

Editorial Page

The Seaway and Us

One of man's greatest dreams—the St. Lawrence Seaway—has come true. It is interesting to speculate on what it will mean to Michigan. There seems little doubt that in some years to come, it will have its effect on Farmington—for many Farmington people are directly and indirectly connected with industries that will benefit.

What the Seaway means to our communities is stressed in an industrial development advertisement titled "Our Passport to Progress" which appears in The Enterprise this issue. It is another of a series of industrial development ads sponsored by Michigan Press Ass'n and the Michigan Economic Development Dept. which appear in this and more than 300 other Michigan newspapers, as a public service.

It is a long time dream realized. This has a personal meaning to us, as some 25 years ago we argued its merits on a high school debating team, just as many other debating teams must have done over the years.

Just about everyone in the business and industrial pictures believes the Seaway means a big boost in the economy of the Great Lakes states.

There is no limit to the amount of material ships from the ocean trails may bring to Michigan ports or take away from these cities to nations overseas and American cities along the oceans.

Many of us in this area have gone to the river in recent days to watch the steady procession of ships, and thrill to the sight of large foreign vessels. We've little doubt, also, that most of us hope Detroit will soon get better port facilities, to take advantage if this program which will affect our lives more and more in the future.

Filth in the Mails

Postmaster Henry Trombley has been telling us about the large amount of obscene mail which is now going to teenagers not only in the Detroit area but all over the nation. He is appealing to parents to help stop it, and we certainly support that request after learning what is really going on.

Money-hungry dealers in filthy movies, photographs and other degrading material have been getting lists of names of boys and girls both, often quite young, sending literature and order blanks. The order is filled, but the other literature follows later. Strange to say, a large amount comes now from England, rather than France—home of the risqué photographs.

The postoffice department is trying to fight this, but it simply can not inspect first class mail, even when there is grave suspicion as to its contents. Thus, it's up to parents to be aware of what is going on, to check a bit on the mail their youngsters receive.

Anyone getting such mail is asked to take it, and especially bring the envelope, to the postmaster. Then something can be done about it. Suit now can be brought against smut peddlers in the nearest federal court.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



BEVERLY HILLS—The tinkle of ice cream vendors' bells on their wagons will not be heard if a proposed ordinance is passed by the village council.

"An ordinance to license and regulate hawking and peddling in the village of Beverly Hills and to prohibit the peddling of certain food stuffs," has received a first reading.

It is designed to protect villagers from the standpoint of health, traffic safety, noise and nuisance factors. Under the proposed ordinance peddlers would not be allowed to obstruct traffic or use noise-making devices to attract buyers.

It defines hawkers and peddlers, sets provisions and rates for licensing them and provides a maximum \$100 fine and 90 day jail term for conviction of violation.

Included are magazine salesmen, fruit and vegetable vendors, persons selling household appliances, clothing, novelties or any other merchandise by going door to door or in public places in the village, either selling or taking orders.

A \$75 annual fee, sealed down for two 90-day periods of time, is called for.

—The Village Crier.

NOVI—Plans for a trailer park in the Wallied Lake section of Novi may be abandoned in favor of a convalescent home.

John Weiss, member of the Associated Industrial Companies which has been seeking permission to establish a trailer park near Wallied Lake, said that he has decided to give up the idea, considering establishment of a convalescent home on the same property.

The answer to whether the convalescent home will become a reality hinges on three things: (1) Will the city of Wallied Lake permit a trailer park? (2) Will the village of Novi grant permission? (3) Are additional lands available for expansion of the project?

Some changing in zoning will be necessary before the two municipalities can grant the use of the land for this purpose. The proposed convalescent home would employ between 40 and 50 personnel and four doctors to care for more than 200 patients.

—The Novi News.

LIVONIA—The city is fighting against the \$500,000 a year it receives in the rebate from the State taxing tax.

A proposal appearing in Lansing recently to reduce the rebate from the figure back to \$250,000. Livonia has received, by state law, the sum of \$76 million every year since 1948 and Michigan's total income tax revenue is \$1.2 billion, 23 per cent of the annual city budget.

