

# Editorial Page

## Vote Anyway!

Registered electors in township and city go to the booths next Monday for the biennial spring election. In the last couple of weeks it has been comparatively calm on the city scene, but rather hectic in the township races.

There have been some things said and done by township residents which can only be described as "politics," to be taken only for what one wishes. We think the voter of average intelligence can see through a lot of it. We aren't belittling the basic issues, only the extravagant and in some instances untruthful sideswipes. It is found to some extent among certain of the rabid in both political parties. It seems worse this year than in the past. Whether or not township residents like it, they are fast getting some of the big city faults.

Despite what you may think of the things which have been said and done, everyone should certainly take time to vote next Monday. Don't leave politics only to the politicians! We have a stake that's pretty heavy, too!

## Original Maybe

Nearly every writer's desk contains one standard book—John Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations." It contains 1,614 pages of clever sayings which are often passed on as something original. It ought to be overlooked if just once in awhile something to the point is written as an original statement.

A lot of folks give Franklin Roosevelt the credit for saying, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Yet it was at least third hand when he used it as his own. In 1562 Michael DeMontaigne is quoted as saying, "The thing of which I have most fear is fear." Then in 1849 Henry David Thoreau revised the idea and in a speech said, "Nothing is so much to be feared as fear."

When FDR stepped up to the speakers platform March 4, 1933, he came up with what a lot of folks thought was an original.

John Bartlett is pretty clever himself. He has detectives who find out who says what. So if a modern-day columnist says something out of the ordinary, chances are he has a copy of Bartlett's "Quotations on his desk."

Here are some quotable quotes from "Familiar Quotations": Ticker tape ain't spaghetti — Mayor LaGuardia of New York, 1946; Include me out — Samuel Goldwyn, 1945; Christmas is Christmas and business is business — Franklin Adams; A mother is not a person to lean upon, but a person to make leaning unnecessary — Dorothy Canfield Fisher; The price of justice is eternal publicity — Enoch A. Bennett, 1923.

## Write A Letter

Residents of Farmington city and township often do write letters to the editor, but that's something we do not get enough of. We'd like more.

It isn't possible for several persons to know everything that goes on in a community, so the staff can only do its best. If something is overlooked, if there is an injustice or a praiseworthy happening, or anything that concerns many people, we ask you to take pen in hand.

This is a plea for more letters to the editor — really to your fellow citizens. They value your opinions.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**SOUTHFIELD** — A public hearing on the proposed \$4,000,000 project to convert Southfield Road to expressway standards from Eight Mile to Nine Mile Road in City of Southfield has been set for April 8.

The State Highway Department will conduct the hearing at the Southfield High School on Asher at Ten Mile at 7:30 p.m.

Already approved by the City of Detroit is the conversion of Southfield to an expressway in Wayne County. Right-of-way acquisition on that project is currently underway.

At the public hearing, the highway department will present data on the proposed improvement and its influence on the expanded area as well as engineering and location data.

Testimony will be taken from interested spectators and a record kept.

—The Southfield News.

**NOVI** — The annual township election April 4 is being managed as one which may become very heated.

The question of the salaries of township officials will provide the spark. Citizen Herbert Koester has already announced his intentions of opposing this knockout blow.

Koester, self-appointed guardian of the township treasury, has stated he would challenge the township board vote to keep salaries at the present level. Board members, voting in February to hold salaries the same with the treasurer and clerk getting \$3,600 annually each and the supervisor \$5,400.

At the last township board meeting Supervisor Frazer Staman said he would not voluntarily take a cut in salary because he was still doing a great deal of township work. Since then he has stated that he other supervisor who is responsible for as many duties draws as little a salary as he.

The board is permitted by state statute to set salaries within 60 days of the township election (April 6) for the next two years following the election. However, it is not clear if the board has the right to adjust salary figures at the township meeting. This is what Koester hopes to do.

The board's duties have been cut considerably," Koester said, "so, therefore it isn't entitled to as much compensation. Everyone is for doing less and as much to do now that Novi is a village."

"Staman can't possibly be doing all the work he claims he has," Koester said, "he holds the City treasurer and assessor jobs." Koester commented.

—The Novi News.

**PLYMOUTH** — At an election in the Plymouth Community School District last week voters turned out in record numbers to approve a three mill tax levied issue 1076 to 709.

