

Editorial Page

Tax Our Water Bills

Michigan legislators are desperately seeking new sources of tax revenue right now. We have a suggestion which is probably too forthright to set far.

Many people are very concerned with another problem which, in its own way, is likely just as important as any tax problem. That's the steadily diminishing water table under most of Michigan, and particularly in the southeast portion. It is certain to grow steadily worse, and will affect everyone—residential and industry alike.

It may not be generally realized, but you will recall the righteous indignation with which Michigan and other midwest states fought the recent attempt by Chicago to divert Lake Michigan for its sewage system. It would lower the lakes, have devastating effects on many people, it was claimed.

On the other hand, Michigan planners for years have been talking about piping water from Lake Huron and Lake Michigan for local use. The Detroit plan would run a pipeline from Port Huron to Pontiac, and another intake would be in the Detroit area. Grand Rapids has also been trying to get a pipe into Lake Michigan. Does anyone think these plans would have any different effect than the one proposed for Chicago?

A terrible amount of water is wasted every year, because it is so cheap. Any method that would make it more costly would make people more aware of its precious scarcity.

We would propose that the state tax every water user. We'd favor just doubling their local bills, with the state getting the same amount as each municipality. The municipality would be a built-in collection agency, not requiring much additional personnel for the state. We've no idea how much this would raise, but it ought to be a lot.

There would have to be some rules. No new private well should be drilled without a sizeable fee charged. This also could be collected by the municipality. Such a plan would greatly increase costs for any industry which uses a huge amount of water, but some allowances could be made when that industry uses a method which returns the water to the earth.

We can see many advantages to such a plan. We're equally certain it would be an unpopular plan. Probably unions would oppose it because it would tax lower income families almost as much as rich. So we're not very optimistic about the idea catching fire.

School Growth and Needs

Last week The Enterprise carried a news story showing the continuing growth in the Farmington area—second highest in Oakland county. Most of us see physical evidence of that growth every week.

However, those who live here but work elsewhere might not be quite so aware of that growth, and its implications so far as school needs are concerned.

We're not going to tell any residents how to vote on the school elections Monday, November 23. We would like to suggest, however, that they read carefully the complete information on the school situation being carried now in this newspaper. Certainly every voter should know all he can before he casts a vote on such an important program.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

10 Years Ago
NOV. 10, 1949
Hedra Kivian was elected president of the Farmington Kiwanis club at the annual election of officers last Wednesday evening. Harley Walters was elected first vice-president and Nate Miley was named as president. Breda Kivian, wife of the president, was elected first vice-president and a past president of the Detroit Bar association.

5 Years Ago
NOV. 11, 1954
New Board Member
Douglas Hamman, 2897 Ridgeway, has been appointed a member of the Farmington school board this filling the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Samuel Turner. Hamman will serve until the third quarter of the present calendar year. Oakland county will receive more than one million dollars from the Detroit Bar association.

Senior Play
"Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," a play from the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for the third quarter of the present calendar year. Oakland county will receive more than one million dollars from the Detroit Bar association.

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Do You Remember . . .



TIME WAS when the old Farmington Flour Mill in the City of Farmington was a general meeting place for the area who came in to get their flour milled. Crops, weather and pests were common topics of conversation around the mill in those days. The old mill still stands on State St. a short distance west of Farmington Road. It now houses the city's public works department. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gildemeister and family are shown on the steps of the mill. The mill was built here by Gildemeister in 1893.

Kendallwood News Bits

MRS. EDWARD COVE
GR. 4-0769
Dea Haseltine was hostess to the Kendallwood 1 Thursday morning bridge group last week at her home on Bayberry.

The Frank Skelton was hostess to the "Redneck" couples bridge group last Saturday night, October 31st. Jack Flehman won first prize for the men and Edith Leung won first prize for the women. Booby prize went to Frank.

Wednesday evening, November 4, Phyllis Schoen entertained her bridge club.

DEBRA DILORETO, nine month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman DiLoreto of 32259 Ed Forge Lane, Kendallwood III, underwent surgery at the Albert Einstein Hospital in Philadelphia the first week in November. Before the operation became an actuality, Debra was given only eighteen months to live since she was born without bile ducts or a gall bladder. To help offset the cost of the very expensive operation, Kendallwood neighbors in the subdivisions are collecting donations. In addition, The Our Lady of Sorrows Ladies Bazaar was given generously for the collection for the DiLoreto family at their last meeting.

Public Letter Box

Still Enjoying Paper in Europe

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was received by us last week from Yves Wisely, Farmington resident now living in Geneva, Switzerland, where her husband was transferred earlier this year by the firm for which he works. Mrs. Wisely was active on the School Citizens' Advisory Committee while here, was a substitute teacher and had a keen interest in local school affairs.

