



The Old Timer

Principal Recovering From Recent Surgery

Max Miller, principal of Clarenceville high school, this week is recovering at Henry Ford hospital from an operation he underwent there last Thursday.

The exact date for Miller's return to his duties at Clarenceville High is not presently known. However, the operation was not a serious one.



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election will be held in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, on Monday, the 23rd day of November, 1959, from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, to vote upon the following propositions:

- Shall the Unexpended balance of the proceeds of the \$1,200,000 School District Bonds, Series 1, dated January 1, 1955, hereinafter referred to as the "1955 Bonds," be used for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a new junior and senior high school building and furnishing additions to existing school buildings, and acquiring school sites and additions to school sites?
- Shall the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) and issue its bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting and furnishing a new junior and senior high school building and furnishing additions to existing school buildings, and acquiring school sites and additions to school sites?
- Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed each year against property in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, for all purposes except taxes for the payment of interest and principal on obligations incurred prior to December 31, 1932 be increased as provided in Section 21 of Article X of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of five (5) years from 1960 to 1964, by the amount of two mills on each dollar (\$2.00 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation as equalized, for the purpose of paying a part of the operating expenses of said school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the voting places for said election will be as follows:

PRECINCT NO. 1 - Farmington Junior High School
33000 Thomas Street

PRECINCT NO. 2 - Dunkin Junior High School
32800 Twelve Mile Road

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Board of Education of said school district has estimated that Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) is the amount of money necessary to be borrowed for the project for which the above-mentioned bonds are proposed to be issued.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER

PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

Charles A. Sparks
County Treasurer

Lloyd M. Sibley
Chief Deputy

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 283 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947

I, Charles A. Sparks, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 19, 1959 the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 21 of Article X of the Michigan Constitution, affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan in said County, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan	12.50	1952 to 1970 incl.
	3.00	1955 to 1973 incl.
	5.00	1957 to 1961 incl.
	5.00	1958 to 1962 incl.
	5.00	1954 to 1959 incl.
County School District of Farmington Township of Farmington	.30	1957 to 1961 incl.

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Signed Charles A. Sparks

Charles A. Sparks, Treasurer

Dated October 19, 1959

Signed By Lloyd M. Sibley

Lloyd M. Sibley, Deputy

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

Patricia Dates

Secretary of the Board of Education

(Nov. 12-19, 1959)

'Water Wonderland' Water Shortage Problem Explained

Boasting the most diverse and plentiful inland water supply in the United States, Michigan has water available everywhere and for all purposes.

Furthermore, every community in the state is either on or within 45 miles of the world's greatest fresh water supply—the Great Lakes.

But, despite all this, Michigan is faced with water problems. In the past, most of these problems have stemmed from too much water. Flood control, soil erosion control and drainage have received considerable attention in many communities.

However, in some areas the tide has literally turned and water shortages have taken place. Municipal and farm wells occasionally run dry or nearly so and many areas are forced to sharply curtail their water usage during summer months. Streams dependent on underground sources plunge to alarmingly low rates.

Although these conditions are temporary they can be very serious.

There are several factors contributing to the state's water problems. Among the most basic ones is water's fluid nature. A city's influence—pollution, pumping, and storage—applied upstream is felt downstream. Pumping from

one point in the lake lowers the entire lake. Pumping from beneath the surface lowers ground waters. In some instances, water added at one point will affect an entire lake, or sub-surface reservoir, whichever the case may be.

Multiple water uses also create many problems. Complex demands for use and re-use of water by each person for drinking, cooking, washing and other domestic needs is small indeed. Nevertheless, where only one or two gallons of water were needed per person 100 years ago, it takes up to 2,000 gallons every day to keep each person supplied with all the necessities and comforts of modern day living.

Much of Michigan's water problems has arisen from increased water needs for irrigation and industry. In 1940, only 3,000 acres were artificially watered in the state. Today, nearly 70,000 acres of farm land are irrigated with water of the water coming from surface sources.

This figure represents only a small fraction of the total acreage in Michigan under irrigation. Also to be considered are millions of home owners who water their lawns, flower beds, shrubs and trees. Approximately 300,000 acres of city and metropolitan land in Michigan is intensively irrigated, according to a conservative estimate.

As much as 70 percent of all water used for irrigation may be lost through evaporation and transpiration. Industries which use water for cooling purposes use the same problem. Frequently their losses

may be over 50 percent. Water's role in supporting a quiet life cannot be overlooked.

Fresh-water fisheries are important food resources aside from their growing recreational value.

Waterfowl, fur bearers, and other forms of plant and animal life which live near, on, or in water, hold definite economic, recreational and esthetic values.

While these water-loving species use but "a drop in the bucket" of the state's water as compared with other demands, this drop is the heart of their being. Here, the important point is not the volume of use, but rather that these animals and plants face stiff competition in the arena of water usage.

There are many other water use conflicts in Michigan. All linked with man's ever-expanding needs. How acute Michigan's water problems are to become, time will tell. And a glance at the state's booming population growth indicates this time may not be far away.