Approval means that the school's voted millage will continue at its present rate of 21.5 mills (\$21.50 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation).

The three mills represents a sum of \$27,718 annually to the school district. This money is used for operating expenses. The levy will run for five years.

—The Plymouth Mail.

**DEARBORN** — Appointment of a local tourist and convention promotion committee was announced last week by the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce.

The committee will establish and carry out programs to increase Dearborn's recognition for the outstanding facilities it has available for tourists and convention groups.

Harry Miller, past president of the chamber and active for many years in state and local civic affairs, has been named chairman. Members include representatives of area tourist attractions, hotels, and motels, restaurants, transportation and travel services, automobile companies, press and radio and other groups.

Support from all segments of Dearborn will be sought to stimulate and maintain local and national interest in Dearborn as a major tourist center.

—The Dearborn Press.

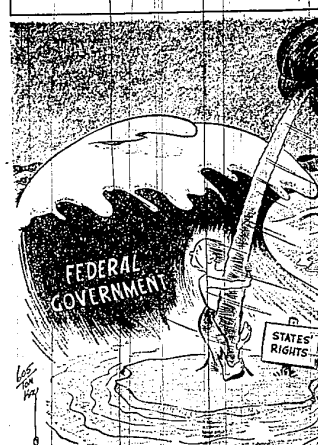
**BIRMINGHAM** — Severe curtailment of the services provided to area residents by the Birmingham Community House is in prospect unless additional financial support can be obtained, according to the chairman of the house's finance committee.

Of this year's goal of \$50,000, only \$34,019 (or 68 per cent) has been subscribed of the amount needed to continue the house's program for the year April 1 to March 31, 1940.

The services being rendered are apparently being taken too much for granted, the drive head said.

—The Birmingham Record

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### Team of 200 Spearheading Campaign to Sell Michigan

AN AMBITIOUS CAMPAIGN to sell the unlimited advantages, opportunities and resources of Michigan is underway.

Two hundred outstanding business, industrial and civic leaders, members of the Michigan Industrial Ambassador Corps, are the shock troops. The support of all citizens will be enlisted to help them.

Merritt D. Hill, general manager of Ford Motor Company's Tractor and Implement Division at Birmingham and chairman of the Ambassador Corps, is spearheading the drive.

In view of the unfavorable publicity about Michigan which has been appearing throughout the nation, Mr. Hill points out that the need for positive action in selling Michigan is urgent and that every effort must be put forth to do the job as quickly as possible.

"As citizens and industrial Ambassadors," he declared, "it is most important that we take a positive approach to the unfavorable situation, do all we can to correct it, and get the picture in its true perspective."

Hill set the tempo for the Ambassadors' campaign in a frank talk on the subject of Michigan's reputation before the Pontiac Rotary Club recently.

Michigan, a this moment, is probably the most maligned state in the nation," Hill said. "The state's problems have been magnified all out of proportion," he continued, and Michigan has made a "spectacular" record in the field of industry and commerce because of "partisan politics."

We have hurt ourselves in the eyes of others "for some very selfish, shortsighted motives," Hill stated. "In becoming so engrossed with the techniques of 'back-slap' fighting, we appear to have almost forgotten how to take a constructive approach to economic problems."

Michigan citizens should keep in mind that the need for a good economic climate will always be with us, the Ford executive emphasized, "whereas the political personalities, the party lines and programs will undergo constant changes."

Hill said it is vital for everyone to vote and "we must prepare and defend the right to speak freely" on all issues.

However, it is also part of "United we stand, divided we fall," Hill said. "Many in Michigan, it seems, have forgotten that saying."

Michigan has so many things to be proud of that its people "have more reason to walk with a swagger than any Texan I ever met," Hill reminded.

"If a Texan had this kind of ammunition, he would walk like a 21-gun salute," he said. "But we Michiganders tend to sit on those facts and wait for them to hatch. We should take a lesson from the Texan and do more crowing and less ducking."

The Muskegon Chronicle praised Hill's address.

"The blast that came from Mr. Hill, in regard to the way the state has been maligning it, was more to our ears," the Chronicle said. "Nobody can accuse him of grandstanding Michigan's political ax, for one side or the other."

"He said a lot of things that were honest and right. His statement... was one that certainly needed to be heard."

