

Editorial Page

Beer Tax Unchanged

As taxes on just about everything in Michigan are raised constantly, it is somewhat surprising to note that the tax rate on beer has not been changed since repeal in 1933.

The rate is \$1.25 for a 31 gallon barrel. Only 11 out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia have rates lower than Michigan. One of these, incidentally, is Wisconsin which has, if we remember correctly, the largest per capita consumption of beer in the country. During this year five states raised their beer taxes—California, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana and Ohio.

Here are a few of the states and their beer taxes:

Florida	\$7.44
Georgia	9.00
Illinois	1.86
Indiana	2.71
Iowa	2.48
Louisiana	10.00
Michigan	1.25
Minnesota	3.20
Mississippi	13.23
New York	1.085
Ohio	2.50
Pennsylvania	2.48
Texas	5.11
Wisconsin	1.00

We are aware that in many of the northern states where the malting barley is grown and many of the large breweries are located the tax rates are not as high as some other states, particularly in the south. The industry pays other taxes in these areas, we are sure.

Michigan Bridges

Because of its geography our peninsular state has always had a special need for bridges, and they are probably as attractive as those of any state in the nation.

They are of steel and concrete today but another, less spectacular span—the weathered, wooden covered bridge of a century ago—still holds its own as a sightseeing attraction in Michigan. A covered bridge, holdover from a less hurried period in America's history, possesses a quiet charm of endless fascination for tourists in this jet-propelled age.

There are six covered bridges still standing in Michigan. Perhaps you'd like to visit one or more, although five are in the western part of the state:

1. Ackley bridge at Greenfield Village, Dearborn. It's fun to take the carriage ride here.
2. Near Centreville (Langley bridge) crossing St. Joseph river, St. Joseph county.
3. Two miles northeast of Niles (private) on the farm of E. M. Morris, Berrien county.
4. At Smyrna (White's bridge), crossing Flat river, Ionia county.
5. Fallasburg Park, crossing Flat river, Kent county.
6. Ada, crossing Thornapple river, Kent county.

These bridges are ready-made subjects for camera fans and artists—and just plain tourists.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



LIVONIA

The city library commission has asked the City Council to borrow \$570,000 to build three branch libraries and build the site for a fourth. Including the furnishings and building, it was estimated that the branches would cost \$180,500 apiece. The estimated operating cost per year for each was set at \$14,846 and the amount at the outset for books at \$30,000.

The Commission said that the city was free to issue bonds (without a vote of the people) under terms of Act 305 of Public Acts of 1919, the revenue to be restricted for erecting free public libraries and furnishing them.

The proposal was introduced unexpectedly at a city meeting last Tuesday night and the Council has slated a special meeting to analyze it later.

The city budget already takes care of the costs of operating a rented small library building on Plymouth Road which is Livonia's sole public library at the moment.

—The Livonian.

PLYMOUTH

The S. Main St. parking situation will be warmer last Monday night as 27 property owners filed formal notice that they are against the total elimination of parking as proposed by the police department.

Included in the proposed parking ban is the east side of Main St. from Burroughs St. to Wing. Untouched would be the area from Wing to Ann Arbor Trail.

While the signs had not yet been put up prohibiting parking, the city had gone as far as the placing of posts in the ground.

The Commission promised no change in the parking until Police Chief Kenneth Fisher makes another recommendation. His recommendation appears to be about two months off. He is awaiting the results of a study being made by engineers of the highway Transportation Center of Michigan State.

Parking on the west side of S. Main was eliminated over a year ago.

—The Plymouth Mail.

BIRMINGHAM

School officials are still looking for the initials or persons who painted in red "FOREVER BIRMINGHAM" on the front of Ernest W. Seaham High School.

"This is an out-and-out act of vandalism, and of defacing a public building, and I am confident the high school's student body will soon find out the vandals and report them to us," declared Asst. Supr. Richard Featherstone.

Just a week earlier persons broke into the school and did a considerable amount of damage in the library, homeliving room and other portions of the building.

—The Birmingham Eclectic.

