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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

The Prospects . . .

of obtaining a water system for the "dry area" of Farmington Township look brighter than ever before. This is the consensus of opinion being shared by many people as the result of the conference held last Monday between State Officials and members of the Township Board. The new optimism is based largely on the fact that at last a definite plan of procedure has been adopted. A definite commitment has been obtained from the City of Detroit for the source of supply. An expert financial consultant is being employed to work out the most practical method of financing. An outside coordinator has been selected to act as liaison between the Water Development Association and the financial consultant. These are progressive steps, which have long been needed in developing a constructive program of action.

It is understandable that many residents of the "dry area" are still skeptical as to the outcome. They have waited a long time for some concrete action. They have heard plans and programs outlined before and have seen them fall by the wayside. However, as Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, stated at the meeting Monday evening, it is time we forgot about the past and began working together toward the future. Charges and counter charges, suspicions and doubts accomplish nothing. We have a common problem which directly or indirectly affects every resident of the Farmington community. It is up to us, as a people, to find the answers and to put them to work. Naturally, all of the good intentions and all of the idealistic plans in the world will not bring water out of the kitchen tap. We have taken the first important step but it takes a lot of walking to get from here to there. It is essential that our Township officials continue to concentrate their efforts in seeing this problem through. It is also essential that all citizens of the Township cooperate in eliminating this hazard to our combined health and safety.

We can and we will lick this problem if everyone does his part.

Our Congratulations . . .

to Gerald Harrison on his appointment as Superintendent of the Farmington School District, replacing O. E. Dunckel, who will retire in July.

We have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Harrison for the past 10 years. He is exceedingly conscientious and sincere in his desire to serve the school district and the community. We have always found him most cooperative and willing to be of help. As high school principal and assistant superintendent, he is well aware of the vast administrative problems which confront and have confronted our growing school system. As both a teacher and administrator, he has the necessary background and experience to do a constructive job.

We are confident that Mr. Harrison will continue to improve the progressive educational program which has made the Farmington School District one of the leaders in the State of Michigan, and we pledge our cooperation in this effort to better serve the boys and girls of our community.

The Annual Battle . . .

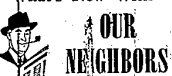
on ways and means of squeezing a few more dollars out of the haggard and worn taxpayer is now taking place under the capital dome in Lansing.

The Democrats are being accused of taxing the state to death and the Republicans are being charged with a "do nothing-say nothing plan." In the meantime, the guy who is going to have to foot the bill is being pushed back and forth like a pawn in a heated chess game. We think the accused and the accuser have a lot in common, although they would be the last to admit it. Both are so grossly engaged in nipping at each other's heels that they can't see the path they are following.

We need more taxes like we need holes in the ground . . . money properly spent in the right places, yes . . . but taxes, no! Every time we lob off a few more dollars to be sent up to Lansing, we make it that much harder to meet our tax obligations at home. As a result, we are fast reaching a point where the State and the Federal Government will have to take care of all of our needs, from the cradle to the grave.

If the Legislators, both Republican and Democrat, would divert their energies from the annual battle of words to the battle of efficiency in government, we have an idea that the budget would be balanced and nobody would be hurt in the process.

What's New With



OUR NEIGHBORS

ROMEO—It took 30 years, but the present Romeo Community high school building is all paid off. Final payment of \$9,205.50 went into the mail this week.

In the span of years since 1927, taxpayers in the Romeo Community School District have paid a total of \$275,000 for the present high school. Of this total, \$150,000 was for principal and \$125,000 for interest.

At present the School Board is going over the district's financial picture prior to contracting for the building of a new high school which architects estimate will cost \$333,000 plus additional costs for equipment, be estimated \$533,000 and provide for 42,700 square feet of floor space. The architects' estimate is arrived at by figuring \$15 per square foot for construction alone.

Last week the School Board approved preliminary plans of the building as drawn up by Eberle M. Smith Associates, architects.

