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In Our Opinion . . .

Where, When Will It End Is the Question

Deviating a little from our normal practice of saying in words what we are thinking editorially, this week we have decided to present a tabulation of some figures which we feel tell a very enlightening story for your consideration.

This tabulation was presented in the September issue of the "Michigan Tradesman."

Fiscal Year	Federal Expenditures (in billions)	National Debt at Year End (in billions)
1924	\$ 6.7	\$ 27.1
1935	6.5	28.7
1936	8.5	33.8
1937	7.8	36.4
1938	8.8	37.2
1939	6.9	40.4
1940	9.1	43.0
1941	13.3	49.0
1942	34.0	72.4
1943	79.4	136.7
1944	95.1	201.0
1945	98.4	258.7
1946	60.4	269.4
1947	39.0	258.3
1948	35.0	252.3
1949	39.5	252.8
1950	39.5	257.4
1951	44.0	255.2
1952	65.3	259.1
1953	74.1	266.1
1954	67.5	271.3
1955	64.4	274.4
1956	66.2	272.8
1957	69.0	270.5
1958	71.4	276.3
1959	80.3	284.7
1960	76.5	286.3
1961	81.5	289.0
1962	87.8	298.2
1963 est.	94.3	303.5
1964 est.	98.8	315.6

The decision that each and everyone of us have to face up to as citizens and voters is whether this is the direction we want to continue to go in the years that lie ahead.

The editors of the "Michigan Tradesman" contend that our Federal Income Tax has provided a blank check for our Federal government. The figures clearly indicate that there is a basis for their argument.

They also contend that a state income tax program might well give our politicians in Lansing this same kind of blank check. It is a thought that should be pondered seriously by each and everyone of us.

We'll Wait A Few Weeks to 'Toot Our Horn'

This week, October 13 through 19, is National Newspaper Week with the slogan for this year's celebration being, "Newspapers Make A Big Difference in People's Lives."

We feel it is a very appropriate slogan. "Normally" during this week we would be joining with other newspapers across the nation in "tooting our own horn" a little on the services that "The Enterprise" renders to Farmington citizens and business establishments in the community.

This year, however, we are going to delay doing this until the first part of November. At this time The Enterprise will be commemorating 75 years of continuous service to Farmington City and Township, and it is at this time that we would like to blow the horn tooting that we would care to.

Big plans are in the works for this 75th anniversary celebration. We will be asking the citizenry and business establishments of the community to join with us in these festive activities and

hope that all of you will be able to do so.

Our plans include the publishing of a special anniversary edition of the newspaper on November 7 and for open houses on a day in both the first and second weeks of the month.

More details about all of our anniversary celebration plans will be given to you in the next two or three weeks. It has never been the policy of this newspaper to seek praise for its accomplishments and we have no intention of doing so in the years ahead.

If during our 75th anniversary celebration we do sound boastful we hope that you will understand that it is only because of the fact that we are extremely proud of the fact that we have been able to be of service to Farmington continuously over this long period of time. No other local business enterprise has served the community as long, without interruption, and we feel this is an accomplishment we have a little bit of a right to boast about.

Farmington Soldier At Heber Springs

Army PFC Ralph P. Bischof, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony W. Bischof, 21335 Goldsmith St., Farmington, participated in ceremonies at Heber Springs, Ark., when President John F. Kennedy dedicated the Greer Ferry Dam recently.

Before the ceremonies, Bischof and his unit, the 630th Engineer Company, built a 130-foot bridge over a highway in order to connect the dedication area with the dam.

The 19-year-old soldier is a heavy equipment operator in the company regularly stationed at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

He entered the Army in August 1952, completed basic training at Fort Chaffee and was stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., before his present assignment.

Wood Creek Farms Village

ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA. 6-6335

Carol Kreider gave a linen Litti and his two little girls last Friday night will summer there in the future. Twenty friends of Shirley and From Denmark. He business well, a Birnam friend of took him to Germany. He then County who is to be married went on to Vienna, Austria, the 26th of this month.

Dick and Ginny Fellrath drove to Pinehurst, N.C. last week. The fall coloring through the mountains was at its peak. While at Pinehurst they played a lot of golf and had a wonderful rest. They reached home last Saturday night.

PAUL BOEL traveled to Europe on a business trip going first to Copenhagen, Denmark. While in Denmark he did a little more than business — he bought a summer home on the Island of Fyn with the hope that

Art Consultants Attend Annual Fall Conference

'Farmington's Public School Art Consultants and a Junior High Art Teachers' received a special invitation to attend the annual fall conference of the Michigan Art Education Association at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The two-day conference enabled more than 300 art educators to convene to participate in, and view, programs and use of new audio visual aids and listened to George Bird, Professor of Speech and Theater at E.M.U., discuss his ideas for stage production.

