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## It's Our Opinion:

### EDITORIALS:

### Several Months Ago . . .

The Enterprise submitted its observations, comments and opinions on the efforts now being made to establish a water system in Farmington Township. These remarks were presented with only one idea in mind, that of helping to arrive at a sound and logical solution to the problem. We do not know of any quick or easy answer . . . if we did we would say so. Nor do we believe in condemning one and all for the lack of results in achieving the goal.

If any one factor is going to bring water to Farmington Township . . . it's cooperation. The lack of progress on this project has been exasperating, especially to those persons who are so urgently in need of water. Much of the delay, in our opinion, could have been avoided by better organization. On the other hand, little can be accomplished by pulling against each other. The people have a right to ask for and to get this vital service. The Township has an obligation to provide the mechanics whereby this facility can be made available.

The speed with which this objective is accomplished depends upon many factors. In addition to cooperation, there is determination, efficiency and singleness of purpose. Needless to say, these factors to one degree or another, have been lacking in the program thus far. However, in our opinion, they are improving. We are hearing less talk about "it can't be done," although there is still some of it floating around. Township officials are gradually coming up with an organized step-by-step procedure which should add greatly to the efficiency of the project. A feeling of urgency and necessity is beginning to creep into our conversation and our action.

This does not mean that the problem is solved. A lot stronger dose of these factors must be injected before the project becomes a reality. We must recognize that the Township is in the water business by necessity. We must recognize that this type of service, efficiently operated, can be self-supporting and of tremendous value to the community. We must recognize that a water system can and must be established in the Township.

The sooner we recognize these facts . . . the sooner we erase the "when's," "ifs" and "buts" from our conversation . . . the sooner we'll get the job done!

### Farmington School Officials . . .

are presently engaged in the difficult task of outlining another expansion program designed to meet the educational needs of our growing community.

During the next few months a great deal of factual material will be presented on the whys and wherefores of the proposed \$4,000,000 bond issue. This information will be presented both in printed form and in talks before PTA groups and civic and service organizations.

We sincerely hope that the citizens of the Farmington School District will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about their present and future educational system. It is essential in a progressive community, that the people are both interested and informed on matters of importance to themselves and their neighbors.

This is particularly true where the final decision rests with the voters. Eventually you and every other conscientious citizen of the community must file an answer. You owe it to yourself to read, to listen and to get the facts. Remember, this is your school system, paid for with your money and created for the education of your boys and girls. Need we say more?

### The Hint . . .

from Governor Williams that new taxes are in the offing, comes as no great surprise to anyone.

The Governor has been working hard and long on his pet project . . . the corporation profits tax. It is a little hard to tell at this point whether it will be a repeat performance in 1957 or whether some new gimmick will be devised. Regardless of the outcome, the result will be the same. Namely, more money for the state coffers.

We only hope that the Legislature doesn't dream up another of those so-called "temporary" or "emergency" tax bills such as they did several years ago with the Business Receipts Tax. All of us should be wise enough by this time to know that there is no such thing as a "temporary" tax and at the same time the Legislature should be fair enough not to try and sell it that way. Let's face it, a tax is a tax, no matter how much bric-a-brac you hang on it. Most of them are here to stay and we might just as well learn to live with 'em, whether they are justified or not.

## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**NOVI**—A total of 33 persons, the largest field in Novi township's history, have filed as candidates for office in the township primary election on February 18. Thirty minute petitions, submitted just prior to the deadline raised the total from 16 to 33.

Main struggle in the upcoming primary will be among Republican candidates. A total of 25 candidates have filed for 13 positions. Democratic candidates are unopposed. Eight Democrats are seeking eight different positions with no candidates for clerk, board of review or constable.

Four of the five township board members have filed for re-election. They are Supervisor Frazier Staman, Clerk Hadley Robert and Trustees Harold Miller and Frank Clark. Treasurer Charles Trickey, Jr., withdrew his petition for re-election last month in order to devote more time to business.