—The Romeo Observer Press

NOVI—The Township Board has decided to contest the February 5 election in which Wixom gained the right to incorporate as a village. At a special meeting last Saturday the Board gave Township attorney Alex Leonard power to fight the incorporation by whatever means be deemed best.

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Novi's biggest stake in the Wixom question is the \$5 multi-million dollar Lincoln Road project under construction within the new village limits. The plan will be the biggest source of tax money in the area when it is completed. Wixom remains a village, Novi can continue to tax the plan. If Wixom ever becomes a city, however, Novi would lose all taxation power over the plan.

—The Novi News

BUCHANAN—For \$7,500 the City Commission Monday night agreed unanimously to purchase the former Standard Oil gas station in town. The city manager was also authorized to check the leasing of the station and to erect a building on an additional 800 foot lot next to it. The manager was asked to make a layout to show parking arrangements and to check the zoning. The location could not be used as a comfort station. If the building does not have to be moved it is estimated that the parking lot can be put in shape for about \$1,500.

—Brien County Record

SOUTHFIELD—Residents of the Village of Bingham Farms will register for the March 11 village election March 8 and 9 in the restaurant at Oulands Riding Stable on 14 Mile Road.

Only one candidate has filed petition for village president. Four candidates are in the running for three trustee spots. Incumbents for the office of clerk, treasurer and assessor are also unopposed.

—The For Corners Press

BIRMINGHAM—A \$2.5 mill boost for the next five years in the Birmingham School District's special operation mill will be asked of voters at a special election on Monday, March 23.

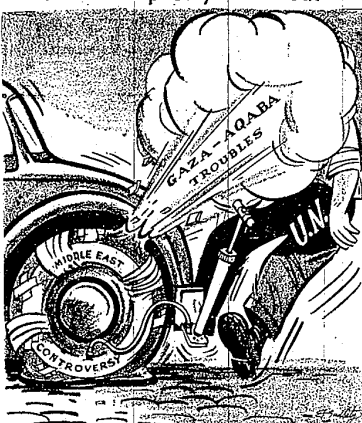
The amount to be voted on will be for \$6 mills, or \$6 per \$1,000 of property valuation as authorized by the State. This millage being asked for will include the continuation of the 3.5 mills the School District voted in 1931 but which expired last December.

It was pointed out that the additional 2.5 mills being asked would provide more than \$400,000 annually of which it is proposed to use to increase and strengthen Birmingham's teachers' salaries. This program was recommended in a report released publicly last week by a citizens educational advisory committee composed of School District laymen.

The special millage being asked would be in addition to the regular millage obtained as part of the county 15 mill limitation, plus debt millage and special education funds. For 1936 these figures were 9.32, 8.2 and 1.5 mills, respectively. Other benefits the District would obtain from the millage increase would be an additional assistant superintendent, five assistant school principals, a manual for employees, a recruiting brochure, sabbatical leaves for teachers, and a personnel evaluation program.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

If the Pump Only Holds Out



A BIG TEST for the new Republican state chairman, Lawrence B. Lindemer, comes right on the heels of his election as Michigan's GOP chief.

April 1, the Republicans will muster all strength to prevent Democrats from capturing their last two seats on the state administrative board—Highway Commissioner and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It's a tough assignment. The Democratic powerhouse led by Governor Williams has proven strength. Unlike the fall elections, the Democrats also have a natural offensive position. The Republicans hold the major offices up for election, and they must defend their administration of these offices.

Confident optimism seems to prevail in the GOP. Lindemer, 35, represents the "New Guard" Republicanism. His strategy is to bring Eisenhower concepts to the state and county level.

"It's a working theory of government which ties in the rights of the individual with the responsibilities of the individual," he told party leaders at the Republican state convention.

Republican leaders agree that the party must be strongly organized from the grass root levels up. They believe Lindemer can do the job. Lindemer has strong faith in his own abilities.

Plans are under consideration to make Lindemer's chairmanship a full time position. (Former state chairman John Kelkens was paid \$75 a day, but only for the days he actually spent working.) A full time staff may be organized.