Mayor William Brashear was informed of the new effort in an interview with the State Senator, Frank Beidle, and he promptly drafted a reply which insisted that Livonia's tax slice should be increased, rather than decreased.

He noted that because of inflation the current figure should be \$900,000 if the "original" income tax revenue is to be followed; since \$300,000 represents the purchasing power which did \$500,000 at that time.

Brashear's letter was prepared for distribution to the entire state legislature.

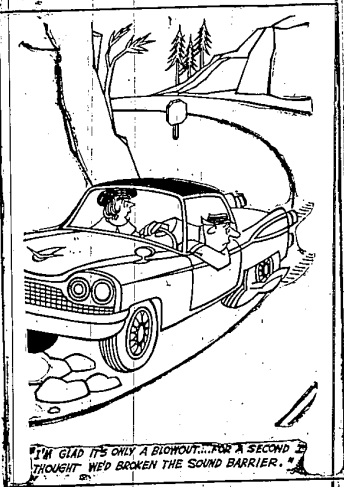
Another argument offered in the letter was that by providing the necessary land for the race track, Livonia was providing the state of Michigan with \$1 million a year in tax revenue, while at the same time depriving the city of \$1,500,000 tax revenues which would be realized if the acreage was being used for heavy manufacturing.

The track occupies 233 acres of industrially zoned land.

SOUTHFIELD—In a letter to the Southfield city council last week, Mayor Donald L. Swanson outlined his thoughts in regard to the newly acquired city site and recreation property east of Evergreen between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads.

The mayor stressed the desirability of "considerable study" to result in a well established plan for use of the land and emphasizing the use of the site as a park. The land should be made until such a plan is completed.

The Luckless Legion by Irwin Caplan



Speed caused more than a third of the deaths and injuries in 1958.

MICHIGAN MIRROR • ELMER WHITE

Little Red Schoolhouse Takes Back Seat for Tax Fight

IF THE 1959 LEGISLATURE had not had a tax issue this year, by far the hottest issue of the session would have been schools, especially the Little Red Schoolhouse.

The question of providing a school aid formula for Michigan districts to equalize district to district was debated in party caucus sessions, in committees and on the floor of both houses.

IT WAS PUT ASIDE temporarily in the Senate to become a final order of business before adjournment.

The Senate, however, made quick work of a controversial House-approved bill to force consolidation of districts not having high schools. The bill was shelved in the Senate Education Committee.

MICHIGAN HAS A BASIC pattern of school district organization that Lynn M. Bartlett, state superintendent of public instruction, said was "established in the middle of the 19th century to meet the needs of a pioneer society, and a frontier economy."

Bartlett was primary backer of the bill to require districts to operate kindergarten through 12th grade programs by July 1, 1962. The districts not now having a K-12 program would have a choice of either merging with a district having such a program or consolidation if they did not choose to run their own high schools.

OPponents OF THE MEASURE said it would give Bartlett's office powers of a "dictatorship."

The K-12 bill prompted the largest public hearing of the 1959 session March 18. It passed the House by a 66-36 vote late in May.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSES are fast fading from Michigan. In the 11-year period ending in 1958, the total number of school districts had been cut in half, according to a study by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

"It appears that those districts which are too small to offer a desirable range of educational opportunities are gradually disappearing from the Michigan scene, but far too many of them still exist," the council said.

FIGURES SUPPLIED by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan show Michigan 10th among 48 states in combined state and local expenditures per pupil for local schools.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago

Road Work
Two blocks of hard surface road were built on North Farmington Road for \$226, the Farmington City Commission learned Monday night when Commissioner Emory Hatton, who was in charge of the project made his report.

This is for material only and does not include labor supplied by workers. But they would have had to be paid anyway, Hatton explained.

Depeding the cost of oil at \$30, which the Commission estimated would have been necessary on the road had the hard surface not been applied, reduces the total cost even further.

Thursday of last week was one of the hottest days in Farmington's history. Although there are no statistics available, it is estimated that Farmington residents declared that temperatures Thursday exceeded all previous ones they could think of.

