

Editorial Page

Economy, Not Taxes

State office holders will cry like babies, but the fact is there are a great many places where juicy economies could be made in state government. Personnel is one of the best.

Because of the standoff at Lansing, some temporary measure is going to have to go into effect soon. What that will be is for the legislators to decide. Williams did more than his share to get us into this mess, but the legislators (in both parties) should have done more than just protest loudly that they had been warning the governor. Positive action was needed long ago—rather than just an obstructionist policy.

But for the long time, there must be more economy in state government. Politicians, again of both parties, say there must be more taxes because the people demand so many state services.

How are these "demands" made? The bureaucrats make a recommendation that requires some spending, some more personnel. Some people, particularly those who might benefit, read about it, think it sounds fine + and in no time at all bureaucrats have created a "public demand" for "services."

The state government today has more than 120 administrative agencies employing more than 30,000 workers. Sixty-two of them get more than \$17,000 a year—and these aren't elected officials. Just think what a 10 per cent cut in payrolls would do to improve Michigan's financial position!

One big thing that is needed immediately is to give back to the legislature control of state salaries. This would require a constitutional amendment, and it should have been on the forthcoming ballot. As it is now, under the civil service amendment to the constitution, the Civil Service commission sets state salaries, and the legislature has to dig up the money. That's why the commission was able to go unchallenged when it recently granted an \$11 million pay increase in the face of the state's mounting financial difficulties.

We can think of a number of ways to cut down state expenses. Can you? This is a time you should speak up. We suggest our letters to the Editor as one way to lead the way toward a demand for economy by the state.

Help the Jaycees

Help the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce help the community—which is you!

You can do this by buying tickets to the annual minstrel show this Friday and Saturday March 20-21. You don't even have to use them, if you don't want—but we'll guarantee you'll have a lot of fun. Just for the record, this is the 12th annual show. They've gained a lot of know-how in that time, and their fast-paced show leaves no dull moments.

There may be some debate about this, but many people think the Jaycees are the most active service organization in the Farmington area. Certainly they do a wide variety of community service, and are helped a lot from this one big money raising program each year.

Even if you, too, do your share of community work, we're sure you'll want to support the minstrel show put on by these aggressive young men and women.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

DEARBORN

A temporary court order the first of last week stalled some of the city's development. Hubbard to create a department of public utilities.

Circuit Judge Carl M. Waldman ordered that the city be forced to accept an ordinance adopted by the Council last week which authorized the new department. A hearing was held this week to make the injunction permanent.

Suit was filed by Dearborn Attorney James Thomson, who said the public utilities department was a public utility. He said its duties are simply provided for within existing department.

City Attorney Ralph Guy, Jr., said the city charter does not specifically give any of the duties of the utilities department to any other department.

Under Hubbard's plan, the department would regulate the activities of the various public utilities including gas, electricity and railroads.

—The Dearborn Press.

NOVI

The proposed community library of a few weeks last week as members of the Knights of Columbus in Novi, Northville and Plymouth pledged their support.

At a district meeting in Plymouth, the Knights voted to turn over all spare books in the membership. A few books have since been donated to the library.

Novi library booster, said that the library has over 1,000 books of all kinds. These books were donated by citizens, plus more than 2,000 volumes.

The establishment of a library has been underway by the township board since the National Bank of Detroit turned over its temporary building to Novi with the stipulation that it be used as a library.

—The Novi News

PLYMOUTH

A campaign to elect two candidates for the city commission via the write-in route officially opened recently when a group of citizens began voicing their displeasure with the present city commission, appeared at a public meeting of the "Committee for Repeal of the Municipal Charter."

The newly organized group was formed to propose and back candidates for the commission who would be elected by the write-in or "sticker" method.

John Truer and Richard Merriam were named as candidates.

It was explained that the committee was formed because who had filed for the four city commission vacancies in the coming election. It was further pointed out that the seven present commissioners are businessmen and that "this lack of balance does not enable the commission to represent proportionately the interests of all the residents."

