

Editorial Page

Children's Safety

The safety of children walking to and from schools should be the concern of everyone. Especially concerned should be the parents of these children.

This is why we cannot be overly critical of the action taken by the mothers who blockaded Power Road north of the Alameda elementary school last week. Nevertheless, we can never fully condone individuals or groups flaunting laws, regardless of how justifiable their objectives may seem.

What we cannot understand is why these parents had to wait so long to become concerned and then find it necessary to resort to illegal methods to get quick action. As early as June these parents were informed that their children would be walking to the Alameda school when classes resumed again in September. Why were efforts not made by them during the summer months to get something done prior to the start of a new school year?

This is but one of several alleged unsafe routes which children must travel to and from schools which have been called to our attention. Each Fall for the past four or five years the same complaints have flared up.

We propose that action be taken now to form a working committee to study each and every reported unsafe walking condition. It could not be a committee made up of irate parents seeking immediate action. It would have to be one dedicated to a long-range program of studying and weighing the validity of each and every unsafe walking condition reported and then following through to get everything possible done to correct the unsafe condition, or at least reduce it.

It is further proposed that this committee include one member of both the School Board and Township Board or representatives designated by these governing bodies to work closely in seeing that suggested action proposed by the committee is followed through on by the governing groups.

The whole objective of this committee we propose would be to get everything feasible done to provide the safest possible walking conditions for school children in the Farmington School District before the opening of school next Fall—September, 1960.

Value of A Smile

What's in a smile? This short article appeared in a recent issue of the Michigan Police Journal.

It costs nothing, yet creates much.

It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the roundest sign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and Nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it can not be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away.

And—no one needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

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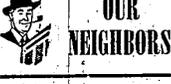
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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



NOV.—A village zoning ordinance which has been in the making for several months will be tested in the public's lap this Saturday, October 10.

Early indications suggest that at least one section of the ordinance will draw strong approval from residents along Grand River.

The section which is drawing criticism deals with reconstruction of residential dwellings located in non-conforming zoning districts. Under the proposed ordinance a house destroyed by 100 percent fire and its replacement cannot be rebuilt if it is located in a non-residential area.

It was pointed out in discussion that this is a less stringent, however, than the present township zoning ordinance which has been used by the village. This ordinance, which was an old ordinance. The old ordinance prohibits rebuilding after destruction of a home by 60 percent of its assessed value.

The only hitch is that the old ordinance had never been enforced while it is expected that the new one probably will be.

—The Novl News.

LIVONIA.—The City Council has now taken steps to hasten action on providing more sewer and water facilities for the northern portion of the city.

It was announced in a meeting last week that a new 54 inch water main from Detroit was now certain to go into the ground this fall. The project is to be completed by next year, and the councilmen promptly acted so Livonia would be ready.

They hired engineering attorneys to get legal papers, resolutions and ordinances ready and an engineering firm to prepare plans and estimate costs for the project. The city councilmen also take advantage of the new main trunk Eight Mile line.

They also asked the County Drain Commission to report on the present status of 14 proposed drainage improvements to be made in the northern part of the city in accordance with the plan adopted by the Board of February and August, 1958.

—The Livonian.

DEARBORN.—Detroit police continue to pile up shocking evidence against a 30 year old, Royal Oak man who they say has operated a teenage love school in Dearborn for the past two years.

Recently a 14 year old Livonia girl told her story of membership in the club where near-by police officers found sexual perversion was practiced.

A 14 year old Royal Oak girl has also signed a complaint charging statutory rape against the Royal Oak man.

The Royal Oak man is charged with using a rented artist's studio on the second floor of a building at 22197 Michigan as headquarters for the love cult.

Police officers at the Royal Oak man used a whip on the girls.

—The Dearborn Press

BIRMINGHAM.—A \$108,000 municipal parking lot with spaces for 157 cars has been proposed as the solution to the parking problem around the new building on N. Woodward in Birmingham.

City commissioners set Oct. 26 as the date for a hearing on the proposal, which calls for financing entirely by the benefiting business.