SOUTHFIELD

Fur flew and temper flared Monday night in the gymnasium at the Southfield 10 school when the Southfield City Council heard from the public on the shopping center at the triangle formed by Eight Mile, Beech and Shawwassee roads.

Earlier the high-beamed gym roof had been raised a few more inches by the assorted pleas, prods, moans and groans of disgruntled property owners.

The council gave its okay to the shopping center re-zoning of the land and eventual erection of a \$1.7 million center by Harry Grammer.

The decision left the approximately 150 residents who had gathered to protest the shopping center bunched in angry, complaining knots here and there on the gym floor at recess time.

—The Southfield News.

DEARBORN

The Board of Education sent out letters to every home in the city and to all its employees last week outlining cutbacks in service this fall.

Supr. Stuart Openlander said the city had no money to make or made self-supporting amounts to over \$1,000,000.

He asserted that despite the cutbacks, class sizes would be reduced and certified teachers would be in all the classrooms.

The cutbacks in services result from a reduction in assessment of property taxes, plus defeat by the voters of a proposal for higher school taxes.

The services or facilities cancelled or closed were the outdoor school, school gardening, the reading center, 1959 summer school, junior high, inter-school athletics and elections of the Martin, Thayer and Roulou schools.

—The Dearborn Press.

DANGEROUS PET



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Can Politics Be Put Aside To Improve Business Climate?

UNIFIED EFFORTS to improve Michigan's business climate have been urged by leaders of both parties.

Both Gov. G. Mennen Williams and Paul H. Bagwell, Republican candidate for governor in 1958, have suggested the interests of Michigan should be put ahead of political considerations and suspicions.

But this may be too much to expect. Another election campaign is in the making—and both Republicans and Democrats say it appears the "business climate" may be an issue as it was in 1958.

Michigan's reputation will suffer still more if the 1959 campaign echoes 1958.

This is a warning that comes from between the lines of the widely-quoted report on Michigan's economic future prepared by the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research under direction of William Haber, University of Michigan economist.

"Guard zealously the good name of the state," Haber urged. "Stop undermining its reputation by exaggerating its problems and minimizing its virtues. We have shored up the state long enough."

Wide-spread reaction came from both parties when the Haber report was issued. Republicans said it proved Michigan had a problem. Democrats said it proved Michigan's problem was not as bad as Republicans made it sound.

But Williams and Bagwell were in agreement in saying the Haber report indicated there has been too much talk and not enough action.

"We have talked about this problem long enough," Bagwell said. "Now is the time for action."

The time is long overdue for a really unified effort," Williams said.

Michigan waits.

Advertising is getting increasing emphasis in discussions about what should be done to spur Michigan's economic growth.

Both the Tourist Council and the Department of Economic Development heard welcome words in the Upjohn Institute's report on the potentials of the Michigan economy.

The report cited the need for more money for tourist and industrial promotion.

Expansion of institutional advertising of Michigan as a site for industrial location was cited as an area of necessary action by the Upjohn report.

"While many persons doubt whether industrial promotion efforts have been effective in other states," the report said, "it seems to us desirable that such efforts be stepped up in Michigan."

Special attention is needed to a study of the potentialities of the tourist industry, the Upjohn Institute said.

"While this industry will have little to do with growth in the industrialized southern half of the Lower Peninsula, the report said, it would be very helpful in improving the economic status of the remainder of the state."

LAWYER-EX-AMER: John D. Voelker is willing to state the Upper Peninsula after all.

Voelker, Michigan Supreme Court justice, indicated in his best-selling "Anatomy of a Murder" the "Mackinac Bridge" would spell the Upper Peninsula by making it too easy for people to get there.

The famous Mackinac author said the road to the "Anatomy of the Upper Peninsula," an article in the 1959 Michigan Yearbook.

"I know of no pleasure greater than having others share with me the appreciation of a beautiful thing," he said.

He said the appreciation of a beautiful thing is a thing that is not to be taken for granted. It is a thing that is to be shared with others.

