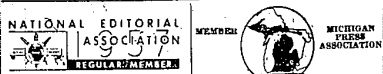


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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS: On The Eve . . .

of another election day, we have several important endorsements which we would like to submit for your consideration.

In the Township election we wish to re-emphasize our previous endorsement of Wendell Brown, candidate for Board Trustee. Mr. Brown's outstanding record of service in local and state governmental affairs makes him an outstanding candidate. We also believe that Albert Gain, incumbent Township Supervisor, should be given an opportunity to continue the work he started seven months ago. He has shown a constructive and affirmative attitude in regard to the many problems facing the Township and has made considerable progress in the improved organization and efficiency of the local government.

In the City election we urge your continued support of Robert Lindbergh in his bid for re-election to the Council. Both as a Councilman and as Mayor, Mr. Lindbergh has worked diligently for the best interests of the City and its citizens. His experience and ability is needed to help guide the continued development of the community.

In both the City and Township, we endorse the basic principle that voting is an essential part of our individual responsibility and citizenship! On this we should all agree and we should show it in record numbers next Monday!

Farmington's New Library . . .

program experienced a slight set-back last Monday when the City Council suggested that time be allowed for the selection of a committee and the drafting of an agreement before the Wilber Estate Fund is turned over to the joint Library Board.

We would like to emphasize at the outset, that in our opinion this is a sound and wise procedure. However, it is unfortunate that this action was not taken sooner. A determination of the will, relative to the release of Wilber Estate monies to the joint Library Board has been on the Court docket for a number of months. A decree, authorizing the City to turn over the funds, has now been received. While no one was certain as to what action the Court would take, preliminary steps could have been worked out in advance to eliminate the present delay.

Of course, it is always easy to analyze a situation after it has happened. The main task right now is to complete the agreement as quickly as possible, so that the joint Library Board can proceed with plans for the new building. The Board has already completed a great deal of preliminary work and is in a position to turn plans into action.

There is no question but that both the City Council and Township Board are ready and anxious to put this new program into effect. It is merely a question of procedure which, with cooperation and understanding, can quickly be answered. With this kind of joint effort plus the continued support of the citizens of the Township and City, Farmington can and will have a library building and program of which everyone will be justly proud.

In A Speech . . .

last week before a group of the Nation's planning experts, a prominent New York businessman said a few choice words about suburban communities and their citizens.

He termed the suburban areas as "parasites" and labeled its citizens as "carpet baggers." He also advocated that metropolitan cities be given the authority to incorporate suburban communities without their prior consent. We were particularly interested in the speaker's remarks about the lack of financial contribution made by suburbanites to the central city and the "little bit of taxes" they pay in their home community.

The fact that many residents of the suburbs own commercial and industrial property in the central city was ignored by the speaker. The fact that many more residents help support the numerous public service facilities of the "big city" was also omitted. However, most interesting of all was the part about the local taxes. Apparently, the speaker has gotten hold of a lot different book than the one we've been reading. Finances are the major problem facing most suburban communities around Detroit and the citizens are meeting their obligations head on.

Suburban communities are proud of their identity. They exemplify a new and voluntary way of life for millions of people. It will take more than insulting phrases and threats of undemocratic action to solve the growing problems that face our Nation.

What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI — In a long-awaited decision Judge Frank I. Doty returned 95 acres annexed by the City of Northville from Novi Township last June 21 to the township. The Oakland County Circuit Court Judge ruled the election void by reason of a vote fraud.

The suit was filed by Warren Products, whose plant lies in the area north of Baseline and west of the Road.

In addition to citing fraud, Judge Doty ruled that the Secretary of State had acted illegally by holding political night months. He noted that the petitions had been filed under one law and the election granted another.

The election to annex the land passed by a wide margin in Northville. Residents in the affected area in Novi also voted in favor of annexing five to one.

Decision in still another annexation suit between Novi Township and Northville is expected soon. An 88-acre site west of North Center Street and north of Baseline owned by Northville is being contested by Novi. The township claims in its suit that all residents of the township, not just the area affected, should be allowed to vote in an annexation election. Northville's American elementary school lies in this area.

