

Editorial Page

Polio Shots A Must!

It is criminal, and parents should be prosecuted for at least persecuted if they haven't seen that their children have three polio shots. We've urged this before, and expect it will need to be said again and again.

Even the polio epidemic in Detroit last fall doesn't seem to have scared enough people.

The 57 per cent of Michigan's preschool children who still aren't immunized need to start the three-shot series immediately. If shots aren't given now, children won't be protected when Michigan's so-called paralytic season starts next June or July.

Only 29 per cent of children under one year of age are vaccinated, and the record is poor up to five years. Best protected are children from five to 14: There is a big drop in vaccinations in the upper teens, but the worst is in the 20-39 age group, with 60 per cent not vaccinated. The recession has kept many from getting their shots, it's feared.

Manufacturers, including Parke-Davis in Detroit, have had to destroy tons of vaccine, outdated because of the demand lag.

If we continue to procrastinate, next summer could be very unhappy. Because of the outbreak in this area last year, Michigan recorded 550 cases of paralytic polio — almost five times as many as the 121 cases reported in 1957.

We're Fortunate

It's been a rough winter, but in the Farmington and metropolitan area, at least, it looks as if the spring and possible flooding won't be too bad. Had all that ice of a couple of weeks ago melted at once, instead of over a period of time, we'd have been in trouble.

Only 50 miles farther north there is still a lot more snow, ice and water. Many places here, when the snow melted off, the frost beneath had gone from the ground. But roads — that's something else again. The frost won't go out of roadbeds for awhile, and township roads may get even worse than the present highway mess.

But back of it all — even Sunday's snowstorm — is the feel of spring. We're ready and eager!

Cut State Costs

Republicans have reacted furiously to the blast by Democratic State Chairman Neil Staebler against their resolution to cut state spending by 10 per cent, and other cost-cutting proposals.

Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., chairman of the Oakland County Republican Committee, said last week: "If trying to balance spending with income is 'incredibly irresponsible' as Mr. Staebler charges, then there are millions of incredibly irresponsible housewives and wage earners in the State."

In the industrial world, increased output by most workers has helped manufacturing greatly.

We're pretty certain nearly all state workers are easily capable of increased output also, but haven't seen anything at all to indicate there is any possibility of it. So we've no doubt that a cut in state spending and state employment is very feasible.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI — Preparation of the 1959-60 budget is now underway with a recommendation by the village manager that a garbage and rubbish pickup be considered.

Manager Fred Olson said that preliminary studies indicated that a definite need for this kind of service exists. However, he added, there is no valid basis for estimating costs to the village of this type of service on a contract basis.

The manager asked for and received authorization to advertise bids for providing this type of service which would be provided "free" to village residents. Money for such a service he indicated, could be provided for in the new budget.

The recommendation was made with these major conditions:

- (1) That garbage and rubbish would be picked up at the curb once each week.
- (2) That both garbage and rubbish would be dumped outside the village limits.
- (3) — Real large items of rubbish such as springs, refrigerators, etc. will not be picked up.

—The Novi News.
DEARBORN — Dearborn's 225 police and firemen aren't with much nearer agreement with Mayor Orville L. Hubbard in pay increases than they were from the beginning.

Asked during a two-hour discussion to approve \$300 raises for all police and firemen, Hubbard answered with a flat "No." He said that he would be attending the meeting, the attorney for the police-firemen group wrote the mayor, stating "No benefit from future negotiations could be seen in view of his emphatic rejection of requests."

But he left the door open — a compromise. He said his committee would be happy to meet again if the mayor were willing to "seriously consider" the compromise proposals offered to date.

Meanwhile police and firemen are continuing to enlist support for an April 6 ballot proposition which would give them substantial pay increases and take authority for adjusting their pay commission from the civil service commission to the council and put it in the hands of the voters.

Hubbard termed a \$300 across the board increase "unreasonable and a raid on the taxpayer's pocket."

—The Dearborn Press.
LIVONIA — Still bristling at some City Councilmen's last week Mayor William Brashers fired sharp veto messages to them on proposed "cost-cutting" resolutions passed by the Council earlier.

One of the resolutions calls for earmarking 21 percent of the city budget for capital improvements and a reserve fund. The other would eliminate the recently created post of civil service personnel director and city personnel director.

The Council passed resolutions ordering that both matters be sent to committee at the council meeting on March 10. One carried 6 to 1 and the other 7 to 0.

Brashers, who rarely has used his veto power during his four years in office, said that he would employ it on these occasions to fight back against what he thought to be a political grandstand play by Councilmen Edward J. Sawyer and the two members who proposed the resolutions.

—The Livonian.
SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — Notices of assessed valuation increases were mailed recently to approximately 2,000 Southfield township residents, according to Supervisor Hugh G. Alorton, Jr.