Dear Mr. Killey:

We just received the October 15 issue of the Enterprise. Congratulations on your usual excellent explanation of school affairs. I sincerely hope the proposals will be accepted in November.

Remembering the last election and how close the vote was, I hope that there will be no intervention of what might be expected this time.

Our subscription doesn't expire for awhile yet, but we'd like you to know that we do want it renewed. Let me know what the rate will be to cover postal charges. We eagerly await the paper's arrival, so that we can continue to read what is taking place in Farmington.

The four of us feel that we've found a home away from home here in Geneva. Both girls are in Swiss public schools and are learning French quite rapidly. My husband is putting in fortuitous long hours at work, but with this being a relatively new organization, I guess that's to be expected.

I miss not having school socials to participate in here, but am keeping busy with welfare work. Next month I'll be starting in as a substitute at the International School.

Sincerely,
Yvette Wisely
Chemin du Pre Carbeux
Grand Saconnex
Geneva, Switzerland

Farmington Junior High Honor Students Named

The following pupils were named for the honor roll at Farmington Junior High for the first marking period.

7th Grade
Jo Ellen Albaugh, Mary Blome, Marion Butler, Karen Capo, Paul Christensen, James Clep, David Cornwell, John Cotton, Brian Datta, Nancy Davis, Margaret Dickerson, Martha Goodhue, James Haines, James Harvey, Judith Hennessy.

8th Grade
Perry Jamieson, Albert Kials, Larry Lofquist, Hazel McCoy, Jill Mc Eroy, Jo Ann Maki, Nancy Nelson, Karyn Nicholson, Terry Nielsen, Richard Niemisto, Lucinda Parsons, Alan Reeder, Carol Rogers, Rosemary Runyon, Joel Shierth, Victoria Sharpe, Rosemary Slagle, Gayle Smith, Kaydani Smith, Andrea Sobush, Linda Terry, Davis Tweed, Ann White, Richard Young.

9th Grade
Barbara Aitken, Karen Arvid, Dennis Bacon, Karen Bartsch, Robert Clement, Daniel Clifford, Lynn Cox, Pamela Esser, Bill Freeman, Michael Gale, Lynn Greig, Gayle Hamblin, Carol Hartigan, Carolyn Joseph, William La Londe, Carol Lawshe, Robert Merry, Sue Mac Ilvaine, Robert McCafferty, Gordon Moore, Alvin Parker, Gary Pell, Jacob Pitcher, Gregory Roke, Susan Sheffield, Susan Sherrick, Darlene Sovereign, Gregory Suther, David Mary Templeton, Larry Thompson, Pamela Ware, Donald Williams, Bruce Stewart.

Judith Beams, Rae Ann Butler, Mary Jane Carpenter, Bonnie Eberly, Gregory Gebben, Margaret Harding, Richard Hatfield, Dennis Himmler, Bonnie Holwarth, Naomi Iseli, Louise Leonard, Mary Lou Lewis, Sandra Mosen, John Meredith, Susan Mossamer, Laurence Nafie, Rosemarie Norman, Susan Ports, Day Radebaugh, Andrea Rosengarten, Mark Scherth, Karen Schuler, Sonia Schurkamp, Dolores Sharpe, Karen Sloder, Bruce Tchow, Ronald Watson, Mary Lou White, Jean Wilson.

Now Serving In Germany

Army PFC Dale Shuffett, whose wife, Daince, lives at 33715 Kirby, Farmington, recently participated with the 33rd Ordnance Company in a large-scale command post exercise in Germany.

The exercise was designed to test joint efficiency under simulated combat conditions.

Shuffett, a recovery specialist in the company in Frankfurt, entered the Army in June 1958 and arrived overseas the following November. He received basic combat training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The 24-year-old soldier attended Clarenceville High School, and was employed by Makall Tool Company, Inc., Royal Oak, before entering the Army.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Shuffett, live at 20315 Parkville, Livonia.

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At Conference In Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wanik of Wood Creek Farms: Village of the 13th Annual Convention and Exhibit of the automotive merchandising industry in Chicago, Ill., last week.

At four days of demonstration and clinic programs, some 7,000 automatic vending specialists learned about the newest machines and methods for selling goods and services through vending machines.

Wanik is Vice President of the Automatic Merchandising Co., Detroit.

Excuse, Please

The name of George H. Milar was misspelled in a news story in last week's paper about two Farmingtonites soon to receive their Scout degrees from the Masons. Our sincere apologies.

Malcolm the Milkman



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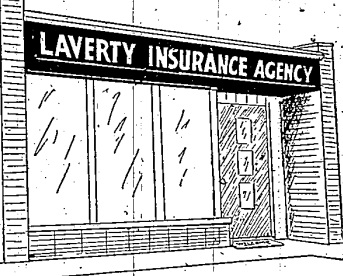
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