

# Editorial Page

## Wonderful Help

The Mutual Aid Firefighters Association was outstanding in its help at the big National Food store fire Saturday night. Many people aren't aware it even exists, but it includes the Farmington city and township departments, Novi, Franklin and Livonia. Whenever there is a big fire in any of the communities where extra help is needed, the others send equipment and men. They are then commanded by the fire chief fighting the blaze. Joe DeVriend certainly appreciated their help last week end.

In the last couple of years it has turned out that Farmington has not been called on to help in other communities, but has gotten help from others a couple of times. The Farmington firefighters will certainly be ready to help elsewhere when needed, we're certain of that.

So often it turns out this way. Just last week we ran a story in The Enterprise about the city's excellent fire record for the prior 21 months, when fire damage had been only some \$3,600. Then, when one of the city's more costly fires hit. Likely to be around \$100,000, they say. So the average for the last 22 months is going to be pretty heavy.

This is a dangerous time of year for fires. Chimneys often have accumulated a lot of soot. Refuse maybe hasn't been taken out because of the ice. Let's all be extra careful so we don't boost that fire loss figure again!

## Twp. Annual Meeting

The annual township meeting is coming up Saturday, April 4, and it looks as if it will again be interesting.

In the light of last year's disgraceful episode, one citizen may have a pretty good suggestion. He thinks there should be several dictaphones placed around the meeting place, so the arguments will be accurately recorded.

It is physically impossible for any shorthand expert to get a complete and really accurate record of the meeting, what with several people talking or shouting at once. Last year no one was quite certain afterward just what had been agreed upon.

This year there ought to be some semblance of order, even if it means having the township police show offenders the door. And maybe the dictaphone idea isn't so bad.

## Yankus And The Law

Stanley Yankus, the Michigan farmer who may be more goose, is getting a lot of publicity these days. Someone has suggested starting a fund to help send him to Australia, and call his bluff!

The wheat allotment system was adopted by a majority of farmers. What are all our laws but agreements of generations of people that certain things are wrong and harmful to the majority of people? Or beneficial to the greater number? No one rebel should be allowed to upset the laws on larceny, for instance. Nor should Yankus get any more consideration.

Latest word is that if he goes to Australia he, as a wheat grower, would have to market his crop through a government wheat board. Perhaps he should buy a South Seas island instead, where he can make his own laws.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**LATHRUP**—A movement of speed limit in front of schools reduced to a maximum of 25 miles per hour, started by the Lathrup PTA and its president, Mrs. Gordon Henderson, may spread to a state-wide ruling.

PTA officials, Mayor Richard Conger of Lathrup, Gladys Sout of Schools (Glenn) school and state highway and police officials met recently in Lansing to discuss the proposal.

Another talk is scheduled to discuss the program, this time in the office of Governor Williams.

Meanwhile, the possibility of a new "Council on Safety" for Southfield is under discussion.

**NOVI**—Preliminary plans for a "Citizens' Committee" to work hand-in-hand with the village planning board, who expressed a deep interest in gauging the pulse of the community, decided to review the preliminary plans before setting them in motion at their next meeting.

Formation of the citizens' committee was one of six and a half steps that William J. Johnson, planning consultant, recommended and which will be undertaken immediately to facilitate the village's planning program.

The underlying function of such a committee, as was explained, would be to answer this question for the board: "What kind of community do the citizens want for Novi?"

While the board has made no committee appointments, it was agreed by most that public officials of members of other communities should not get in on the citizens' committee.

**BIRMINGHAM**—At a special meeting Saturday morning Birmingham's public works board presented its recommendations to city commissioners regarding a proposed addition to the library building at Bates and Martin.

The Library Board recommended a project that will exceed \$75,000. The proposed addition, it was a sound and soundly made Birmingham's ultimate library news.

**LIVONIA**—The Board of Education went to work last week on the bleakest set of figures in the history of the school system.

While nobody has done any budget slashing yet, the first analysis by the administrative staff indicated that (1) No less than 6 mills of new tax must be asked of the public for maintenance and operation next year.

(2) Bond proposals totaling \$8,000,000 must be approved for buildings and sites needed immediately.

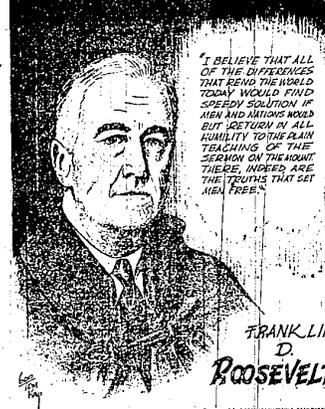
The Board received these crushing requests for the first time last week and after postponing, scheduled a set of meetings for the purpose of studying details of the emergency in more detail.

