

# Editorial Page

## No Right to Exist

Hearings are being held now on Senator Kennedy's bill which would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938—which has already been amended a few times. This is the bill, you will recall, which seeks among other things to increase the minimum wage from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per hour.

Labor witnesses, headed by AFL-CIO President George Meany, led off the hearings. We are particularly interested in one statement made before the Senate labor subcommittee.

Meany took the position that any business that can not afford to pay its employees at least \$1.25 an hour "has no right to exist."

In the Detroit metropolitan area, perhaps as ununionized as any place in the world, we can think of any number of situations where small businesses are justified in paying no more than \$1.00 per hour; and in some instances less, and where the employees perform work worth no more. Yet there are employees glad to get it, where they are entirely untrained, and where it is supplementary income that allows a decent living standard.

In some marginal businesses wage increases of 25 cents an hour would immediately put them out of business. We're sure that is perfectly alright with Mr. Meany, but we're equally certain the public interest would not be served.

We'll agree wholeheartedly that practically all workers should be paid a minimum of \$1.00 per hour, and that coverage should be extended now. But an increase of 25 cents over the present minimum would certainly and swiftly mean a BOOST in practically all wages paid employees of almost every industry. Mr. Meany knows that, but undoubtedly didn't mention it in his testimony.

## Community Colleges

The community college plan which has been studied many months by the Clarenceville and other Wayne county school districts may now be near fruition as a result of action in the state legislature. The House has sent the Senate a bill to permit two or more high school districts to join in operating such a community college.

That doesn't mean we are ready to start building one yet this summer, of course. There will still have to be a lot of planning, a lot of agreeing by the various districts after the legislative action is completed and the bill signed into law.

But the principle has been established. In this metropolitan area it would be necessary for several districts to combine in order to properly support such a community college.

It is possible that the Farmington district might some day wish to either join with the group to the south, or with other adjoining districts to give its graduates an opportunity to attend such a college.

The Clarenceville school officials, and Sup't Louis Schmidt, must be commended for their active part in the plan thus far, and we wish them further success, for the good of all our communities here.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



**SOUTHFIELD**—Highly contested campaigns for the two vacant Southfield Board of Education posts is prompted with six candidates filing petitions for two seats up for offer.

In addition to the election of two new school board members, voters will be asked to approve a three mill increase in the district's operation levy. Actually it's only a two mill tax increase being asked since one mill of the present debt retirement millage drops off this year.

—The Southfield News.

**DEARBORN**—A new merit system for patrolmen in the police department is expected to go into effect July 1, the Civil Service director disclosed. Plans are to award pay raises to patrolmen on the basis of examination.

If the plan is successful it may be expanded to firefighters in the fire department.

Under this plan the men would take an examination and if they passed it would gain a first class rating which would in turn mean a total yearly salary of \$200 more than those who failed the examination or those who did not choose to take it.

The examination would cover such subjects as police tactics, community relations, rules of the department, rules of evidence and first aid.

Plans have already been allocated in the coming year's budget for \$300 a year pay raises for all patrolmen.

At present patrolmen make a maximum gross annual salary of \$5,385.

—The Dearborn Press

**WAYNE**—The Board of Education told teachers last Monday night it could not agree to a tentative approval of their salary schedule on anticipated funds.

By agreeing to "reconsider" the salary schedule in anticipation of state aid, the committee told the Board it would "at least raise the moral of the career professional teacher."

The president of the Board told the teachers "we are trying to run a solvent system. No one can predict what the outcome of the state situation is going to be."

"The raise we gave you (a \$100 blanket raise for all teachers) was not a casual judgement on our part. We had to use the rule of realism."

It was explained that the Board has to hire about 80 teachers next year and that the feeling was that the minimum starting salary that could be offered to get them was \$4,500. It was agreed that more should be done to help the career teacher but that anything in addition to the \$100 blanket increase would have to wait.

—The Wayne Dispatch.