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SOUTHFIELD—Athletic Director Robert Hall this week outlined elaborate plans for community use of the new \$450,000 Southfield High School swimming pool now under construction and expected to be ready for use in June of this year.

Hall outlined a program which would include recreation swimming lessons.

The 1957 summer swimming program is scheduled to begin June 24 and continue through August 16. The program plans for pool use from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. six days a week. The pool will be open throughout the entire program Hall said.

Dimensions of the pool are 75 feet in length, 42 feet wide with a diving area 25 feet wide having two one-meter boards. The pool is three foot, six inches at both ends and is graduated down to one foot six inches at the pool ends. Fees will be charged for use of the pool during the summer program.

—The Four Corners Press

ROMEO—The Village Council Wednesday night voted 5-1 to reject a controversial site proposed for the Community Youth Center across from the present high school football stadium. Opposition was raised to spot zoning to allow erection of the center at the site by some residential property owners in the neighborhood.

Immediate steps will be taken to get up a permanent public committee and ground breaking will get underway shortly, officials for the Community Center said.

—The Romeo Observer Press

PLYMOUTH—Plymouth's Board of Education will meet with the boards of four other schools in the area to discuss the possibility of establishing a "Northwestern Wayne Community Junior College."

The South Redford Township School Board will be host for the meeting at Lee Thurston High. Board members and the superintendents of five schools, Plymouth, Northville, Livonia, Redford and South Redford, will attend.

Members from all four of the school districts invited have expressed their interest in a junior college. At a meeting of superintendents of the districts it was noted that pooling resources for a joint college may be more feasible than attempting the project individually.

—The Plymouth Mail

HOLLY—Ground observers are being sought in Northwest Oakland County to man the post already constructed in Springfield Township between Davisburg and Holly and the post which will soon be constructed near Orionville.

The U.S. Air Force requests a 24-hour-a-day sky watch at posts located every eight miles "as the planes fly," Mrs. M. Eberle of Birmingham stated while in Holly to seek the assistance of Robert Brummeler, Holly Township Civil Defense Director, in obtaining volunteers. "We are most concerned right now with manning the post near Davisburg with a sufficient number of volunteers," she said. Anyone can volunteer from the Holly-Davisburg area, "as an observer," she concluded.

—Harold Adviser

Syndets, or synthetic detergents, are cleaning materials similar to soaps. They are products of the test tube, while soaps are made by combining vegetable oils and animal fats with an alkali. Synthetic detergents, or syndets, have many uses in the home, and different ones are suited to different jobs—just as the various soaps are.

Getting Closer



MORE THAN ELECTION VICTORIES is at stake for Republicans in the April 1 balloting. They could lose party pipelines into state administration.

It would be bad enough, from the GOP standpoint, to lose control of the State Highway Commission and Superintendent of Public Instruction posts. Since these two officials are the only remaining Republicans on the State Administrative Board, their defeat would put the "little legislature" completely in the hands of Democrats.

The State Ad Board consists of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor general, attorney general, treasurer and the two posts involved in the coming election. It has substantial power, particularly when the regular legislature is not in session.

Outstate votes can be the vital factor.

Republican leaders are confident they can win if only the non-metropolitan residents who voted in the presidential race will go to the polls April 1. Since the Wayne County area is heavily Democratic, the GOP knows it must build a strong outstate lead.

Democrats, on the other hand, are aiming to get out the vote especially in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Counties. Their leaders state they want a heavy vote everywhere, but that they count on southeastern Michigan for a victory, if it is to materialize.

Lack of interest, which often characterizes this type of election, disturbs many leading citizens. The candidates elected have important functions. The nature of the state education system is designed by winners of the balloting. How local schools will be administered; the operation of JSL, U of M and Wayne State University, as well as other state controlled colleges, is determined by people selected in this voting. It's true but politically true: Many an undesirable candidate

Here's how it works: Any member of the legislature can introduce a proposal he wishes to recommend to become law. When he does so, the proposal is called a bill and is assigned a number. Senate bills are numbered starting at 1000; House bills start with one.