The re-assessments have been made since last May, Alorton said, adding that they bring to completion a long-standing program to obtain uniformity of tax assessments in the township.

The supervisor said that the assessment of three full-time assessors found land values in Bingham Farms and Farmington to be below those set in Westwood Village. Consequently, he made to bring the valuations Franklin assessment raises were said, many Bingham Farms and up to a "more realistic figure, comparable with Westwood."

Low assessments in Franklin and Bingham brought the entire township's equalization factor up and thus penalized Westwood residents with higher taxes because assessments were too low in the other two villages in the township, the supervisor explained.

—The Birmingham Eclectic.
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Labor Gaining in Fight to Get Guaranteed Annual Wage Law

LABOR MIGHT be forcing industry to provide a guaranteed annual wage in a coming war of attrition.

The principle of GAW was established some years ago by UAW President Walter P. Reuther. It won a compromise in labor-management negotiations, but fell short of victory.

But now, by extending other principles, labor is fighting for more security. It is possible to see signs of success.

Labor unions always have considered the state's unemployment compensation program inadequate. Last week, it got support from an unusual quarter.

Three University of Michigan professors reported results of their research showing that jobless benefits in all states are generally inadequate.

They said that all workers should be covered. Michigan's law covers those in plants with four or more workers. They said benefits should last 20 weeks, some severe and one-half months. Michigan's runs 26 weeks, or six months.

They said that a worker should get 40 per cent of his take home pay while jobless. Michigan's ranges from 40 to 50 per cent.

The AFL-CIO in Michigan is now campaigning for perpetual unemployment compensation, benefits for the entire period of unemployment, no matter how long.

Republicans in the legislature are proposing a plan under which workers would contribute to the fund which is tapped for the benefit checks.

The idea was first brought up for consideration by the unions, but Republicans stole a march on them by publicly announcing the idea early.

Oddly, unemployment compensation started as a fringe benefit for workers, negotiated by unions with a strike threat as its major weapon.

At present, employees make 100 per cent of the contributions to the fund based on a payroll assessment. The more jobs they keep constant, the less they contribute.

VOTERS WILL decide April 6 whether to give the state legislature extraordinary powers in case of a disastrous enemy attack.

The proposal, which came from the Federal Office of Civil Defense, would allow the legislature to fill offices temporarily for government alive until normal operations could be resumed.

It would require an enemy attack on the United States and, specifically, damage which would vacate important governmental offices.

However, it does not say what would happen if the legislature were bombed out.

MAIN DISCUSSION in the legislature centered on the change in name of the State Board of Agriculture to the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University.

During debate, one legislator indicated that Michigan State would start campaigning soon for a medical school.

There was consideration for the idea several years ago, but university officials denied it was part of the plan when the name was changed from "college" to "university."

Evidence has grown that the medical school will be next project at MSU.

One source said that the university is attempting to obtain the Boys Vocational School property for that purpose.

VOLUNTARY commitment procedures for the mentally ill will be streamlined if a bill pending before the legislature becomes law.

Under present laws, all commitments must follow the same

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago
MARCH 8, 1931

Without Water
Half a dozen homes in Farmington City have already been without water for a considerable period and many more may be affected, as an ill-fated effort to repair a broken water main in the vicinity of February weather in a generation.

Effects of the very low temperatures are now beginning to be felt, due to the frost gradually going deeper and freezing the water service lines between the streets and homes.

Detroit Edison line-men have been called out to thaw the frozen mains by means of high voltage electric current. This is the method that has been used in many other communities, most of which have been effected worse than Farmington. In Plymouth, it is reported, nearly 100 homes have been shut off from water as a result of the frost.

Whiskey Sales
Whiskey will soon be sold by the glass in Farmington for the first time since the advent of Prohibition 15 years ago. The first license will be granted to Mrs. Hattie Pappas, wife of the proprietor of the Victory Restaurant.

Formal application for the license was filed Monday night with the City Commission and given approval by them. City Commission approval is required before the State Liquor Control Commission will even consider the application.

Mrs. Pappas was prepared to file a bond as required by law. The combined license fee for sale of beer, wine and liquor is \$500, most of which returns to the city.

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5 Years Ago
MARCH 11, 1951

New Town Hall
A proposed sketch and lay out for a new Township office building, to be located adjacent to the present old Town Hall, were presented to the Township Board Tuesday evening by members of a special study committee.

Edward Moorman, chairman of the three man committee ap-

pointed by the Board, made the specifications before any formal presentation. The committee recommended that a separate circuit be laid out for a new building to be erected to study and investigation as well as the south and slightly east of as the securing of plans and the existing structure.

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Pledges Fraternity At Albion College

Tom L. Calkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Calkins of 22320 Power Road, has been pledged to Sigma Nu, a national Greek letter fraternity, at Albion College.

The announcement was made by Professor Walter B. Sprandel, Dean of Men.

Calkins is a sophomore at Albion.

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