**PLYMOUTH**—Board of Education members hope to decide within 60 days whether to ask that additions be built to the present Plymouth Senior High or to construct an entirely new high school outside the city limits.

At a meeting with the 19 property owners having land abutting the senior high what they would sell their properties for at this time has been returned their sales offers.

Talk of a high school outside the city has resulted in strong agitation to keep high school facilities at the present site in the city and make the larger high school part of a civic center.

The original plan to build a new high school outside the city called for the conversion of the present high school into a junior high school.

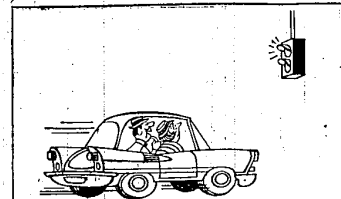
—The Plymouth Mail

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**—The Bloomfield Hills School District will own and operate its own school bus system when schools open next fall.

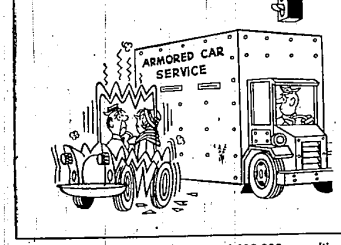
"We hope to provide better service for the school children and at the same time effect some economy in the cost of school transportation in the move, Sup't Eugene Johnson said."

The district will purchase 15 sixty-passenger buses at a cost of \$70,000 each. A detailed study made by the citizen's bus transportation committee indicated that the buses can be bought, maintained and operated at a figure less than the \$70,000 in the school budget for 1959-60. Cost of the buses will be amortized over a period of five years by 60 equal payments of \$1,900.

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When all of the reports are in, this year's Michigan Week promises to be the most successful celebration in the six-year history of the unique event.

Michigan is the only state in the U.S. that sets aside one week each year to tell the rest of the world about its past, present and future wonders.

Republicans and Democrats, labor and management, farmers and residents of our cities join hands in a common effort to promote the state and its unlimited advantages and resources.

In all, more than 5,000 persons from all walks of life are taking an active part in the planning of Michigan Week programs in the state's 83 counties.

This is proof that the people of Michigan care and will work together for the common good of their state.

Michigan Week is unique in other ways, too. It is financed, for instance, by voluntary contributions from civic, business and labor organizations. "Government handouts," it is refreshing to see an event of this scope financed entirely by private funds.

The state legislature could appropriate money to finance Michigan Week. Other states use tax money to help for the bill for their "spectaculars." But not Michigan.

The per capita cost of Michigan Week is less than one-half of one cent.

There's no way to estimate the "return" each dollar spent to promote Michigan Week. But it probably would seem unbelievable if it were known.

The state receives literally millions of dollars worth of free publicity each year as a result of Michigan Week.

In addition, it receives hundreds of thousands of dollars donated time from the 5,000 citizens, including many top executives, who offer their services to make and execute Michigan Week plans.

Officials of Greater Michigan, Inc., the nonprofit corporation that sponsors Michigan Week, consider the annual celebration a long-range investment in the state's future.

As a result, a great deal of emphasis is placed on the observance of Michigan Week by school children... tomorrow's leaders.

School officials say boys and girls, graduating from high school today know more about Michigan and its colorful history than graduates of just a few years ago, thanks to Michigan Week.

It has been the most amazing thing I have ever seen," a veteran Lansing teacher said. "The interest in Michigan and its history in the last four or five years has even resulted in the publication of half a dozen new books about Michigan and we are using several of them as text books."

A state teacher, a history major said he believes Michigan Week has created a demand for historical novels about Michigan.

It has been so busy promoting that no one has taken the time to write these novels," he said. "But more authors are using the many plots available for historical fiction about the state because there is

## Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago MAY 17, 1934

**Bank Opening**  
Farmington's new bank will open Saturday morning. The opening will make available to people of this territory all the facilities and qualities of a banking institution which matches in type of organization and underlying soundness the large national bank started in Detroit by the federal government immediately after the banking crisis last year.