The bill is read twice (usually in title only) to the chamber where it originates. It is then assigned to one of several standing committees of legislators appointed at the beginning of the session. The groups of five to ten members give the proposed law close examination. Unless a public hearing is called for testimony, the committees meet in private.

About half of the bills die in committee. This means the committee does nothing officially

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LOOKING AHEAD

By Dr. George S. Messersmith
EDITORIAL - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATION
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WORLD COMMUNISM GAINING

In spite of the psychological blow dealt against world Communism by the Hungarian freedom fighters, all evidence indicates that today the forces of freedom are losing in Southeast Asia. Nowhere did the United States or any other non-Communist nation adequately capitalize on the tragic Hungarian events which for a brief period showed up the Communist cruelty in some of its most horrifying aspects.

As they have so often done, the Communists have again outwitted the non-Communist nations. John C. Caldwell, one of our best authorities on Asia, has just returned from a third visit to 12 months to Southeast Asia, and has given testimony to the House Un-American Activities Committee. The Caldwell testimony will disturb the complacency of any American who reads it. His considered opinion is that the United States and its allies are losing Southeast Asia to the Communists.

FOUR METHODS

Caldwell was born in China, son of an American missionary. He has spent much of his life in Asia. He has written several notable books on China. On his recent trip to the Orient, he visited Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Hong Kong, Formosa and other areas. He said the Chinese Communists are using four methods to expand their gains in Southeast Asia — education, newspapers, publications, and economic penetration.

Their control of the press in Asian nations is so dominant that during the Hungarian uprising against the Communist masters, "I did not see a single free front-page story on Hungary," he said, "in any newspaper in southeast Asia."

In other words the Communists successfully blacked out the news of what was happening in Hungary — in an area of southeast Asia with a population as large as that of the U.S.A. They flooded these countries with false but beautiful propaganda publications showing a Red China living up to all the lofty promises of a Communist utopia. The countries are just south of China.

WE ARE FAILING

The United States is spending millions trying to hold Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and the other southeast Asia areas out of the Communist orbit. And, as Caldwell shows with facts and figures, we are failing. Here is what his documented report shows for each nation:

CAMBODIA: Neutralist govern-
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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 24, 1932)
Grand Jury Hearing

While the appointment has not yet definitely been made, former Township Supervisor Harry N. McCracken of Farmington is being seriously considered for the farmship of the new Oakland County Grand Jury Circuit. Judge Frank Covert told The Enterprise Tuesday morning. The new grand jury is the first to be drawn under the 1931 status which provides for a body to be at regular intervals inquire into County affairs. McCracken has been appointed with 16 other men and two women for this purpose. The new grand jury will convene next Monday.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 27, 1947)
Road System

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced today a plan to change all telephone numbers in Farmington in the next four or five years, along with 250,000 in Detroit and nearly all in 18 other nearby exchanges. President Thomas N. Lacy said the changes will lead to the introduction of two of the most far-reaching improvements in telephone service in modern times—1. Suburban dialing service that will permit Farmington telephone users to dial Detroit numbers direct; and also enable Detroiters to dial Farmington direct. Special equipment will record the charge automatically on such calls. 2. Nationwide toll-dialing service that will permit direct dialing of numbers in every section of the country by long distance operators. This service will further speed the handling of long distance calls.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 27, 1952)
Road Action

Property owners in Tarasburg-Roseland Gardens Subdivision jammed the Township Hall at the Board meeting Tuesday night demanding action from the Board on the repair and rebuilding of roads in the section. They stated that each spring residents must park on Farmington Road and walk into their homes in answer to protest. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard stated that an estimated cost had been made to bring the streets up to county specifications. He stated that it was estimated that it would cost \$1.10 per foot for each side of the 16-foot road. In addition to this would be the cost of culverts, estimated at \$40 per home. The Board agreed to stand half of the cost of the road improvement project, minus culverts needed, to bring the cost per foot down to 55 cents per front foot. It was suggested that Helmut Krave, subdivider, might be induced to stand part of this cost.

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