The Industrial Ambassadors will hold the first general meeting of the Michigan Ambassador Corps at the launching ceremonies at the Detroit Ship Building Yards of the biggest Navy ship ever built inland this country.

Shop in Friendly Farmington.

## Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago  
MARCH 29, 1914  
BANK PROJECT

Farmington businessmen have taken upon themselves the job of coming over the top of the proposal for a new bank in Farmington. With all but about 10 percent of the required stock subscriptions obtained, the businessmen will devote themselves to gathering up this remaining amount to assure banking facilities for the community.

A large number of stock subscriptions from holders of the smaller deposits and others able to take from one share to 10 is the aim of the businessmen. Practically all of the larger depositors have subscribed generous portions of their 35 percent dividend to stock in the new bank.

With drawing of the many necessary papers well along, RFC authorities are eager for completion of the loan transaction and opening of the new bank.

**SNOW STORM**  
A 24 hour snow storm on Monday and Tuesday of this week caused traffic to be held up for several hours. Residents spent the early hours of Tuesday morning shoveling driveways and paths to make way for cars.

Many people were late for work and others could not get here at all. Much concern was caused at the Farmington Dairy due to the fact that farmers could not get in with their milk.

As late as Tuesday night several large trucks and trailers halted in the business section of Farmington and others just to the west of the city to wait until lanes could be cut through the deep drifts.

**10 Years Ago**  
MARCH 31, 1929  
CITY ELECTION

A total of 16 candidates have filed nominating petitions for various city offices.

Contests are assured for three of the eight city offices to be filled at the biennial spring election to be held Monday, April 4. The eight offices to be filled include mayor, commissioners, clerk, treasurer, assessor, board of review, judge of the peace and constable. The largest number of candidates to file for any one office are six for the city commission with three to be elected.

Commission candidates are

**Top Student at Michigan Tech.**  
Clarence H. Hoppe, a graduate of Clarenceville High, has been invited to membership in the Michigan Tech chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, highest scholastic national honor society for freshmen. Clarenceville school system officials disclosed this week.

The minimum qualifications for membership in the fraternity is an average of 3.5 or better for the first semester or year (half A's and half B's). It was indicated that less than 7 or 8% of any freshman class at Michigan Tech have ever met these strict qualifications.

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**GRAHAM FOR FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
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**Three Honored At Eastern**  
Three Farmington students were among 431 Eastern Michigan College students cited for superior scholarship at the Eleventh Annual Honors Convocation held on campus March 23.

Honored were those students who had compiled a 3.50 to 4.00 honor point record out of a possible 4.00.

Local students so honored were Lillian B. Blanchard, junior; Bess M. Conley, sophomore; and Merle J. Perkins, sophomore.

**Richard Feys Training At Jet Aircraft Base**  
Richard L. Feys, aviation structural mechanic airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Feys of 32430 Dohany, Farmington, is serving with Fighter Squadron 124 at the Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California.

The squadron is one of four west coast squadrons which provide training for both pilots and enlisted personnel in the latest jet aircraft operation prior to their deployment aboard a Pacific Fleet carrier to the Far East.

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John R. Haine, Emory O. Hamilton, Kenneth Loomis, Ray Oldham, V. O. Bates and James Cavanaugh. Opposing Delos Hamlin for the office of mayor is Cecil C. Beebe.

**PROPOSED SHOP**  
The Clarenceville School Board has authorized two windows to be added to the room beneath the new gymnasium stage. The purpose is to provide light for a proposed shop. Shop facilities are being discussed at the present time and it is hoped enough funds will be available to provide them.

**5 Years Ago**  
APRIL 1, 1934  
SCHOOL ELECTION

A total of 83 ballots were cast in the special Farmington school election in which voters approved the proposed \$1,000,000 building program.

The James Tennant announced the proposal was approved by a vote of 489 to 333 and the bond proposition passed by a vote of 483 to 307.

Only about 14 percent of the registered voters in the district turned out at the polls, it was estimated.

**SEWAGE DISPOSAL**  
The final draft of plans for the proposed city sewage disposal plant, have been completed and submitted to the State Department of Health. City Manager James Tennant announced this week.

If the state approves the plans, it is expected that the City Council will introduce the necessary bond resolution at its April 11 meeting. The resolution could then be adopted at the May meeting and contracts let immediately afterwards.

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