

Editorial Page

What's He FOR?

It appears there will be quite a crop of candidates for the city council election April 6. Seems that is customary in Farmington.

Couple of days ago one of them talked with us. We soon gathered that he was against several things done, or which might have been done, by the present council. He didn't seem to be FOR anything, and also didn't seem to have much understanding of how a community is run. There are a lot of things which have to be considered before making decisions.

As the campaign warms up, we'd like to suggest that voters might well try to find out if their candidates are FOR something. Voting for candidates who are just against things would be a definite step backwards.

Newspaper Careers

To young men and women who will soon finish high school and are considering future studies to prepare for their life work—we address this message. It is also addressed to their parents, who will help them make their important decisions.

Many high school and college students underestimate opportunities in newspaper work, a recent survey has disclosed.

A few weeks ago another survey was made by Dow Jones Foundation, and the report, in part, said: "Clearly, newspaper salaries have been improving faster than information about the gains has been getting around."

High school pupils might also be interested in knowing that the United States Department of Commerce lists newspapers among "growth industries," a rating justified by the big increases in totals of employees, payrolls, and circulation.

What is needed for newspaper workers? We would suggest a broad, liberal education, imagination, an insatiable curiosity about people and things, the desire to learn beyond college, the urge to grow mentally, and the willingness to learn.

Newspaper work is challenging work—satisfying work. In the future, even more than now, newspapers need the best minds to report and keep pace with our exciting times. It doesn't need the Phi Beta Kappas—although there are some of them, too. But there is a manpower shortage in newspaper work, and we suggest it's a field which should be investigated fully by more high school students.

A Sop to Industry

Governor Williams has made a request to the legislature put on the April 6 ballot an industrial FHA program. Under it the state would guarantee loans for construction of plants and industrial research, presumably made by local banks. It would be just like FHA loans for homes, he said.

Couple of years ago the state voted to guarantee building loans to school districts, when they could get them from regular sources without increased interest rates, because they were more hazardous.

Few such loans have been made. We suspect the latest proposal is more for political effect.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI—Rules of procedure for the village plan commission have been approved and dates for interviewing engineering applicants set by the Novi Village Council last week.

The council adopted the rules recommended to them by planning board.

The rules include provisions for employing the plan commission to assist in the board secretary, and employing a staff and or experts as needed by the board. Other matters included: the board about agenda, committees, meetings and election and duties of officers.

The council has now interviewed one or two candidates for the position of village engineer.

—The Novi News.

DEARBORN

Flu infection that developed among Southwest Dearborn school children had spread to the epidemic phase last week, and threatened to spread to all sections of the city.

Among the schools hardest hit were the O.L. Smith Junior High and Edsel Ford High School.

The principal at the O.L. Smith school stated that 346 out of the 600 students enrolled there were not in school last week, and that 80 per cent of those absent were reported as having the flu. At Edsel Ford it was reported that 21 per cent of the students were out sick with the flu.

It was also reported that flu was spreading rapidly to Northwest Dearborn, but that Edsel Ford had not yet been hit.

Dr. Frank Jenne, School Health Director, warned parents to keep the children home if they develop a fever, and that they should stay there until the fever is gone.

—The Dearborn Press.

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth's Plymouth's Central Business District Plan passed its first public test last week when 185 businessmen, industrialists and other interested citizens met to hear planners and Mayor Harold Guenther explain the modernization idea and answer questions.

Although criticism was invited, no one in the audience expressed unfavorable reaction during the hearing. And concluding the two and one-half hour discussion was a room of applause for the city commission program of downtown modernization.

At the meeting generated much enthusiasm, it left unanswered some of vital questions of how and when such a plan could be carried out and where the money will come from to do it. In fact Mayor Guenther explained at the outset that they all knew that there are no answers at present.

In general the plan calls for a 60-acre business and civic center on the east end of the city. The center would contain plenty of parking and would be large enough to serve as a shopping center for 40,000 people.

Key points brought out in the question and answer period were: (1) Building the road that would ring the business center would be financially responsible of the city. (2) Modernization of the business center would be up to merchants themselves. (3) The city commission would not be willing to consider putting any money into the project unless there were definite commitments to move ahead.

—The Plymouth Mail.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Forming a working organization to support two proposals on the ballot at the Bloomfield Hills school election on March 5 has been announced.

THAT'S A FACT

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Questions Whether State Tax Problem Should Go to People

TAXPAYERS and citizens are still the important ingredients of government. They can make or break political aspirants at the polls.

