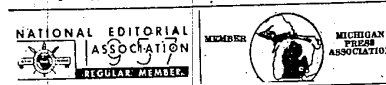


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## It's Our Opinion:

### EDITORIALS:

#### A Year Ago . . .

at this time the city and township assessment rolls were being examined by the Boards of Review, taxpayers were fussing and discussing their property valuations, a school bond issue had just been approved and more and more people were talking about the necessity for a more adequate tax base.

Yes, history does repeat itself, for all these things are happening again this week, especially the part where we are talking about a more adequate tax base. The big difficulty is, we're still talking. The city has made some progress during the past 12 months and there are a few hopeful signs on the horizon in the township, but they are merely drops of water in an ocean of opportunity.

How long are we going to sit on the beach and watch the waves go rolling by? Only last week we read of a community that was floating a \$4,500,000 bond issue for schools at an average cost to the individual taxpayer of \$14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as equalized. We need schools too . . . the voters of the Farmington community proved it last week. We also need water, sewers, roads, park and recreation facilities and a hundred other things, and we can have them without breaking the back of every homeowner and every businessman. But we've got to quit talking and start doing.

We challenge any five businessmen in the City of Farmington, who are sincere in their desire to see something done, who are convinced that there is a need for an awakened spirit and who are willing to work toward accomplishing it, to step forward and be counted. At the same time, we challenge the leading citizens of the Township of Farmington to form a committee of economic development to work with the Planning Committee in organizing a program of action. These should not be sales promotion groups alone, but rather community development groups. The field is unlimited, the source of ideas exists in communities all around us, ideas that are alive and working.

But a word of warning. Unless we do it today . . . tomorrow may be too late. Taxes will continue to rise, services will continue to lag and commerce and industry will continue to move on just a little faster. We ask again, how long are we going to sit on the beach and watch the waves go rolling by?

#### Taking Steps . . .

is part of the process of growing-up. The action of the City Council last week, in introducing an ordinance to provide for the integration of the Police and Fire Departments, is in our opinion an important step in the growing-up process.

This is no reflection on the present volunteer fire department. They have in the past and will in the future do a conscientious job of protecting the lives and property of our citizens. The new ordinance is rather a symbol of the changes which must take place as the city grows and develops. While any change over requires time and adjustment, the attention of a full-time administrator should bring some early beneficial results.

The success of the integration program will depend to a large extent upon the cooperation and understanding of the persons directly involved as well as the citizens as a whole. With this kind of spirit, we are convinced that the plan will work to the benefit of the entire community.

#### The Present Courting . . .

of Miss Polly-Tix by some members and would-be members of the State's highest judicial body is a little bit disgusting, to say the least.

No, we are not so innocent as to think that there haven't been other occasions when this young lady attracted the glance of so-called "non-partisan" candidates. But never before has the display of affection been quite so bold. To those who have learned to respect the impartiality of the State Supreme Court, this latest demonstration is shocking.

If nothing else, we believe the events of this present campaign will cause a much needed reform in the method of selecting our non-partisan judicial candidates. Should this be the case, the present drama may yet have a happy and constructive ending, although we doubt that the writers have this thought in mind as they move into the final chapters.

### What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**SOUTHFIELD** — An analytical review of Southfield's present and future water picture was given this week by Donald C. Egbert, engineer-manager for the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. According to Egbert, the Authority has made available to Southfield more than sufficient water to meet needs. This has been accomplished it is said by construction of a main on Greenfield from Eight to Fourteen Mile Roads and construction of mains between Greenfield and Southfield on Ten, Eleven, Twelve and Fourteen Mile Roads.

The solution to any shortages now lies in Southfield's willingness to move ahead to meet its needs by developing an adequate system of arterial mains, the review stated. Of utmost importance to Southfield's future and to Authority planning is the assurance that future construction work in the Township will conform to a general plan suitable to serve the entire Metropolitan area.

