in staying in Michigan, and how so many had moved plants elsewhere. We think this should be so fresh in the minds of all that further heavy taxes on industry and capital would get a poor reception.

The few suggestions that spending be cut down a great deal to more nearly match income have been drowned out immediately. There is a limit as to what services government can provide for its people, and Michigan is far beyond it already. But if no accord can be reached on new taxes, perhaps the state will eventually be forced to curtail spending. If a great many citizens told the lawmakers forcefully, it might help. But it won't be done.

One Way to Cut

Talking of cutting state expenses, here is just one of many, many items where worthwhile savings could be made. The State Highway Dept. puts out a handsome department publication each month, with four color photos on an expensive cover, and two color printing on the inside pages.

The purposes are: to extol the deeds of the highway department, which after all has an elected head, to serve as a departmental news sheet, to inform fellow employees of each others' activities, and to help build morale and spirit.

It is a pretty magazine, we'll grant, but it's also very expensive. If it is needed at all, it could be printed in plain old black ink on cheaper paper, and do the same job. It wouldn't take long to save enough money to build a new bridge to re-connect Grand River near Kensington park, and put old Grand River back in much greater use, also relieving the expressway during heavy summer traffic.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI — Local issues will hold the spotlight in the February 10 primary ballot with only circuit court appointments due at the county level.

Most of the township board races is for treasury where three Republicans and one Democrat are seeking votes.

Probably the most surprising move in the race for office was William MacDermald's decision to run for clerk. MacDermald had indicated earlier he planned to seek re-election as justice of the peace. Lieutenant Hatley Bacher will oppose MacDermald.

Fraser Stennan is unopposed for the supervisor's position. He is seeking his fourth consecutive two-year term under the Republican banner.

The Republicans and one Democrat are seeking votes for the trustee seat open.

Democrat Herbert Koester and Republican John Koester will battle for the justice of the peace post.

—The Novi News

LIVONIA — Mayor William Bacher vetoed all proposals that would make a 70-foot lot the future minimum for homes north of Five Mile Road. It appears, however, that a right Livonia Council is ready to override the veto.

It's a spicy issue involving a mixture of practical politics, land speculation and the philosophy of a property rights and its creating the most open schism in the City Hall ranks since the new Council arrived on the scene last Spring.

Five votes are necessary to destroy a veto and the Livonia's information is that the mayor will come.

Mayor Brasher and two of the seven Councilmen take the stand that the 70-foot rule is a fundamental violation of owners' property rights.

—The Livonian

BIRMINGHAM — In a land where the governmental budget and the city manager are in a time that echoes with cries from most everyone that "We need more money," Birmingham's city manager, has good reason to be.

"I'm going to recommend to the city commission that we reduce our water rates," it appears that our present water department financial reserves are adequate to provide for all proposed improvements, as well as an adequate reserve for contingencies and debt reduction," Gure said.

Water bills will be reduced about 12 per cent if the city commission approved the reduction, he said.

The average waterbill is for 20,000 gallons per quarter. Under present rates (and including sewage disposal charges), the residents' water bill is \$11.00. Under the proposed rate it would be \$10.50.

—The Birmingham Enterprise

SOUTHFIELD — Owners of more than 2,000 acres figured in the Eight Mile road drain district in the southern portion of the city of Southfield turned up 400 strong in Lansing last week to place their tax protest before the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission and district.

The protest took to Lansing was made in six chartered buses and a number of privately owned cars.

It was evident to many attending that the protesting group had a sympathetic ear as the situation was explained in terms of income, acreage and eventual hardship.

The protesting group explained that the contemplated cost of at least \$140 per acre per year for a possible period of 30 years was exorbitant and would result in foreclosing on many homes in the drain district. The assessment took each acre would be, it was pointed out, each acre property owner a minimum of \$2,000 in some cases, perhaps twice the assessed valuation of the land.

"Confiscatory" is the word popular among residents in the drainage district.

—The Southfield News

BIRMINGHAM — Schools are facing a serious problem, and the public must reassess its scale of values on education.

This was the consensus when king-sized problems of the Birmingham Board of Education, and thus also taxpayers, were discussed last week.

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—The Village Crier

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Will Try Camps as Method to Cut Spread of Juvenile Delinquency

CAMPS FOR YOUTHS as the first major step in preventive criminology are being planned in Michigan.

They will not be for the boys who are already in trouble with the law, but for the neglected and aggressive lad who is a potential menace to society.

The idea came out of a committee on juvenile delinquency headed by Rep. Harry DeMaso (R-Battle Creek) which held a series of hearings on the subject last summer.

At the start of the 1953 legislative session, Rep. E. D. O'Brien (D-Detroit) introduced the measure to set up a pilot camp for 60 youths.

The pattern is based on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program of the depression era when young men found themselves with time on their hands and no jobs.

Changed slightly to fit the needs of modern youths, 13 camps would be for those whose probation judges feel should have a change of environment before their existing circumstances cause them trouble.

Other plans of the DeMaso committee include a "family court" to gather together all the social problems of a family for solution together.

As many as six or seven different court systems and jurisdictions now are used often of the same family. Often the problems of the parents are interrelated with those of the children.

Sending a boy to Boys Vocational School or to prison for crime might solve the immediate problem.

