

# Editorial Page



## Calling the Pot Black

Upsetting of the state use tax by the supreme court was discouraging, and made us and a lot of other people wrong guessers.

We didn't think the court would do it, but after all it's the way they voted that is the most disturbing thing. Such things certainly should not be decided along party lines, be they Democrat or Republican. It's as wrong for one party as the other.

It also doesn't sound good to hear the Democratic governor and state officials ram about the stubborn GOP which refuses to pass the kind of legislation they'd like to have. In a standoff such as this it takes two sides, and we obviously have TWO sides equally stubborn, and probably equally to blame.

We are beginning to suspect that Michiganites are now so rankled by the squabbles that they would take a liking to whichever political party took a statesmanlike and unbiased approach, and tried to work out a fair solution without wrangling. The problem here is, just what IS a fair solution.

It sorta looks as if this battle is going to continue some time yet, and perhaps it is not too late to hold an advisory vote in the state to tell the legislators what kind of tax the voters prefer.

## True Value of Mail

On the national scene, where money is also tight, there have been some attempts to change a century old idea that the mail service is just that—a service to the public—and that it should be entirely self-supporting. It sounds good to people who don't know all the facts, naturally.

Postal department figures on cost of handling various classifications have been under attack many times. Some of the large national magazines have proof that their methods of mailing net the postal department a profit, yet the post office contends they lose money there. We think the post office conclusions are as open to question as their methods of figuring.

It is undoubtedly true that most people do not understand the true value of mail. We should instead encourage a greater-mail volume, for if the increase is large enough the deficit is likely to disappear. Volume is as important here as in other businesses.

More mail means more prosperity. If the history of postal rates in this country are studied, there will be found instances of where rate reductions increased volume and reduced the postal deficit. It's true that since World War II there have been two general rate increases, and there is still a deficit.

Does it really matter if there is a temporary postal deficit? If that deficit, invested in America, yields a far greater prosperity than anything we have known heretofore, is it then a rash speculation?

Or can we concede that it is money wisely spent, which will yield an enormous profit in terms of gross national product and, inevitably, money in the Treasury?

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## What's New With

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## SOUTH LYON

Police Chief John Noel has warned South Lyon parents that some of their children have been violating a city ordinance against loitering on city streets during the late evening and early morning hours.

The curfew hour for children on weeknights is 10:15 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays is 10 p.m.

Although there have been no arrests to date, city police in recent days have been encouraging violators and their parents down to get them.

The curfew is in effect for all youth under 17 years of age, the police chief stated. The only exception to this law is when the youth is accompanied by a parent or someone over 21 years of age, he added.

Parents of children found violating the law are held responsible for such violations under the ordinance. The ordinance provides for fines from \$10 to \$50, or imprisonment up to 30 days, or both, it continued.

—The South Lyon Herald

## DEARBORN

—Mayor Orville Hubbard told a TV audience last week that "adequate housing for older people is Dearborn's biggest problem."

The mayor unveiled a scale model of a proposed 50-unit apartment building to be completed in the East Dearborn area in 1960 and reported that more than 60 applications had been taken for the units.

The mayor said the East Dearborn housing unit will be a model for three or more similar apartment buildings to be constructed in other sections of Dearborn.

Hubbard stated that the majority of the nation's senior citizens have incomes of less than \$1,000 a year. Older persons often are unable to acquire a comfortable living standard because of their low income, he said.

"There are 12,000 senior citizens in Dearborn," Mayor Hubbard concluded.

—The Dearborn Press

## LIVONIA

—School students in Livonia soon will enjoy reduced fares on Detroit Street Railways buses.

That was the promise in a letter at City Hall from the DSR. It came in response to a proposal introduced by Councilman Rudy Kleinert asking the DSR if such a plan was possible.

Kleinert sought the same rates for Livonia students as the DSR gives Detroit students.

"It is my opinion he [Kleinert] wants to get to from school,"

The reduced rate of fare will be offered to all students presenting a student identification card issued to him or her by the principal of the school he or she attends.

—The Livonian

## NOVI

—An angry group of Beck Road area residents have aimed protests at the village government for permitting a "trucking business" to operate nearby.

The protest stems from a village board of appeals decision to grant Vern LaVasser, a request for deviation to permit a garage for his trucks on property located on Beck road between Eighth and Ninth Mile roads.

The property is located in an agricultural area.

The leader of the protesting group stated that no property owners adjoining LaVasser's property were properly notified of the public hearing held January 10 on the deviation request.

It was brought out that the two parties owning property next to LaVasser did receive notices but that, since only a legal description was given, they did not know it was proposed to them and disregarded the notices.