Diesel Fuel Sales Somewhat Higher

Sales of Diesel fuel in Michigan during first eight months of 1959 rose more than 37 percent above the gallonage sold last year according to James M. Hare, Secretary of State.

"This soaring increase," Hare said, "stands out even more when compared to the relatively small 4 1/2 percent increase in gallons of gasoline sold during the same period."

Diesel fuel sold in Michigan up to the first of the month was 24,391,318 gallons, which is 8,235,670 gallons more than the 16,155,648 gallons sold during the same period a year ago.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Real "Meaty" Subject

From where I sit, all of us do things that can't be backed up by reason or fact. Most time they're pretty silly things—particularly the petty prejudices we build. For instance, some folks may resent your preference for buttermilk at dinner, or mine for a glass of beer. If they'd stop to think "why"—they'd realize they were taking a "joke" on our friendship and for no good reason at all.

Joe Marsh

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D. B. VARNER

MSU-O Head To Be Exchange Club Speaker

Farmington Exchange Club members expect one of the high light programs of the year Dec. 2 when speaker for their ladies night will be Durward B. Varner, chancellor of Michigan State University, Oakland.

The annual event will be held at Guffin's Frontier Town, starting at 7 p.m. Many members expect to bring guests.

Mr. Varner is a native of Texas, where he spent all his early life in the sport cattle country, and where his father was for 50 years supt. of schools in a small town.

After graduation from A&M in Texas, he served with the Federal Land Bank of Houston and 6 1/2 years in the army, rising to rank of Lt. Colonel. His graduate work was taken at the U. of Chicago.

He joined Michigan State in 1949, served in several capacities of increasing importance, and in January 1959 he was given the responsibility of guiding the development of one of the more exciting educational opportunities in America, the creation of a totally new institution—Michigan State University, Oakland.

The first signal look in the U.S. Navy was issued in 1797 by Captain Thomas Triton. The volume contained approximately 150 signals.

Grape Juice Really Sweet

Juices from Michigan's recently harvested 54,000 ton grape crop were the sweetest and of the highest quality in several years.

This is disclosed by a report of the Michigan Department of Agriculture's chemical laboratories division covering about 1,000 analyses.

Ninety percent of Michigan's grape crop, the third largest in the nation this year, goes into juice. Ultimately it finds its way into wines, grape juice, jams and jellies. The joint inspection and testing program is participated in by the enforcement division of the Liquor Control Commission.

The purpose of the program is to see that grapes delivered to processors are of highest quality, sound, and free from defects and insect infestation.

This year as formerly, the Michigan Department of Agriculture's trailer laboratory was stationed at Paw Paw, a central point for mid-America's largest grape growing area. In national rank in grape production Van Buren county stands 15th, Berrien 16th, Kalamazoo 35th, Allegan 63rd, and Cass 68th.

The Concord variety of grape overshadows all other varieties combined in Michigan's production. Sugar content of grapes for winemaking and other processing. A sugar content of 16 1/2 percent is acceptable. This year some Concord rank as high as 18.5 percent sugar content.

Some Delaware grapes tested as high as 22.7 percent sugar, and there were some Champagnes, an early tart variety, that started the season with 14 percent sugar and increased to 15.5 percent. On all varieties sugar content increased as the harvest season advanced.

The whisky industry, which pays \$2.5 billion a year in taxes, estimates that moonshiners produce 100,000,000 gallons of illegal whisky and evade \$1 billion in taxes annually.

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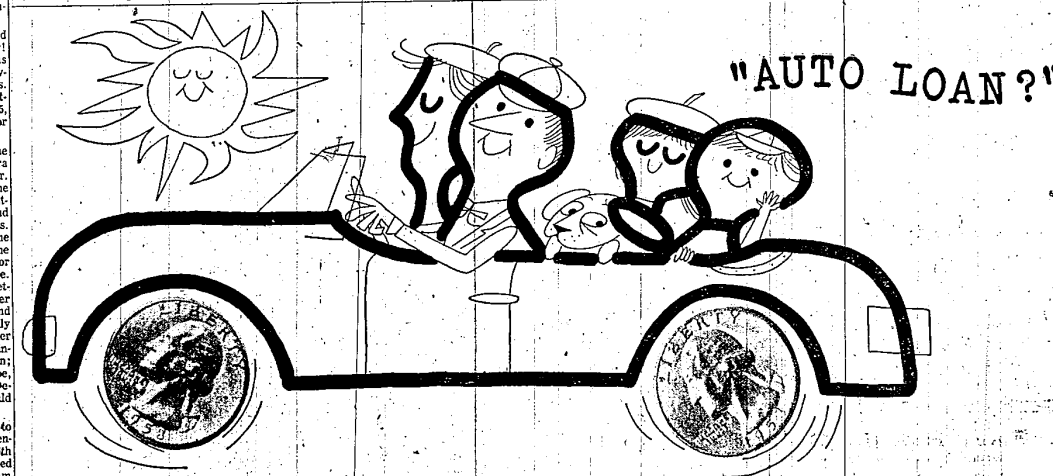
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