Front Deputy
Farmington may have a second deputy sheriff to assist Joseph DeVriendt in the Farmington area. It is understood that a petition soon will be forthcoming from the Farmington City Commission addressed to Sheriff Roy Reynolds, just as the Farmington Supervisors asking for additional police help in this vicinity.

Deputy DeVriendt is assigned an area of 120 square miles with a population of about 10,000.

10 Years Ago

July 7, 1949
New Principal
Max Millard has been elected to the Clarencville High School principalship, Millard is a 44-year-old man from Farmington, Michigan, where he had been principal for the past year. He took over his duties from Edward Chappel July 7.

Millard attended Owosso High.

VA Insurance Office in Pa.

There are more veterans than you would believe in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky who haven't gotten the word that back in 1951, the Veterans Administration moved its area insurance office from Columbus, Ohio, to Philadelphia, Pa.

Lord H. Jameson, Manager of the Detroit Regional Office, reported today that considerable mail has been directed to the VA in Ohio by veterans paying premiums, seeking policy loans, changing beneficiaries, and other matters, or simply wanting insurance information.

Ultimately the mail reaches its Philadelphia destination but delays always result. Mr. Jameson expressed the hope that the proper address for Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky veterans writing about their insurance is Veterans Administration District Office, P. O. Box 3079, Philadelphia 1, Pa.

Two Men from Here At Ft. Leonard Wood

Two local men will be among 172 officers and enlisted personnel from the U.S. Army Garrison (5064th ARS) at Warren, Michigan, who will depart Sunday morning for two weeks of annual summer training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

They are: Thomas E. Harris, 22715 Tulane, a Master Sergeant with the reserve unit; and Royce J. Stillinger, 2008 Tuck road, a Private First Class.

The reservists will undergo two weeks of on-the-job training during which time they will familiarize themselves with the newest military procedures in the national defense program. They will be assigned jobs which normally are the jobs they would fill in the event of a national emergency.

Malcolm the Milkman



Only milkmen like Malcolm count cows to induce sleep. But anyone can stay awake thinking of the wonderful things milk can do. Even better than thinking about milk is drinking plenty of it.

Chris Brakke Rites June 27

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 27, from the Saint Olaf Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit for Chris Brakke, 69, of 31300 Northview Highway, Farmington. Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

A veteran of World War I, Brakke passed away at Veterans Hospital in Dearborn. He left to survive him besides his wife, Bertha, are four children: Mrs. Hubert Garner, Mrs. Richard Swartz, Mrs. Donald Lorence and Mrs. Gerald Franz; and one son, Chris Brakke, Jr.

Human attention is not poured forth vainly, even though it may seem so. It is given to enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SEWER IMPROVEMENT

TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That the Township Board of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to construct sewer facilities as follows in Glenbrook Subdivision, Farmington Township:

Street	From	To
Minglevood Lane	Middlefield	Summerwood
South Minglevood Court	Minglevood	S. line of lots 31 and 33
North Minglevood Court	Minglevood	

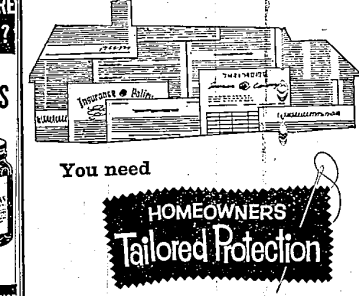
2. That plans showing the aforesaid improvement and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof, are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

3. That the Township Board has tentatively designated, as the special assessment district (against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed, Lot 1 thru 55 of said Glenbrook Subdivision.

4. That the said Township Board will meet in the Township Hall, 23715 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan, on the 14th day of July, 1959, at 8:00 o'clock, P.M., Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement, to the petition therefor, and to the said special assessment district.

This notice is given by order of the Township Board.
FLOYD A. CAIRNS
Township Clerk
Dated: June 25, 1959 (July 2 - 9, 1959)

Does your present coverage really FIT your home?

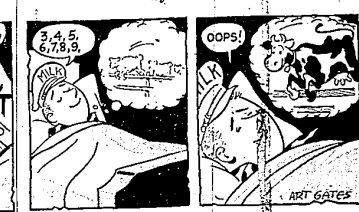


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