Those are the dual positions of the voter, the man who ultimately has the last word because he pays to be governed and served and he decides who will do the job for him.

The role of the Michigan citizen as a voter becomes important every two years on a statewide scale, but the role of the voter as a citizen is often obscured.

Some Republicans and Democrats would like to place the proposed income tax and a proposed sales tax increase directly in the voter's hands April 8.

If they succeed, the role of the citizen again assumes the cloak of the voter.

The decisions for which the voter elected legislators and administrators to make are then made by citizens themselves.

In Michigan's recent history, civil service in 1940, the original sales tax, auto marginer and dozens of such a plan.

Republishers in the legislature pocket a flat rate, perhaps two per cent, to his graduated income tax version, which they claim would hit the middle-income groups hardest.

Now, they would like the voters to decide.

Vast changes can be wrought in three years.

It was in 1955 that Gov. Williams flatly opposed a state income tax and party leaders were on hand to support the idea would be proposed. One Democratic legislator said it would be the "fairest of all taxes."

His plan now indicates Michigan will have both.

Joined with the income tax idea is a corporation profits tax of five mills, seven mills on utilities. Two other business taxes would be all but repealed but the business activities tax will remain.

Business and industry already have attacked the governor's program. They say the extra burden of taxes will further damage Michigan's economic climate.

But both parties agree that the state will need a large new tax if it is to continue the services and expand some of them to cover a growing population.

The need is indicated by the fact that Michigan's population is growing at a rapid rate. Our needs will never break us, but our wants certainly will, said Sen. Clyde Geertling, Republican from Hope, in a talk to the Rotary Club in Detroit.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago
FEBRUARY 15, 1934

Primary Fight
Farmington Township's primary election contests on Monday, March 5, will be confined to one party only, the Democrats. Expiration of the filing period Tuesday of this week disclosed no battle on the Republican ticket. Several interesting struggles are indicated however.

Three men seek the Democratic nomination for supervisor. They are Fred Wilkinson, William G. Cable and William Killeen. Supervisor Cole is the only Republican candidate.

Two who have previously been candidates on the Democratic ticket for the office of clerk, Mrs. Ina Sturman and George Schukins will try again. Republican candidate is incumbent Willard Campbell. There are also two Democratic candidates for the office of treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Cuzzillo and Theodore Kohlman. Both have sought this office before.

Last election Kohlman was beaten out by Rep. Mrs. Loretta Cox.

Dairymen Meet

Dairy Farmers of this area, numbering about 100, met in Farmington Town Hall Saturday night and after hearing the plight of farmers in general discussed the nation, joined in formation of an Farmington local of the Michigan Farmers Union, affiliated with a national organization of the same character.

Jay Bulton was elected temporary president and Harley Gibson, temporary secretary-treasurer.

10 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 17, 1949

Floral Park Zoning

A detailed map and plat of the newly annexed Floral Park area was handed over to the city by L. N. Hayden, city engineer, last Wednesday evening.

The map is the first step in the preparation of a zoning ordinance and building code to be set up for the new area. The map will be attached to and made a part of the present city map.

The Board of Appeals will study and make recommendations for the zoning of the area.

New City Ground was broken last Friday.

D. Pember Top ROTC Cadet

Don Pember, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Pember, 24508 Springbrook, Farmington is one of 55 freshmen and sophomores in the Michigan State University who will receive the Outstanding Basic Cadet Award.

The award is presented to freshmen and sophomore cadets who achieve a place in the top five percent of their class during the preceding term, according to Colonel Merton E. Munson, professor of military science and tactics at M. S. U.

Col. Munson explains that the "top 5%" criteria includes academic standing, proficiency in drill, military attitude and bearing, and demonstrated leadership potential.

The award consists of a bar with green and white alternating diagonal stripes, which is worn over the left uniform pocket.

The presentations will take place the third week in February during the final inspections of the cadet brigade in ranks.

"Pray as if it all depended on God, but work as if it all depended on you." —Laurence Jones.

Bill Conroy Does Too! Phone GR. 4-3511

Specialist Robitaille is assigned to Company C of the division's 41st Infantry in New Ulm. He entered the Army in June 1957 and completed basic combat training at Fort Hood, Texas.

The 24-year-old soldier is a 1953 graduate of Clarenceville High School. His wife, Carol, is with him in Germany.

The program, starting at 8 p. m., is being put on under the supervision of Mrs. Joann Whitson, music supervisor.

This is the all-Westbrook program for the year.

Gold discovered on the beaches in 1898 gave birth to the city of Nome, Alaska, once a booming town of 29,000 but now about 1,500.

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