

INCOMES SHOW INCREASE


Recent figures released by the United States government indicated the per-capita income for the entire country to be \$1,847 in 1955 which is 163 per cent greater than the per-capita income in 1929.

Less than half of this gain, however, it was pointed out, was real—the rest was eaten up by pure inflation.

The lowest per-capita income has been found to be in the south-east region of the country but this area also shows the greatest per-capita gain since 1929, also. Income per-capita in 1955 was \$1,293 or 316 times as great as in 1929.

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That is everything but the food? Well, guess that's why we're here and why we could purr just like the old cat. It has made us happy to be able to serve you this past year. Seems like we've kept a lot of our old friends and made a lot of new ones. We see new faces all the time—but it must be tough on you to see the same old faces in here year after year. It's like we've always said—you don't have to be crazy to work here, but it helps. Not much sense in going into a song and dance about your Christmas dinner, but just in case you forgot to order something we will have all kinds of poultry—fresh dressed and frozen. We are also one of the few places left that has bulk sausage for 49c a lb fer yer dressin'. Then if yer needin' a ham we have all sizes of them canned. Sort of hate to mention the Christmas candy and nuts fer they have been disappearing real fast—but if you've forgotten them give us a try—might be something left. If you're used to havin' oyster dressing or oyster stew on Christmas eve we have a fresh batch of oyster out of their beds. They're really lush ones—too. Then we'll have Vlasic butter for 65c a lb and Lafers vacuum packed coffee for 89c a lb. There's some of that 4H Blue Ribbon beef here yet—most anything you might be wantin'. Now we all really wanna say to you all—Merry Christmas, from each and everyone of us here at Conroy's and if you haven't picked up your silly old calendar for next year be sure and stop in and get one, will you?

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Gym To Be Open Over Holidays

The Farmington Junior High Gymnasium will be opened again this year for supervised play during the school holiday vacation the Farmington Area Recreation Commission disclosed.

The gym will be open from Saturday, December 22 through Monday, December 24, with the exception of Sundays and Christmas Day, Warren Fiehe, FARC director, stated. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. except on December 24 and December 31 when the gym will not be opened during the evening period.

On Friday, December 23, the gym will be reserved for girls only between the hours of 1 to 3 p.m., Fiehe added.

It was urged that all persons leave their valuables at home since no locker facilities will be available for keeping articles.

Goodfellows

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Drugs, Menke stated that additional names are being added to the list as contributions are received.

Over 100 volunteers were stationed at key locations throughout the community during the Annual Sale. Menke stated that in addition to the volunteers previously mentioned, members of the Civil Air Patrol assisted in the Eight Mile-Grand River section. Menke issued a special commendation to the merchants in the Bel-Aire Shopping Center for their fine cooperation.

In addition to the Paper Sale, students at Our Lady of Sorrows School and the Farmington Public Schools have been hard at work in their annual project of contributing canned and packaged goods. Members of the Goodfellows will collect the food items from the various stores and on Thursday prepare to sorting and packing them in special Christmas boxes. Menke stated that additional volunteers will be needed Friday at the Legion Home to assist with the preparation of the Christmas baskets. Members of the Goodfellows will distribute the boxes to needy families of the community just prior to Christmas.

The boxes will also include toys and dolls, thanks to the cooperation and assistance of members of the Marine Corps Reserve in the Farmington area and various civic and service organizations in the community. It is anticipated that well over 100 needy families in the Farmington area will be provided for by the Goodfellows this Christmas.

Hearing

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of a portion of Valleyview Drive between Prospect and Valleyview Circle was delayed until the various owners of property involved select arbitrators and work out a satisfactory disposition. At the public hearing, held prior to the Commission's decision, several property owners expressed a desire to have the road vacated. There were no objections to the proposal.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR of EVENTS

1:00 p.m.	Blue Star Mothers	Cville Fire Hall
8:00 p.m.	American Legion	Legion Hall
9:00 p.m.	Frosty Frolic Dance	Sr. High Gym
2:00 p.m.	Jaycee Christmas Party	Sr. High Gym
8:00 p.m.	Farmington Players	Universalist Church
7:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Orchard Methodist
12:15 p.m.	Exchange Club	Universalist Church
8:30 p.m.	V. F. W. Post 4033	Memorial Hall

City Council Booklet On Suit Making Available

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highest bid, \$2,200. A lot of three proposals were received prior to the deadline of 8 p.m. on Monday.

The other two bids, which were opened and read at the meeting, were listed at \$3,659 and \$4,800. Councilman Bates abstained from voting on the awarding of the bid, otherwise the motion was unanimously approved.