The Authority is now proceeding with plans for improvement of the east portion of the water system in order to increase the capacity of the mains on Laverne to 35 to 40 million gallons per day. This can make possible the use by Southfield of the water in the east portion of the Greenfield main supply, it was pointed out.

The present local population now being served by the Authority is estimated at 18,000. Projected estimated populations are 84,000 in 1960 and 130,000 in 1980.

—The Four Corners Press.

**XOVI** — The Novi School Board has succeeded in getting an early hearing date on its request for expansion of the district. Following action by the Novi School Board, the Oakland County School Board moved the hearing up to March 21 from the originally scheduled date, set for July 18.

The Novi request would expand the School District from its present 15 square miles to about 20 square miles. Following the action of the Novi School Board, the Oakland County School Board moved the hearing up to March 21 from the originally scheduled date, set for July 18.

In addition the move would give the Novi District jurisdiction over the new Lincoln plant. The area where it is located is now under the jurisdiction of the Wall Lake and South Lake School Districts. It has been estimated that the plant would provide some \$150,000 in school taxes annually.

—The Novi News.

**BUCHANAN** — A new thought was expanded at the School Area Study Committee meeting last Monday night — the possibility of starting year-around classes to ease classroom shortages.

Presented by a member of the committee, it was pointed out that the plan used and rejected in some parts of the country but still operating in others, would see students attending school nine months out of the year with the months vacation, but that not all students would have their vacations at the same time. This plan would mean a 25 per cent increase in the use of present facilities which now are idle for three months of the year.

John Cress, making the proposal, stated that he did not care whether the plan was rejected or accepted, in conversation during a break in the meeting. "But every time we meet," he said, "someone asks, 'How much will it cost?' Let's decide what we want most, to spend money or to utilize our buildings more efficiently and save money. Let's decide — and then let's do it." —Berkshire County Record.

**ROMEO** — Final plans for the proposed Romeo Youth Center have been announced and members of the Building Authority are poised to get construction underway.

The only thing holding up immediate ground-breaking for the building is the looming fight over a resolution which would rezone the building site from residential 2 to allow multi-occupancy residences. A public hearing on the proposed rezoning has been set for March 14. A number of residents in the vicinity of the site have indicated that they will oppose the proposal, not because they are against the Youth Center, but because they are against any "spot zoning."

—The Romeo Observer Press.

#### NEW INDUSTRY

"Factors Affecting Industrial Location," a new, up-to-date bibliography which includes 100 selected references relating to taxes and other factors important in locating new industrial sites, has been issued by the Tax Foundation. References in the bibliography are grouped under general books and monographs; articles in periodicals, and publications by states and regions.

Last year visitors from 38 countries studied American Red Cross service procedures and programs in preparation for establishing or expanding Red Cross activities in their own nations.

### A Break in the News



A FEELING OF INSECURITY is evident among many Michigan farmers. On the surface they face a single problem—how to maintain prices for raw milk. Underneath they face a more serious issue: What to do with marginal producers. This is the group now marketing enough milk to create the oversupply and force prices down.

There seems no practical solution to this knotty question; so many who believe the "part time farmer" to be the real issue are pretending it doesn't exist. Instead, varied attacks are being made against the "surface problem" of which is little and increase dissension.

Most dairymen (some 15,500) belong to the Michigan Milk Producers' Association. The group recently voted price cuts for raw milk in some areas of the state. This was to meet competitors from Ohio and Wisconsin who found it profitable to ship cheap milk into Michigan.

Last year, when farmers were lashed to produce milk profitably at existing prices, a minority splintered off to form the Fair Share Bargaining Association. In turn, this group was hit with dissension and a second rebel organization, the Dairy Farmers Co-Operative of Michigan, came into existence.

Federal milk minimums are now being sought in several parts of the state to maintain raw milk prices.