In discussion, the city planning commission was charged with showing favoritism for certain groups and persons and a lack of long-range planning.

—The Plymouth Mail

Twenty-four acres of city-owned land designated for a park site is slated to be sold, another parcel offered to the city for a park has been turned over to the city. The 10-acre site designated for a park probably will slip through the city's fingers for lack of funds.

A petition by Edward Ross & Sons, owners of the 10-acre site adjoining the Taft School, asked the Livonia City Council to request the city to purchase this land as a "park site" from the master plan. Spokesmen for residents living nearby immediately pleaded with the Council not to take action. They argued that they paid nearly \$200,000 more for their land having been given the impression that this 10-acre was already owned by the city and was a park site.

The petition was tabled with a 90-day limitation.

The parcel of land offered to the city which was rejected is located in Botsford Park Subdivision.

The Council turned the offer down because the property is not urgently needed for recreational purposes, and the city is not financially able to purchase the property.

In other action, the city owned 24-acre parcel which was purchased for a park site in 1953, was authorized to be "put on the block." The city also is authorized to advertise for bids on the parcel.

—The Livonian

BIRMINGHAM

The city may get its \$131,600 proposed public library addition without first having an election.

The city council has just passed a resolution by the city commission by sale of general obligation bonds.

—The Birmingham Eclectic

WHAT'S A FACT

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Do You Want the Nickname 'Michigander' or 'Michiganian'?

MICHIGAN, like Maine, has had trouble adopting a catchy nickname to advertise its splendor and identify its citizens abroad.

For years, the name of "Michigander" has been used by some and considered an insult by others.

Now Robert G. Furlong, executive secretary of the Michigan Tourist Council, proposes "Michiganian" as a choice to better identify its citizens with tourists without any of the overtones of "Michigander."

Furlong feels that the name could add to the project of luring millions of tourists from other states to the Water Wonderland each year.

In the past several years, the state has been promoting the idea of year-around attractions in Michigan, which now ranks near the top among the tourist volume of the states.

Furlong hopes the "Michiganian" idea catches on better than similar attempts over the years.

But Michigan's nickname troubles pale when Maine takes over the stage. There have been suggestions like "Mainiacs," "Mainers" and "Mainliners."

But what is more pukeish than "Mainiacs?"

A MILLION DOLLARS may be available for Michigan to develop educational television facilities within the state. According to Paul Lutzner, chairman of the Working Committee on Education Television, there are several bills in Congress which will appropriate money to states willing to work up programs. The money, he emphasizes, is for the purchase of equipment and there are no strings attached concerning the nature of the programs. "In other words," he says, "there is no restriction on the federal control of a state education system."

Present plans, if the money becomes available, call for production of programs which would be used over existing commercial stations. These would mostly involve adult education, and would permit experts in many fields to supply information in many fields to the public at very little cost.

"Unexpectedly large audiences have been developed for the few educational programs already presented to the public, even though they are telecast at such weird hours as 7 a.m.," said Lutzner. "If we can get this program going, the public stands to gain a great deal."

CIVIL RIGHTS is expected to become one of the top non-fatal issues of the 1959 legislative session.

The state now has civil rights laws. There is also the Fair Employment Practice Commission with authority as a separate unit to negotiate disputes over discrimination in employment.

Democratic leaders want to merge them under a new Civil Rights Commission and expand the scope of both functions as they now exist.

One idea is to include age in the anti-discrimination system, along with race, creed, national origin and color.

The biggest fight is expected to be over the extension of powers to ban discrimination in schools, housing and other uncovered areas. Public accommodations such as hotels and restaurants are now included.

Most recent change came several years ago when a law was passed making it illegal to discriminate against a tavern patron because of race, creed, color or national origin. If discrimination could be proved, the tavern could lose its license in court.

FEPIC reports it has been successful in negotiations between employers and employees who have charged discrimination, despite the lack of powerful punishments to mete out to either.