The Council, following the recommendation of the Planning Commission, approved the plan of Bel-Aire Hills No. 2, subject to restrictions presented by the developers. Bel-Aire Hills No. 2 includes Out-lot "C" where the present shopping center is located. The developers explained that the parcel is being platted to facilitate the spreading of property taxes to individual building lots. At the present time the property is on a meets and bounds description. The Council raised a question on whether this will effect the individual lot requirements for off-street parking. It was pointed out by the developers that more than enough parking space is available even for the present development.

Tentative approval was given for the platting of part of Lot 17 on Gill Road south of Grand River. It is proposed that eight lots be included in the plat along a dead end road extending east from Gill Road. The tentative approval was given pending a report from the City Engineer on the layout of a turn-around at the end of the street as well as a report on sewer and water facilities in the area.

A motion was approved by the Council authorizing the Treasurer to pay the full \$2,250, appropriated in the current budget, to the Library Board.

School Board

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PTA and civic groups during January and February, it was indicated. Hope was expressed that it would be possible to place the proposed \$4,000,000 bond issue to a vote of the people by either March or April.

Following discussion with representatives from the Earl Meyer's architectural firm, the Board authorized the drawing up of new plans for the proposed new Ken-dalwood elementary school in the current building program. It was felt that a modified plan might be necessary to reduce the cost of erecting a building there. Bids for the building at this site, originally proposed and received earlier this month, ran considerably higher than was estimated.

Authorization was also given the architectural firm to advertise for bids on construction of the new elementary school proposed to be built at the William Grace School site on Shawwassee Road just east of Middlebelt Road.

Bid prices for the fencing of a portion of the new athletic field at the Senior high school and the purchase of necessary equipment for spring and fall sports in 1957 were presented to the Board by James Read and Jack Cotton, athletic director. Purchase of the necessary equipment was authorized but action was tabled on the matter of fencing until a thorough investigation of the school system's financial condition for this school year is completed. Funds for such expenditures in the current budget have already been exhausted it was indicated.

OFFICIALS REVIEW COST FIGURES ON WATER SYSTEM

Officials of Farmington and Southfield Townships as well as the City of Farmington met Wednesday evening at the Town Hall to discuss the proposed joint water system to serve portions of the three communities.

Albert Gain, Farmington Township Supervisor, Eugene Swem, Southfield Township Supervisor and Earl Scherffus, Farmington City Manager, attended the conference along with Judge Arthur E. Moore, attorney and Lawrence Pate, engineer. The proposed plans and cost estimates for the joint system were discussed in detail.

The various municipal officials agreed to present the proposal to their respective governmental bodies for study and consideration.

Heap on more wood—the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will. We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

—Sir Walter Scott.

During last summer's heat wave a church in the Midwest put this on the bulletin board: "You think it's hot here!"

JAYCEES SPONSOR SHOPPING TOUR FOR YOUNGSTERS

Thirty children from the Sarah Fisher Home were taken on a full scale Christmas shopping tour in Farmington on Tuesday by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Each youngster was given \$2.00 to spend for a gift of his or her choice for some other child or adult friend. The purpose of the program was to provide each child with an opportunity to give as well as receive and in a small way to thank the Farmington merchants for the loyal support they have given the Jaycees.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce committee stated that they made no effort to direct the children to any one store. The choice of where to spend their money was strictly their own. Members of the committee were: Don Kosmensky, George Aley, Don Loyland, Bob Hall, Chuck Bridges and Dave Fitzpatrick.

Association

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every case the Committee has received words of encouragement and offers of assistance from subdivision associations. "This help was very valuable, for we learned of associations formed in subdivisions where we never suspected there was any organization in existence," Rogers stated. Robert H. Nelson, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, added that he had found several subdivisions where home owners had commenced organization procedures so association representatives could be sent to the initial meeting. Nelson stated that, since the Committee's League proposal is for a purely representative-type organization, the group is pursuing the policy of placing only officials of finally organized subdivision associations on its mailing list for the call to the initial meeting.

Rogers explained, "In the early stages, especially, we need a small group of representatives—preferably persons with subdivision association experience. Even later, we don't see how a township-wide organization can be effective in attaining the difficult goals we are considering unless it is of the purely representative type."

Over one-half of the assets of the University of Michigan have been obtained with funds from sources other than state appropriations.