This lot would be the city's fifth. On the four others the city and benefiting businesses have invested more than \$600,000.

City Manager L. R. Gare recommended the plan, which brought further but feeble protests from a few residents in the Brookside Drive neighborhood.

They have for many months protested plans for an off-street parking area here, either public or private. They claim that will ruin or seriously damage the natural beauty of the area which screens their homes.

It was agreed that seven parking spaces on the site plan had already been approved. A doctor, last week, began construction of his new office on a vacant lot which the site plan had included.

Commissioners agreed it unlikely the city would want to buy the building.

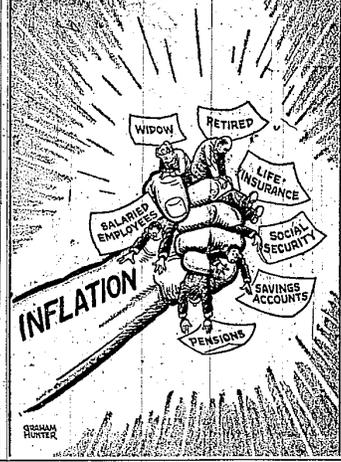
—The Birmingham Eccentric.

WAYNE.—Wayne received another Urban Renewal Federal Government check recently and promptly gave it back.

The enviable situation came about when the village received some \$1.3 million for six months of operation, or until March 31.

—The Wayne Dispatch.

THE BIG SQUEEZE



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Striving Continuously to Improve Teaching Methods

If you're a reasonably thoughtful parent of children at a high school, you must have asked yourself these questions many times: "Are Michigan administrators and teachers making any efforts to improve the teaching methods in use when I was a kid? Are they studying ways to change subject matter so as to fit today's students for today's world of science and space travel?"

The answer is a confident, heart-warming "yes." In Michigan, teachers and educators are holding meetings all over the state at least once a month discussing these questions, theorizing about new teaching methods, trying to provide schools into pilot experimental programs on a small scale, and watching carefully the result of these test efforts.

At St. Mary's Lake, near Battle Creek, more than 400 of these teachers and administrators gathered in a convention which pulled together all 20 of these special committees to hear experts discuss general education, and estimates of the business meetings to map their own work for the remainder of the year.

To a lay observer, the amazing thing about the meeting was the fact that the people there from outside of Michigan observed the workings of the groups with considerable envy. They were outspoken about the leadership shown by Michigan in many fields, particularly in making schools available to everybody in the community after school hours, and the use of conservation of resources in each of the large classes with a master teacher controlling teacher aides or apprentice teachers.

In sharp contrast was the attitude of the Michigan teachers, who were critical of what they considered their slowness in coping with the tremendous job of teaching each and every possible child. They were impatient to get on with the task of finding new approaches to reach children who have in the past been left behind at school, and they were genuinely concerned about the instructor they referred to as the "Thank God it's Friday" teacher, a type they see as needing much new training and selling on better attitudes if the best possible schooling for every child is to be made a reality in Michigan.

They heard William Van Til, head of the Department of Secondary Education of New York University, tell them that part of education's responsibility for tomorrow is to keep its balance; that it's necessary not only to develop scientific and technical talent, but to develop people with the ability to come to grips with the general problems of society. People who have understanding of themselves, therefore can come more closely to understanding others.

This will take experimentation and it will require vigorous leadership from the brightest youngsters.

He urged more debate on education fundamentals, not less. Then he turned to Dean William C. Olson of the University of Michigan School of Education which that many of the new "curriculum ideas" nearly originated as if he had thought, and that rash forays into every new pasture were not necessarily the best ways to develop a better education for Michigan boys and girls.

"The old ways aren't all bad,"

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago
OCTOBER 4, 1934

Three Robberies

A series of three robberies, all of which have occurred in the last six days, has aroused citizens and law enforcement officials in Farmington. All of the robberies happened during the early hours.

Total loot included more than \$100 in cash, an automobile, a radio and whiskey.