—The Novi News

**BLOOMFIELD**—All-Republican slate has filed nominating papers for the February 18 primary in Bloomfield Township. No Democratic candidates filed.

Opposition has been offered for the positions of supervisor and trustee while the position of clerk goes unopposed. Six men have filed as candidates for the two posts to be filled. Four persons are also seeking election as justice of the peace while three incumbents and a newcomer are seeking election to the four constable positions.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

**ROME**—With \$4,500 in checks to give them a start, members of the Rome Building Authority board met for the first time last week. The board will seek to pin down a site for the proposed building and ask for an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 in cash, materials of labor to insure completion of the project, according to the board chairman.

The exact amount still needed will be determined in the near future when a budget is established, he said.

Last month the board will meet with representatives from some 40 community organizations to report on progress and ask for further suggestions such as were advanced in a similar meeting last fall.

Materials for the building's side-walls, authority officials reveal, are already in Rome. Roof and frame sections, however, must wait upon a decision on the shape the structure will take, it was indicated.

The biggest single donation to date was \$3,000 from the R. C. Mahon foundation of which Walter E. Mahon is vice-president. Mr. Mahon is also president of the R. C. Mahon corporation, building fabricating firm which is donating much of the building materials.

—The Rome Observer Press

**SOUTHFIELD**—Members of the boundaries committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors met last Wednesday to consider petitions for the election of a new Charter Commission for Southfield. Both petitions filed were found to be sufficient and in order, according to the committee.

It is expected that the committee will recommend to the board of supervisors that a date be set for a Charter commission election when they meet on January 17. If the board approves the election, it is possible it will be set for April 1, the same date as the spring general election.

—The Four Corners Press

**BIRMINGHAM**—Merchants who offered prizes to area parents having the first baby in 1957 were dealt a double blow with the announcement of the birth of twins to Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Zuehlisdorff of West Bloomfield Township early on January 1.

A baby boy arrived at 2:31 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac and was followed shortly afterward at 2:36 a.m. by a twin baby girl.

Unless some other party reports an earlier birth, the Zuehlisdorffs will receive clothing for themselves as well as for the new babies from a variety of different concerns in the Birmingham-Hamtramck area.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

## "Someone's at the Door!"



**AN OLD PROBLEM** faces Michigan in the new year. "Where is the money coming from—and where is it going?" Much more often than in past years, both state and city governments have had more expenses than bankroll. This has led to a higher and higher tax bill for the man on the street.

Between \$40 million and \$80 million more will be needed to operate the state next year, according to present estimates by legislators. An accurate figure will not be available until the Governor outlines his ideas in his message to the Legislature, due within 10 days after the new group convenes.

His programs will indicate how much more must be raised in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957, not whether there will be a deficit.

Already apparent are some of the needs. About \$10 million more will be needed to cover salary increases granted by the Civil Service Commission.

Because income to school funds from state sales taxes are considerably less than was estimated, the Legislature must dip into its general fund to the tune of about \$18 million.

More than \$13 million more is needed by "state" universities if they are to accommodate young people seeking college education. Operating costs for state buildings are increasing, and must be covered. Everytime the state levies a new office, or improves an existing service, there is an inevitable price tag.

What are other needs in 1957? Among recommendations made to the Legislature by Gov. G. Mennen Williams are expected to be the following, none very expensive to the state treasury: a campaign to promote industrial safety; more emphasis on highway safety; higher (and more expensive to the nation) unemployment compensation; increased workman's compensation.

If they are to dwindle later, they must have specific authority from the Legislature. Cities in other states have "successfully" taxed income, utilities, and admissions to theaters and athletic events.

If Michigan cities are to do this, existing law must be changed. Michigan's "Four under Forty" law said to be one of the big hopes for the state's Republican (Continued on Page 7B)



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### A RESOLUTION FOR FREEDOM

What New Year's resolution could be submitted to the citizens of the United States which would leave its mark in history if fulfilled? Perhaps there are many suggestions on this. Perhaps each reader will have one. It seems to me that one of the great needs of our citizenry, and thus of the individuals within it, is a strengthening of our self-reliance. So I wish to suggest: "Resolve that within the year 1957 I shall more fully accept the responsibilities that fall upon a citizen in this nation of freedom."