—Albert Einstein

Obituary

Robert K. Buckner
Robert K. Buckner, 2045 Inkster Road, Livonia, passed away December 16, while visiting at Mars Hill, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be held from the Spencer J. Healey Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Thursday. He leaves four sons, Luther of Livonia, Carl of Detroit, Doyle and George, both of Farmington; three daughters, Mrs. Edna Mae Tass, Betty Buckner and Verdie Buckner, all of Farmington; six grandchildren; a brother, Commander James Buckner, U.S. Navy, Great Lakes Naval Station, and a sister, Pearl Buckner of Mars Hill, North Carolina.

Mr. Buckner's wife, Ethel, passed away in 1946.

Sewer Main

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cost of \$2,000,000, for the project. He expressed concern over the possible effect the higher standards will have on the cost picture.

The proposed system, as presently planned, would serve the eastern half of Farmington Township as well as a portion of Westland Township, Southfield Township, Orchard Lake Village and Keego Harbor.

It is unfortunate for the man who has neither mind enough to speak well nor judgment enough to be silent.

Nominate and Elect
WENDELL BROWN
Candidate For Township Trustee—(Republican)

The Handyman's NOTEBOOK

by: BAYARD TUPPER

It does no good to comment, as so many do at this time of year, on how much our Christmas has changed.

The candles on our trees are now electrical (and thereby much safer) and the carols are more likely to come from a three-speed phonograph (and will, therefore, be more musical, if not more dedicated, than our own efforts).

I do not regret, really, that our Christmas has changed. For whatever have progress has wrought on this day of Christ, it remains still a day that stands out in each year as bright as the star that shone over Bethlehem.

We mark our milestones by our Christmas. We remember the new river the family got because it was used for the happy occasion of Christmas, or we remember how good a cook our mother was because she excelled at Christmas.

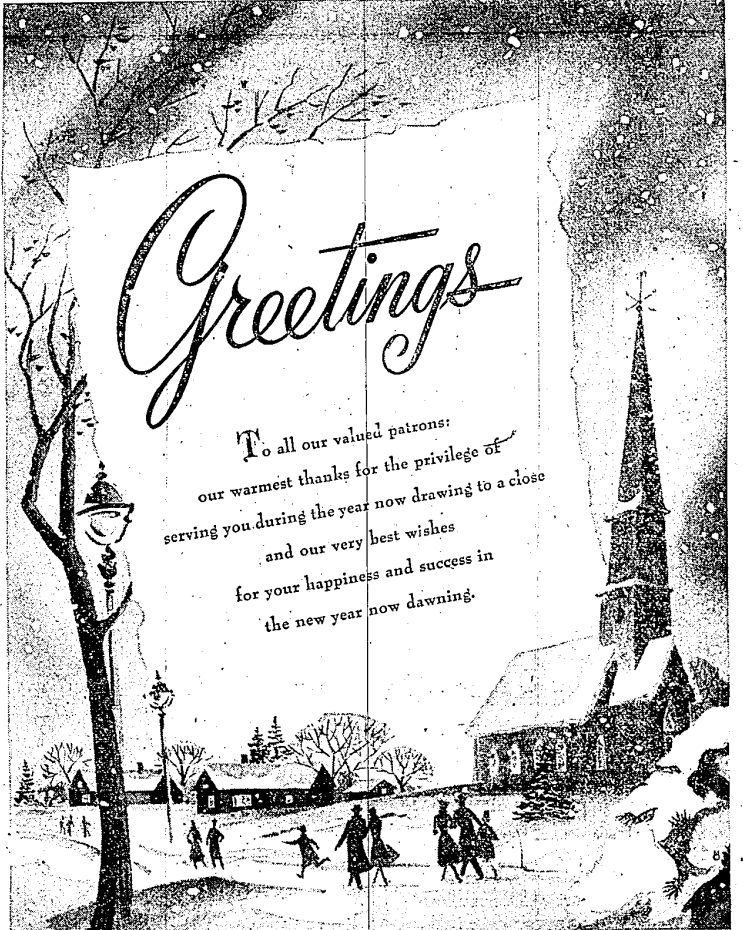
And all the uncles and aunts and cousins and nephews (some of them fun and some of them pretty unbearable) fit into our memories because we remember them from Christmas.

Memory is among our great treasures and no mechanical contrivance can ever take its place as a source of pleasure. Christmas, as the focal point of memory, can never be changed fundamentally despite the gnawing away at its spirit by the growing commercialism.

Memory, made of Christmases, is brighter than any string of lights, sweeter than any wine and more beautiful than any photograph. In wishing all our friends a Merry Christmas, therefore, we are wishing you all another day that will soon become a pleasant and mellow memory!

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