On Tuesday after the Otis Service Station was victimized at the hands of armed bandits last Thursday, employees at the Otis Russell garage, discovered the fate of the car, Saturday morning, that thieves had visited sometime during the early morning.

The made off with a 1963 Ford V-8. A 600 pound safe containing \$51 in cash. The safe was found at Delaware and Grand River in Redford Township. A radio and electric drill were also taken.

Gus Pappas' Victory Restaurant was the victim of the third robbery. Thieves made off with \$55 in cash and five quarts of whiskey.

Easy Payments

"A 'No Down Payment' plan for the advertisement placed in the Enterprise last week was interesting news to many Farmington people.

Featuring the nationally known Goodhue plan, the plan provided for easy installment payments without the necessity of making an initial payment.

10 Years Ago

OCTOBER 4, 1949

Township Roads

Initial estimates have been made on the costs of emergency repairs on roads and streets in the more built up areas of Farmington Township. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard announced this week.

Two road contractors have made a preliminary cost estimate of the repair or roads in four sections in the township now approved by the county. William Briggs of the Oakland County Road Commission has also been called in to go over the situation. Blanchard stated that these estimates were only preliminary and would give the Board some idea of the cost involved in making the emergency repairs.

At the last meeting of the Township Board a motion was passed to take immediate action on roads not accepted by the County Road Commission.

Installation work on the new City-Township police radio system is expected to start the latter part of this month, police officials announced this week.

The two-way police radio

transmitter and receivers are to be shipped from the factory October 22.

5 Years Ago

OCTOBER 7, 1954

New Schools

Contracts for construction work on three new elementary schools and a portion of the high school addition to be built in the Farmington School District were awarded Thursday evening by the Board of Education.

According to the plans a 12 classroom school is to be built on Gill Road between Eight and Nine Mile. A 16 room school is called for at Oak Road and Shawnessue and a 14 room elementary unit at 14 Mile Road and Middlefield.

Called for at the high school is a gymnasium as well as additional classrooms.

Sewage Proposal
A five-man committee has been appointed to complete legal procedures for the possible establishment of a sewer treatment system in the northeast section of the township.

The committee was selected during a special meeting held last Wednesday afternoon at the Oakland County Court House in Pontiac.



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CARE Launches 1959-'60 Crusade

The 1959-60 CARE Food Crusade has been launched in Michigan.

It was announced that the nonprofit overseas aid agency is seeking public support for the distribution of four million special food packages to needy people in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Children, refugees, expectant and nursing mothers and similar categories of needy in fifty countries will be the main recipients of this American food gift during the coming winter months.

"Hungry is still the chief enemy of far too many people throughout the world," said O. L. Deane, Michigan Director of CARE. "Any American citizen or family group can join in making the Food Crusade a real people-to-people program. Every \$1 contributed delivers a package of nourishing food overseas as a gift from an American."

The Food Crusade packages contain powdered milk, flour and corn meal, sufficient to supply a family of four for a month. These foods, from U. S. Farm Abundance, have been placed at the disposal of CARE by the U. S. Government specifically for overseas relief.

In some instances, CARE is augmenting these foods with the purchase of margarine, rice and other high calorie foods to increase the nutrition value of the packages.

The fifteen countries included in the CARE Food Crusade are Colombia, Ecuador, West Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Poland, Turkey and Yugoslavia. CARE's address in Michigan is "CARE," Detroit 33.

The Old Timer

The open door policy was announced by the American statesman, but it's criticized by youngsters everywhere.

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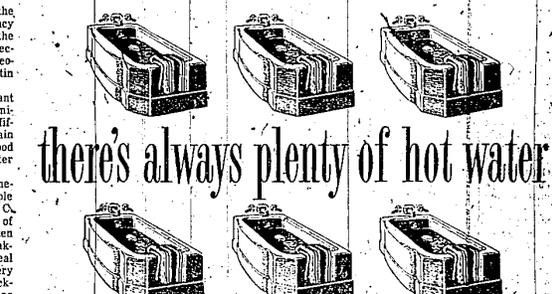


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