Self-reliance doesn't mean diluting our faith in God or our reliance on God's will. In fact it means an acceptance of Bible teachings on the responsibilities of individual mankind. Self-reliance doesn't mean pulling apart from the group, or living, or working or striving alone. It is an attribute which must be cultivated if the individual is ever to make a contribution to others, if he is to be his brother's keeper.

Demagogues Active

Self-reliance is so important in today's world because so many political demagogues are beckoning man to place his reliance on government, or the State, in Russia, the Communists seek to teach their enslaved millions to worship. The State or the human symbol of the State, "whether it be Stalin or the present many-headed nebulo. The individual is taught to be a cog in the machinery of the State, utterly dependent. But a cog doesn't think, or create, or contribute. So long as the machine exists, the cog is locked in place and cannot change its course or its destiny.

In socialist countries—and most of the countries of the world have Socialist systems—dependence is gradually transferred from the individuals to the government, or State. Collectivism is the machine. The first thought of everyone must be the machine. It feeds, and clothes, and houses, and eventually it thinks for the individuals. The bureaucrats who operate the machine of Socialism say, "The people don't know what's good for them."

Something For Nothing

The demagogues are not all Communists and Socialists. Some are politicians who have nothing to recommend themselves to the people, so they make big promises. In a sense they offer something for nothing. It has a powerful appeal. For it to be accepted, however, the people must be weak in self-reliance, and confused in their (Continued on Page 3B)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 14, 1932)

**Food Protest**  
Mass meetings protesting the food being given to parties on the public welfare list were held by men and women in this area last week. A meeting has been called for this Thursday evening in Southfield Community Hall on Ford Republic Road, at which time the present system of handling poor relief will be discussed. Charges that state meat and other unit foods have been distributed to those on the welfare list were made to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors last week and these charges are now being investigated. Several cases have been reported also of parties receiving an overabundance of some food stuffs and too little of others. Heavy protest is also reported by farmers and merchants over the manner in which the large-scale distribution system is being handled. An example cited was that the Poor Commission has purchased large quantities of condensed milk from Nebraska while area farmers have a large surplus of whole milk which could be bought and distributed locally.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 16, 1947)

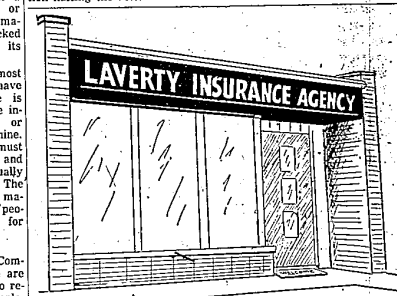
**Classroom Shortage**  
Superintendent O. E. Dunkel informed the Farmington School Board Monday night that unless additional classrooms are found in two areas by September of this year, it will be necessary for some half-day sessions of certain grades. He stated that two additional classrooms will be necessary in the Noble School area and five rooms in the Farmington elementary school. "Present classroom loads are much too heavy for proper education of the students and work a serious handicap on the teachers," Dunkel said. He added that preliminary studies indicate that this student load will increase sharply in the Noble and Farmington elementary school areas by September.

**Named Coroner**

Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner has been deputized as a special coroner for this district of Oakland County. Twenty physicians in the county on the board deputized as coroners under a new plan inaugurated at the end of 1946, following a vote of the Board of Supervisors to abolish it.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 17, 1952)

**Heavy Registration**  
A near record total of 220 registrations has been recorded to date during the special Township registration period that closes this Friday. It indicates that a large vote can be expected in the special Township Zoning election set for Monday, February 18. Township Clerk Harry McCracken stated. Township voters will go to the polls to voice their approval or disapproval of a zoning ordinance for the Township. The proposed ordinance was drawn up earlier and approved by the Township Board at its regular meeting in November. The vote was made necessary as a result of petitions calling for a vote on the question halting the action of the Board on the matter.



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