There were discussions on (a) Art Supervisors and Directors, "Some of their responsibilities and some of their interests," (b) Community Art Programs and (c) Student Teachers and Beginning Art Teachers. The Community Arts Program, presented by Michael Church of the Extension Service of the University of Michigan, dealt with the recent growth of Community Art Clubs in Michigan Communities and with the responsibility of such groups and organizations to set the tone of appreciation and the opportunity for growth of art in the community.

Commercial exhibits, tours to the George Edwards Lithographic Studio, the Forsythe Gallery and the Alumni Museum in Ann Arbor kept the delegates busy for the rest of the afternoon in the time prior to the banquet. At that time Dr. E. B. Elliott, President of the E.M.U., welcomed the group. Sidney Harris of the Chicago Daily News addressed the group on the topic, "The Future of the Arts in America." A reception at the Ford Hall Art Gallery climaxed the day's meeting.

Saturday's program included a slide presentation developed by the Committee for the Study of Art in Education of the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies. Robert Benjamin, secretary of the committee and a Farmington Elementary Art Consultant, presented and commented upon the slide set, entitled "Creative Setback for the Elementary Classroom Teacher."

George Lashaw and his puppet appeared next on the program with a demonstration of puppet technique and operation and development.

Saturday, afternoon Charles Gunther, Director of Art Education at the Toledo Museum of Art discussed the Role of the Art Institute in Education.

Season tickets are still available and will be sold until the opening night of "Curious Savage." Season tickets are available to see the following productions at a small savings: "Rain" written by John Colton, Clemence Randolph and directed by Hope Nathan. "The Warrior's Husband," by Julian Thompson, to be under the very capable direction of Dick Penick.

Call George Mullock, Ticket Chairman, at GR. 4-2874 for ticket information.

Mary Ann Perry, assistant costume chairman, asks that all persons interested in renting costumes for functions on or before October 25 please call her at GR. 4-4964 for an appointment or any information. She also states that the Barn will be open in the near future for costumes rentals. Watch The Enterprise for the exact date.

Now Serving in Navy Attack Squadron

William R. Wichman, Jr., aviation electronics technician, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wichman of 24081 Farmington Rd., Farmington, is serving in Attack Squadron 16 temporarily based at the Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.

The squadron operates with Carrier Air Group Six at sea aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

Squadron pilots fly the Douglas A-4C "Skyhawk," a single engine, jet propelled, light attack aircraft.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago / OCTOBER 1948
THIS WAS 4TH GAME
The Farmington High School football team rolled over a hapless Waterford eleven, 43-14, last Friday under the lights at Waterford. It was the fourth straight victory for the undefeated Falcons who have so far this season scored an impressive total of 140 points while holding their four opponents to a combined total of just 33.

1953 Torch Drive
The local Torch Drive has a goal set of \$15,735 for the Farmington Community this year. One hundred and a ninety-five welfare and health agencies benefit from the money collected through the United Foundation's annual Torch Drive.

Water Authority
Farmington City and Township officials agreed at a joint meeting this week that a Water Authority Commission should be established to combine the efforts of both local governing bodies in the interests of bringing Detroit water into the community.

Reasons for and against city incorporation for an area of Farmington Township to be known as "Farmington Woods," a prominent local attorney, Wendell Brown has labeled the move a calculated attempt to destroy the country style living Township residents desire.

10 Years Ago / OCTOBER 15, 1933
Hunting Ban
The newly enacted hunting ban for Farmington Township will be enforced by a specially appointed deputy named this week by the Farmington Town-

Councilman Expresses Views On City Helping Businesses

The speech given by Councilman Howard Thayer at the regular City Council meeting last Monday night, it seems to him, is a most timely one in bringing business conditions back to life in the downtown area a few short years back. It also expresses his feelings with regard to what he feels the City must continue to do to keep a healthy local business climate.

In asking to read this statement this evening, I first of all want to make it perfectly clear that the content herein are my views and do not in the least constitute the thinking of any other man on this council.

This statement is an attempt on my part to lay the record straight regarding public money spent for redevelopment

Players Choose Cast for First Production

The Farmington Players announce that casting has been completed for their first production of the season, "The Curious Savage," written by John Colton. It is being directed by Graham Miller.

Bessie Hannan in the lead role is portraying Ethel Savage. She is capably supported by Marilyn Smalman, Jeanne Kaman, Bud Stone, Dick Mathison and Mildred Sullivan.