—The Michigan Mirror

County GOP Tea, Banquet Set Monday

Proceeding the Oakland County Lincoln Day Banquet, a Reception and Tea given by the Republican Women's Federation of Oakland County will be held at the Waldorf Hotel, Pontiac, from 2 to 4 p.m. according to the President, Mrs. Harry Henderson.

Guests of honor at the reception will be Congressman William S. Brownfield and William S. Bagwell.

"The Lincoln Day Banquet will be held at the Woodward Hotel, Woodward and Catalpa in Berkley, on February 9, at 6:30 p.m.

18th Congressional District Congressman Brownfield will introduce the speaker for the banquet, Senator William Wilbur M. Brucker, Mr. and Mrs. Brucker will arrive Monday afternoon by Capitol Airlines and will be met at the airport by John G. Semann of Berkley.

Paul D. Bagwell will arrive at 6 p.m. to be master of ceremonies for the banquet. Tickets for the banquet may be purchased or reserved until Friday, February 6, by calling Pontiac PE 2-8963 - Birmingham MI 6-8414 or Royal Oak Lincoln 2-8415.

TUBERCULOSIS — TB is still a major public health problem in Michigan. In 1952 there were about 400 TB deaths about one-fourth the TB death toll 10 years ago. But the number of persons who became ill with TB this year was close to 5,500.

About the same as 10 years ago, TB continues to be a heavy financial drain on patients' families and state taxpayers. And unless public health workers are given the means to use available case-finding techniques, Michigan can expect 40,000 to 50,000 more new cases in the next 10 years.

—The Village Crier

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago
February 4, 1931

For the first time since a certain "night, 14 years ago, smoke is curling upward from the mammoth chimney-stack at Farmington Junction, but it rises above a far different industry from that which lodged under the bow of the stack for many years.

In place of the power plant for interurban trolley-cars and a lighting there is the new winery which in the past few days has seen its first production.

Crushing and pressing of grapes has begun with a 90-ton batch of the fruit as a starter. The grapes were brought from storage in a large plant in Detroit.

Primary Date
Farmington Township will hold its annual primary election this year on Monday, March 5. This was the date designated by the Township Board at a special meeting held last week.

On the date candidates will be for the annual election to be held on Monday, April 2, as set by law.

This year, as last, there will be a slate of Democratic candidates for office. Previous to this time for almost a generation the primary was the first election date since the Republican candidates nominated were the equivalent of being elected.

10 Years Ago
February 4, 1939

Adult Education
Additional classes have been organized under the new adult education program initiated in Farmington.

Three class sections have been necessitated by the increased interest in some courses, Supt. O. E. Dunckel said. To date 75 persons have registered for classes in sewing and tailoring, necessitating four sessions for the two courses, he said.

Announcement was also made of a new class being offered in oil painting.

Classes Start
Classes began Monday in the new Band School addition and the new Farmington elementary school.

The two rooms in the Band School addition are being used to house two sections of kindergarten children. A third room is being used for a fifth grade class.

The new 16-room elementary school is being used for two sections of kindergarten as well as first, second and third grade classes.

—The Farmington Enterprise

Two Cub Dens Visit Enterprise

Two Cub Scout Dens of Pack 45 visited the Farmington Enterprise Friday afternoon.

Members of Den 1 visiting, under the leadership of Mrs. John B. Hitchcock, Den Mother, were: Bobby, Jackie and Tommy Bessler, David Clappison, Mike Hatch, Bri Hitchcock, Bobby Hunt and Denise Potter.

Visiting from Den 8 were: Philip Klingbecker, Edward Meibner, Larry Penn, Douglas Rosenberger, Charles Penn and Clyde Granger. They were accompanied by their Den Mothers, Mrs. William Penn and Mrs. Clyde Granger.

The visits were made as a courtesy to a youth leadership program for the Cub Scouts on the theme of: "News and Communications."

Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenge only makes you but even with him; forgiving it sets you above him.

Be quick to hit; so slow to be angry; be kind to all; be gentle to the many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none. —Poor Richard.

State parks got nothing for expansion, improvement and additional land acquisition.

Legislators say the plan this year will be a \$2 sticker for full season, or 25 cents a day for those who do not want to pay the price for the full tog.

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5 Years Ago
February 4, 1951

Twp. Industry
Two proposed changes in the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance are now in the process of consideration and study by township officials.

Each proposal has to do with the establishment of new light industrial areas. The first is to change a parcel of land in the Ten Mile-Middlebelt area from residential to light industrial. The second is a proposal on a parcel of land on the north side of Northwestern Highway near 14 Mile Road asking that it be changed from commercial to light industrial.

School Advisory
Seven citizens of the Clarksville School District met with the Board of Education last Thursday evening in the first session of the newly created Citizens' Advisory Committee.

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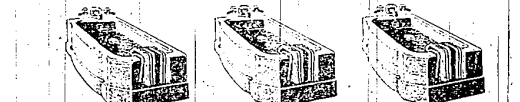
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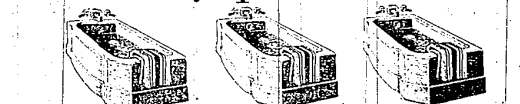
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