HIGGS FOR breakfast can help you become an egg head. That's one analysis of Dr. Albert E. Higgs' suggestion that children eat breakfast in school if they have a substantial breakfast.

The term describing the first term of the day breaks down into "break fast," which Dr. Higgs, state health commissioner, says is actually the case.

Growing children are more likely to react to hunger and concentrate less when perfectly at ease with the world, well fed and comfortable.

MICHIGAN'S pioneer "normal college" at Ypsilanti will become Eastern Michigan University (EMU) June 1. The institution started as the state normal college years ago and recently had its name changed to Eastern Michigan College.

In three years the state has developed from one publically supported university, the University of Michigan, to five though the institutions were here all the time.

Michigan State College attained university status to become the second one. The state took over Wayne University in Detroit to become the third. Eastern Michigan at Ypsilanti and Central Michigan at Mt. Pleasant will be designated as universities beginning June 1.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago MARCH 15, 1934

Help Pheasants

An appeal to residents in Farmington and the vicinity to delay burning of grass for a few weeks is being made at this time.

It is said that burning of the grass this early in the year deprives the pheasants of a large part of their source of food supply. Also, it is stated, it takes away their chief places for nesting which consist of the long grasses in the fields.

The annual Spring burning of the grass seems to be somewhat ahead of schedule this year.

It is reported that the flocks of pheasants this year are lighter than usual and it is feared that grass burning, cutting down food and nesting facilities, may cause an even greater curtailment in the number of birds.

Sewer Interceptor

Work on the new sewer interceptor line approved as a CWA project in the City of Farmington, is now underway having been started this week. Fifteen men, recruited from other projects nearly completed in the city, are working on the interceptor job.

The first work is being done near the lower end of the line near the Rouge River branch through Farmington were the proposed sewer disposal plant is to be located some time in the future. The men will be trenching westward from here.

10 Years Ago MARCH 17, 1949

Speed Check

It was recommended at a regular meeting of the Farmington City Commission last Wednesday that certain streets in the city be carefully watched by the police in an effort to reduce excessive speeding by drivers.

The recommendation was made by Police Commissioner Kenneth Loomis on the basis of numerous complaints by residents.

One of the trouble spots is on Shawwassee Ave. in the newly annexed Floral Park area. Another bad spot was reported on Orchard Street at Grove where many people are speeding around the dangers corner where the two streets join.

Cage Winners

Farmington High's fighting Falcon earned themselves a spot as one of the state's top cage teams by easily disposing of three opponents in the Class B Regional tournament.

The Falcons will meet River Rouge at Fordson High in Dearborn for the quarter-final of the State Basketball tournament.

5 Years Ago MARCH 18, 1954

License Protest

A resolution protesting the action of the Secretary of States Office in limiting the issuance of driver's licenses to residents of the city only was approved by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday.

City officials stated that under the new policy change only residents of the city can secure licenses at the Farmington bureau. Residents of the township in the city will have to go to the Oakland County Sheriff's office in Pontiac to get their licenses.

The Council directed that copies of the resolution be sent to the Secretary of State, Oakland County Board of Supervisors and other communities affected by the new policy.

Parking Lots

Russell Cole, Farmington engineer, has been employed by the city to prepare final plans and specifications for two parking lots in the city for study at the April Council meeting.

Consideration is being given to the extension of parking facilities along Thomas Street, officials stated.

Editor William Chaffee, The Walnut Grove Bureau—At best, the government will go into the hole by billions. That means more national debt. That means more danger of inflation. That means even poorer chances for tax reduction. If the next Congress continues the spending spree of its predecessors, we'll keep right on moving toward a further debt laden economy and ultimate national bankruptcy. It's happened all over the world. It can happen here.

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Township policeman Earl Teegles has been authorized by the Township Board to attend a five-day course in criminal investigation at Michigan State University.

It was erroneously reported in a story on the Township Board meeting in last week's paper that he would be attending a course in fire protection.

Also taking the course will be John Butters, member of the City of Farmington Public Safety Department.