Like the big Detroit banks one-half the stock in the Farmington State Bank is owned by the Federal Government through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. All of its capital structure of \$25,000 (capital, surplus and undivided profits) is in actual cash paid in. Deposits in the bank will be kept in cash and in government bonds only, leaving no question at any time as to liquidity or financial soundness.

In addition to the above guarantees, the new bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, thereby insuring deposits of all depositors both firms and individuals up to \$2,500.

**Apple Blossom Tour**  
This Saturday an Apple Blossom Tour has been arranged for the Farmington area. Each year many hundreds of apple orchards north and west of the City of Farmington are in full bloom for ten or more days.

Through the tour this Saturday and those that may be arranged each year hereafter, the people of Farmington hope to spread the news of this as a large apple growing section of the nation.

10 Years Ago MAY 12, 1919

**Health Officers**  
Dr. Joseph Gadshaw and Dr. Theodore Jeph were appointed township health officers by the Farmington Board to replace Dr. John Vos who has resigned. The two doctors are associated in the same office and have both appointed to the one would be available at all times.

In connection with health, a large group of residents appeared before the Board to protest erection of certain dwellings in the southeast section of the

## Warner Farms Darlene Wilson GR. 4-1620

A stork shower was held for the birth of Warner on May 15. It was given by her sister-in-law, Betty Joyce and Beverly Mahlum. Among the 12 guests attended were Naomi Morrison and Helen Rainey of Warner Farms. A large cake with a stork on top was a special attraction.

**LOTTIE AND JOHNNIE** Clegg of Manning celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Friday, May 15. They celebrated the event with many of their friends Saturday, May 16, at the Bel-Aire bowling banquet which was held at Cregars.

The Farmington Garden Club Party was held on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Among the many who attended were a number from Warner Farms who won prizes. They were Mrs. Bowman of Hayden, Mrs. Jo Overton of Warner; Mrs. Ella Boush of Cloverdale; and Jean Beck, Helen Hardy, Josh Fleming and others truly of Manning, Mrs. V. Ellis of Red City, Mary and guest Mrs. Jo Tinnam of Manning, was also a winner.

**THE WARNER FARMS** annual Spring Dance combined Party will be held this Saturday May 23, at the American Legion Hall on Grand River. Music by Mel Wrobel. There will be \$1,000.00 in play money and prizes worth over \$400.00. You have not already secured your ticket you can do so by calling Hal Grish at GR. 4-5477 or Jack Lihmb GR. 4-4615.

**MEMBERS OF THE Springland Friendship Club** met Wednesday May 13, at the home of Mrs. Charles Davis on Leeward Dr. There was a plant exchange and refreshments served by hostess, Mrs. Thomas Farrell and Mrs. Davis. At the conclusion of the evening the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 10, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Johnson, 26184 Springland Dr. Mrs. Robert Rader, will be co-hostess for the evening.

**Reserve Sunday, May 24**, for the Springland-Picnic to be held at Kensington Park. There will be a variety of entertainment and free ice cream. For additional information call Mrs. McEachin at GR. 4-1911.

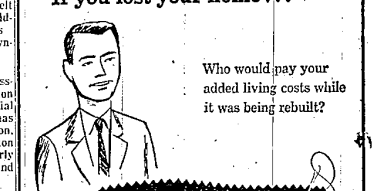
**SEVERAL FROM** this area will be graduating from Farmington High June 11. They are: Evelyn Harris of Orchard Lake Road, Dawn Anderson of Alyce Kay, Marlene Gerber, also of Alyce Kay, Karen Andrews of Pasadena subdivision and Yolanda Evert and Paul Vairo of Springland subdivision.

A stork shower was held recently for Mrs. James Chalmers of Redford. It was given by Yolanda Evert of Ridgeway Drive.

The pert new passenger cars have tail lights the size of basketballs, while huge trucks rumble along with red lights the size of ping pong balls.

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