THE CAST is well into their rehearsal schedule and all look well for opening night Nov. 15 and for successive performances on November 16, 22, 23 and 24.

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Never leave a portable heater unattended while it is operating. All portable heaters according to the Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, may produce serious fire hazards if not detected in time.

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Looking back to the years prior to 1933 found the business climate in the City of Farmington fast sliding into oblivion. Our main business section or our (Civic business section) bounded by Farmington Road and Grand River was doing very little business and was without undue delay.

So, in 1938 and early 1939 through the efforts of some of our so-called long time residents and business people, a Corporation was set up. These men working closely with our City officials conceived and put into motion plans for a new Downtown Shopping Center.

A SPECIAL assessment district was established and each property owner in the area participated in the plan. This might be their only salvation as the property valuations in the Grand River business district were going down at a rapid pace.

This project was not entered into lightly by any of the participants, the years of 1938 and early 1939 we spent in constant planning and study to see if this rejuvenation of Farmington might become a reality.

The City's share in this venture was between seventy and eighty thousand dollars (Not \$30,000 which is the figure so often misquoted). The men in the Corporation have to date spent in the neighborhood of \$300,000. This represents a large undertaking by all parties concerned, and you can believe it when I say that this joint effort has saved the City of Farmington. We can be proud that today we have a beautiful Shopping Center second to none in the area.

What has this done for our City? It has brought about a complete upsurge in business and many new business establishments. I am certain it created the interest that it has brought our growth in multiple dwellings and thus another shot in the arm tax wise. This new Center is the principle factor in the establishing of two new Banks in the downtown area.

The new City Center is the only reason that the National Bank of Detroit is building a new \$400,000 banking facility on the west foot of Park Road directly opposite the shopping center. This Center has been THE factor in the present build but sure revival of the north side downtown business district.

TODAY THERE is no question but what Farmington is again on the move, business is coming back and we are creating out of our slump. All this has happened because (and again, so to speak) the old timers could see the hand writing on the wall and were determined to do something about it. The City did spend public funds and together we have brought this slow deterioration of our City to a stop. This in my judgment was money wisely spent.

I read in the paper last week a statement in which someone said, "quite a few good business it's good for Farmington" continuing "This plays a major

role in many decisions made at City Hall." To me a statement like this shows rather poor thinking on someone's part as well as being people who are sure this person didn't live here during the struggling years of 1938 and 1939.

Business, unquestionably, is the backbone of any growing community and without all the business we have in Farmington today and without the City having spent money to bolster our business climate, we might all as us residents and home owners be hard put to pay our taxes.

Cities all over the country are spending public money for all sorts of redevelopment projects. Under Act 10 of 1961 titled, "Shopping Area Redevelopment" cities are authorized to spend public funds for this purpose.

FINALLY, the decision to purchase land for an outlet on Grand River is the amount of \$6,000.00 was, I do not believe, money wasted or money thrown away. This was done in an effort to not only move business in or out of the case may be, but to provide as well for foot traffic coming through to the business establishments on the north and south ends of Grand River. We have need in our particular case for a "Center" or "Middle" opening on to Grand River with all the several access points going into the Center proper.

Longtime residency in Farmington does not endow anyone with extra wisdom or courage as has been implied. But under the circumstances in the years 1938 and 1939 we didn't have all of the new residents that we now enjoy and people who no doubt could have come up with good suggestions and ideas, so we Old-Timers did the best we could, we probably made some mistakes as no one is perfect, but we did move in time and there is no doubt now but what Farmington is recovering.

We still have lots more to accomplish and I am certain that the things still needed in our City will come. Farmington is a fine city and we have a lot of the living here. I feel it is our duty as good citizens to all do our share in not only keeping Farmington a beautiful and desirable place to live but a city in which business can also grow and thrive. Business in any community pays the lion's share of the cost of the city, a statement, "If it's good for business it's good for Farmington" is not too far from being correct.

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Meeting October 23 For Newcomers Club

The October 23 meeting of Dessert will be served after the Farmington Newcomers Club program.

Ladies interested in joining the Club will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the First Farmington Savings and Loan, 22725 Orchard Lake Road.

General Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Sutton, a former instructor of the Northwest YVCA, will give a talk on "Entertaining with a Flair."

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Expect Gun Play
The sounds of gun fire will greet many area residents this week as the opening of another small game hunting season is due here. At the crack of dawn on Friday hunters will take to the fields to shake up the local pheasant population, so don't be alarmed by all the fireworks.

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