"The most shocking thing is that by 1960 it appears we'll need 18 mills more than last year to keep even," groaned one of the school staff members.

**PLYMOUTH**—A roomful of executives from Plymouth in district centers recently greeted the area last week at a banquet. They pledged themselves to "get together hereafter to exert our influence left in community affairs."

In addressing the group, Township Supervisor Roy Lindstrom said that what you hear, we in Plymouth have made very possible provision for industry.

## THE AMERICAN WAY



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## Cities Do Have Control Over Air Pollution, Supreme Court Rules

CITIES SCORED a major gain against pollution of the air its citizens breathe.

In due time, with new local and state legislation, the problems of smoke and chemicals in the air may cease to exist. Contaminated air is being combated in Michigan as well as California and several other states.

The Michigan Supreme Court held that Detroit can write an ordinance to control smoke from ships on the Detroit river.

The precedent will extend to the cities on all Great Lakes where the smoke from passing or docking freighters has become a nuisance.

"We think that by now it is sufficiently clear without citation of authority that excessive air pollution by dense smoke cannot be anything but harmful to the health and welfare of a community," wrote Justice John D. Voelker, in a unanimous opinion.

The decision validated the Detroit ordinance after a legal challenge from a Riverside industry that the ordinance conflicted with Federal interstate commerce regulations.

**MONEY IS THE** major problem for local governments, officials of leading Michigan cities, through the powerful Michigan Municipal League, have made two major points since the drive for more state taxes began a month ago.

1. Some of them want a share of any major new state tax revenue.

2. Most of them want additional powers to levy more kinds of local taxes, in addition to the property tax.

The legislature has rejected in other years the plea of Saginaw and other cities to impose a local income tax.

The major ideas now for local governments are: excise taxes, levies on motel and hotel bills and other taxes not preempted by state government.

**VOTERS WILL** have at least one non-controversial constitutional amendment on the April 6 ballot.

It will be the change in the name of the State Board of Agriculture to "The Board of Trustees of Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Sciences."

The change, following by three years the name change of Michigan State College to Michigan State University is proposed by people who object to the confusion of terms.

Michigan now has a board of agriculture (to govern the university) and a state agricultural commission, which performs a number of services for farmers, through the state department of agriculture.

## Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

### 25 Years Ago MARCH 4, 1934

**Milk Situation**  
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**Food Buys**  
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### 10 Years Ago MARCH 3, 1949

**Registration Booth**  
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Deposit boxes will be placed in front of the high school, at the northeast corner of Cass and Grand River, at the corner of Wilmart and Grand River and somewhere in the vicinity of Power and Grand River.

## GI Insurance Can Be Taken From Pensions

Veterans holding GI insurance who are also recipients of pension or compensation can save money and time by having their GI insurance premiums deducted from their monthly pension or compensation checks.

Lloyd H. Jameson, manager of the VA Regional Office in Detroit, pointed out that veterans who do not wish to have their monthly insurance premiums deducted in this manner not only save postage, money on order costs and sundry expense items but also avoid the possibility of a lapse in their insurance. It is possible to "forgo" to pay an insurance premium if deductions for premiums are authorized beforehand.

Mr. Jameson urged veterans with questions on any phase of their insurance program to contact the nearest VA contract representative or to write to the VA District Office administering the policy, giving the policy number.

## Takes Part in "Sub" Exercise

Joseph J. Zink, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Zink of 21442 Hamleton, Farmington, will be the destroyer Zink USN Mansfield.

His ship took part in an anti-submarine warfare exercise from Feb. 18-19, off the coast of Southern California.

"Skynet", formed of vessels of the U.S. First Fleet and several units of the Naval Reserve was divided into two teams: the Blue team and the "Purple" aggressors.

The Blue surface and air forces were seeking to prevent the Purple force submarines from burrowing through a 600-mile seaward barrier off the coast.

### 5 Years Ago MARCH 4, 1954

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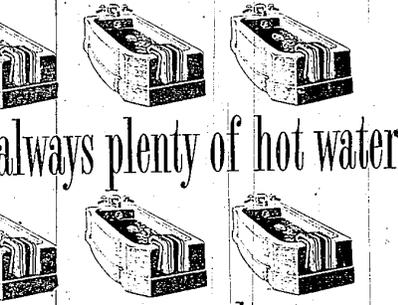
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