It was explained by the village attorney that no action could be taken on the matter by the village council since it falls under the jurisdiction of the appeals board.

—The Novi News

## PLYMOUTH

—A much more rapid development of industry, business and homes in the community than previously expected may take place if the Plymouth City Commission follows through with its present decisions, and allows city water to be extended beyond its borders.

In a surprise move last week, the city commission re-opened discussion on such a move. Present policy is that no water taps be made outside the city unless a water main already runs past the property.

A SHOWDOWN over state private shoreline rights is expected to bring a Supreme Court decision by late December.

The Conservation Department and a group of property owners want the National Gypsum Co. to take its seven-million-dollar loading dock in Tawas Bay.

In discussions commissioners appear to be in agreement that a property owner should be provided those desiring it outside the city providing the demand isn't too heavy to tax the city's water capacity.

—The Plymouth Mall

## Malcolm the Milkman

## Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

### 25 Years Ago

OCT. 25, 1934

### Tax Rates

Winter tax rates for Farmington City and Township were announced this week by the respective supervisors, Howard Warner and Arthur Coe. Rates for the 11 school districts in the township were also revealed by Coe. The city rate per thousand on winter taxes will be \$12.11, which is down from \$12.20.

The township rate will be \$9.50 plus county debt service.

The valuation of property in the city was set at \$14,081,740,

while property valuation in the township was set at \$4,165,600.

Recognized

Recognition of national recognition to a young man from Farmington for his success in the fields of psychology and writing. St. Clair Switzer, son of Dr. and Mrs. George R. Switzer, has been accorded a place in "America's Young Men," the official Who's Who among the youth of the nation. Switzer's biography appears in the current edition.

### Community Play

The Farmington American Legion post will sponsor a home talent play next week entitled "Crashing Through." It is a three-act musical comedy and features a new cast.

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Community Chest

Hope for a unified, one-package charity drive in Farmington have alternately flamed, fizzled and flamed again/early this week when representatives of many civic groups gathered to make a community chest for two more cities.

Groups announced plans to sell

gables waters?

National Gypsum and the Iroquois Circuit Court said yes.

The Conservation Department said no and appealed to the high court in a case that could have an impact on other Michigan property owners along the Great Lakes.

No so this year. They won't even have to bother to clean out their desks. The marathon 1959 session, longest on record, has taken the legislature to with a dash of the January opening.

Michiganans are getting a taste of the legislative chambers. A busy docket is assured.

Aftermath of the 1959 cash crisis and buildup for the 1960 fall elections has itself become a major headache to keep political fires going in the Capitol during the winter.

State finances again will be the number one issue.

Investigations during the closing months of this year will provide ammunition for the fall election of next year's legislative session.

One of the most battle-scarred issues, the state's "economic climate," has been attacked by a committee headed by Sen. Carlton H. Morris (Rexall) and Rep. Fredrick C. Ziemer (now Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney and Judge-elect for Circuit Court).

Morris is taking his five-man committee to several cities before reporting to the legislature with recommendations for bringing more jobs into Michigan.

The Morris committee won't have to look hard for suggestions.

The Republican State Central Committee, the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, Gov. G. Mennen Williams' Committee on Economic Future (COMEF), and George Romney's Citizens for Michigan, all have studies underway. The Michigan State Chamber of Commerce is sure to have a few words of advice on behalf of business men.

Williams already has an

outlined a plan for

state Economic Growth Act.

The most-investigated agency in the legislative interim will be the Highway Department. Sen. John H. Stahl (R-Belding) got Senate authorization to look into the highway Commissioner John C. MacLean's administrative practices.

State controls over trading stamp companies may be proposed by a study committee headed by Rep. Allison Green (R-Kingston).

Other reports will be due from committees studying everything from agriculture to zoning.

Natural resources, administered by the Conservation Department will be in the object of attention in the 1960 Legislature.

Conservation officials say it

will be a critical year for park development.

If money is provided for improvements and expansions, future generations will lack elbow room for outdoor recreation, they warn.

The governor and the legislature have been unable to agree on a three-year program to finance parks. While the Republicans have a park fee program.

Complaints about management of the state's deer herd are expected to be aired during the 1960 session.

Senior citizen programs are important, says Dr. Anderson, but they have more psychological meaning if associated with gradual retirement programs, part-time jobs or community service projects.

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### NOV 28, 1954

### 5 Years Ago

OCT. 28, 1954

### Electron Tuesday

A near-record turnout is expected throughout Farmington township and city in the biennial general election to be held next Tuesday, Nov. 2, re-

spective gubernatorial officials report.

The prediction is based on

the record turnout in the

last election.

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