Two milk marketing bills have been introduced in the Michigan legislature with the same goal: Keep milk prices high enough to insure a steady profit for Michigan producers.

Experts think this may maintain prices temporarily, but will do little to cure the real trouble. Excess milk will continue to be produced.

The "part time" farmer creates

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**THE RUSSIAN SHOWCASE**  
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Karl Marx, its founder, called Communism "scientific Socialism." His present-day followers call it "Scientific Socialism" or just plain "Socialism." Socialism is the economic system in Russia today. In its economic workings it is the same brand of Socialism operating in England's "nationalized" industries, in India's Socialist system, in Israel, and in all the other Socialist countries.

With Two Windows Russia thus serves as a two-window showcase for people throughout the world to view: (1) in its government it is a Socialist bureaucracy carried to the ultimate end of all Socialist bureaucracies—which is dictatorship; and (2) in its economic system it has abolished private ownership, and established government ownership and control of the facilities of production and distribution. People throughout the world should observe results in Russia because Socialism there has had everything in its favor. The planners, who are the key men in the workings of Socialism, have had a completely free hand. They have drawn up one "Five Year Plan" after another for 40 years; and the full force of government propaganda and, wherever necessary, coercion has been utilized to enforce the plans. All have failed. After examining the truth about Russia today and after looking through both windows of the Russian showcase, it is difficult to understand why some people in our own country believe we need a bigger Federal bureaucracy, making plans for agricultural and industrial production and distribution and that such a system would be better for most of the people of America.

Two Reports  
Mr. Peter F. Hurts, Michigan industrialist, has reported after a careful study of conditions inside Russia that "scientific Socialism" has brought the Russians on to poverty and slavery—except for the two to three million functionaries. (Continued on Page 5B)

### Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 10, 1932)  
Tax Collections

Collections of State, County and Township taxes in Farmington Township and City are only a little more than half of the totals received last year, according to Mark Bachelor and L. C. Thayer, treasurers. Thayer, City treasurer, reported that he had collected only \$24,975.00 on the winter-rolls, or 35 per cent of the total roll, which is \$68,038.38. Bachelor, Township treasurer, said that he had collected approximately \$57,000, or only 19 per cent of the total roll of \$347,000. Last year at this time, Bachelor stated, 34 per cent of the taxes had been collected by the Township.

**Township Election**  
All incumbents, with one exception, were returned to office in Farmington Township Monday in an election supervised only by the record breaking vote of a year ago. The total vote cast was 954. Overwhelming majorities in Precinct 2, Clarenceville, accounted for the success of Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, Commissioner Clayton Goers and Clerk Willard Campbell. Mrs. Loretta Cox, one of seven candidates for clerk, found strength in both precincts to win the nomination while the voters of Precinct 1 gave Justice Ernest Blanchard sufficient support to return him to office. J. W. Currie, candidate for overseer, lost by 31 votes to John L. Thomas.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 13, 1947)  
Disposal Plant

A general discussion was held regarding the construction of a sewage disposal plant for the City at the City Commission meeting held Wednesday evening. The State of Michigan is pressing the City to take steps to provide a sewage disposal system. The discussion centered the various types of plants that might be used here. Mr. Hayden, engineer, stated that he would draw up preliminary plans for such a plant and explain the advantages and merits of each type of plant discussed. He promised to report back at the April meeting of the Commission.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 13, 1952)  
New High School

Members of the Board of Education of the Farmington School District approved final plans for the new high school building to be built on Sherrasse Road between Power and Orchard Lake Roads Monday night. In discussing the plans with the Board, Superintendent O. E. Dunkelstad, "upmost thought in our minds has been flexibility to allow for expansion in future years." The present plans call for a 22-classroom unit. An architectural firm representative at the meeting also reported to the Board that approximately 15 per cent of the new Ten Mile Road School, 10 per cent of the Bond School addition and 7 per cent of the Middlebelt School addition now under construction have been completed.

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