—The Michigan Mirror.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago SEPT. 27, 1934

Find Indian Graves
Remnants of all that is left of a race that dwelt in this section more than a century ago were unearthed near Farmington this week. Seven skeletons, identified as Indians, were found in the L. F. Fondt gravel pit, two miles southwest of Farmington. It was the opinion of discoverers that numerous other skeletons were also buried in the same vicinity.

A solution to the city's debt problem is believed to have been found by Farmington city commission following a conference Monday night with a Detroit attorney, G. A. Fitzgerald, the attorney, outlined a plan which was approved by the commission whereby three of the city's bond issues would be refunded. The plan would require the issues in 20 years and establish a high credit rating for the city. Two of the issues were for water works and the third for sewers.

Griff Success
Farmington partisans cheered the high school's victory to a stirring 19-0 victory over Belleville High in the opening game for both clubs last Friday afternoon. The starting lineup: Bill Mitchell, Leon Robinson, Bob Lockridge, Doug Parker, Fred Bailey, Wendell Rose, Carl Smith, Harold Hamilton, Jack Glassford, Harvey Hamilton, and Chuck Lee.

10 Years Ago SEPT. 23, 1949
Mrs. Warner Dies
Mrs. Fred M. Warner, whose husband served as governor of the state of Michigan from 1904 until 1910, died Tuesday afternoon at her home on Grand River Avenue. She was 83. Her husband entered public life as a state senator from this district and was secretary of state in 1900.

New Officers
The American Legion post and its auxiliary unit held a joint installation of new officers last week. Retiring commander is James M. Nourjian, who held his gavel over to Roy Oldham, 3364 Grand River. Charles Larson was installed as adjutant. Murrell McKeegan succeeds Tren Quinn as president of the auxiliary unit.

Impossible!
It snowed. Snow has already fallen in Farmington Township, according to Mrs. Lyman Bush.

Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to The Enterprise will be published unless they are withdrawn upon request. The publisher assumes no responsibility for the return of unsolicited material. The publisher assumes no responsibility for the return of unsolicited material.

Conduct at PTA Meeting Disgraceful

To whom it may concern:
Last night I went to my first PTA meeting, which I have been looking forward to with great anticipation. I was shocked by the lack of common courtesy and the disrespect shown by the speaker, Miss Minnie Ziekle, director of elementary education.

The issue involved was an important one, but it became a secondary matter in comparison to the conduct of some of the parents and the chairman of the meeting. The berating and belittling of the representatives of our schools will not solve any of the problems.

Only calm, courteous and civilized group of people can do this.

There was no semblance of parliamentary procedure, which I am told is the way the meetings are supposed to be conducted. It was all very slipshod and disorderly.

I think the Farmington school system has done a remarkable job in the past few years just trying to keep up with the tremendous growth in this area.

As I said before, this was my first meeting. I don't know what all the issues are but I do know that no one individual or group will get very far with tactics and discourteous tactics employed by some of the parents at last night's PTA meeting.

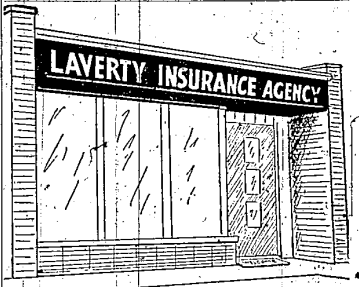
Last night I sat and listened quietly, not only to the loud voices of the audience, but to the quiet voices of the ones who said, "I'd like to get up and say something for the issue but I'm afraid I'll be jumped on or shouted at."

Are these the kind of meetings that have always gone on? If it is, I want no part of them. I'm one of the ones that don't like to be jumped on or shouted at.

Am I alone in my feeling? It would be too far-fetched to say that the audience was interested and anxious to do my part, but not under the dictatorship of a few.

—Mrs. Richard Frank

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PUBLIC HEARING

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All residents of Farmington Township are invited to participate in discussion on the following proposals:

Lot 25 of Farmington Acres, a part of Section 33, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, to be rezoned to B-1.

EDWARD SCHMID
Chairman of Township Zoning Board
(Sept. 10, Oct. 1, 1959)



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