While the April 1 test is a big one, that election won't be a "true test" of Lindemer's ability. The time is too short to build a complete organization.

Lindemer recognizes that much



LOOKING AHEAD

THE "WORKERS" PARADISE
Peter F. Hurst, president of Aeropac Corporation, Jackson, Michigan, recently returned from a visit inside Russia. He reports his observations in his company's employees' magazine, The Flying A. Facts in his report should be brought to the attention of every employee in America. Communism, as well as Socialism, claims to be "The Workers' Party." It directs most of its propaganda in America toward the wage earners, trying to undermine their confidence in the American system, describing Russia as "The Workers' Paradise" and boasting that under the Socialist-Communist system the wage earners live better and are their own "bosses."

Mr. Hurst, a keen observer, didn't find it so.

He visited a number of factories in Russia, escorted by guides from the Russian Travel Agency operated by the government. "I presume they showed us the best," he observes. And yet, in most cases, what he saw was production machinery, industrial techniques and working conditions far inferior to America's. And the Russian factory, he reports, "gives the impression of what we used to call a sweat shop." He talked to the factory "director" in many plants, probing into the questions of wages, employee advancement, etc.

Wages Low

Although he could see on all sides evidence of the shabby living standards of employees working in this Socialist-Communist "paradise," Mr. Hurst's careful studies on the scene in Russia permitted him to document their true plight. "Let us analyze the situation," he suggests in his report. "An average 'well paid' factory worker gets about 800 rubles a month for working six days a week . . . or about 150 cents each month."

"Income taxes and union dues take about 10 per cent. The worker subsides 'voluntarily' to some government bonds equal to about 8 per cent of his pay . . . He has left about 650 rubles to spend. At the 'official' rate of exchange that is about 12 U. S. dollars. Now, let us see what he can buy with this amount."

Necessities High

"A pair of poor quality shoes . . . 400 rubles or \$100. 'One pair of poor quality women's shoes . . . 250 rubles or \$62. 'Or he could buy one bicycle for 650 rubles, his monthly take home pay."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 3, 1932)
Township Vote
Anticipating a turnout at the polls equaling or bettering last year's record of more than 1,000 voters, 26 candidates for 11 Farmington Township offices are now making last-minute canvasses in preparation for Monday's Primary Election. Township voters cast 1,089 votes last year. The center of interest is in the contest for the office of treasurer in which six men and one woman are competing. The candidates are Jay Button, Mrs. Loretta Cox, P. R. DeLeuil, Charles Habermehl, Fred Lahr, Willis T. Roberts and Roy Schroeder. Arthur Cox, incumbent supervisor, will be opposed by Leroy Curran. Clerk Willard Campbell, seeking re-election, is opposed by Ina Sturman and William Wendlandt. Clayton Goers, incumbent commissioner of highways candidate, is being opposed by Joseph Graham and James Roberts.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 6, 1947)
Zoning Hearing
It was expected that a representative group of residents of Farmington Township will be in attendance Saturday afternoon at the public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance. The public hearing has been arranged in order to explain the ordinance and to let everyone know what provisions it contains. What is hoped will be accomplished by such an ordinance will also be brought out. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard expressed hope that everyone who has any question about a phase of the ordinance be present to voice their opinions at this public hearing.

Win Title
In a strong surge the Farmington Falcons swamped Keego Harbor last Friday evening to take undisputed possession of first place in the Inter-Lakes Basketball Conference and thus the 1947 championship. The Falcons defeated Keego by a score of 52-32. Up until Friday night, Farmington and Keego Harbor were tied for first place in the conference, with five victories and two defeats apiece.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 6, 1932)
Board of Review
Only four persons appeared before the first session of the Farmington Township Board of Review held Tuesday and only two persons attended the initial session of the City Board of Review. According to Ernest Blanchard, chairman of the Township Board of Review, those appearing before the Board were primarily concerned with the tax rate rather than the valuation of their property. Both cases in the City were reported by Leo Gildemeister to be over questions regarding valuation, however.



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