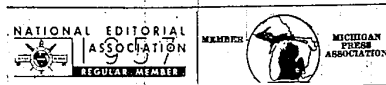


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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

The Electors . . .

of Farmington Township have spoken. In the course of 13 hours they have written "finish" to one of the most aggressive campaigns in the history of the community.

The last minute efforts of both parties undoubtedly contributed a great deal to the comparatively large turn-out of voters. The fact that the Democratic Party elected a Supervisor and Board Trustee as well as carried most of the State Ticket is a tribute to the local organization's determination and hard work.

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the newly elected officials, and pledge our continued cooperation in working toward a better Township. The Enterprise, along with Township and City officials, share a common responsibility, that of keeping the public informed on matters of vital importance to all the people. While we may disagree with various officials or governmental bodies from time to time on points of issue, there has not been in the past, nor will there be in the future any detriment on our part from the basic principal of progressive and constructive action.

It is our sincere hope that the excitement of the campaign will soon be "lost" in discussion and action of the pressing problems that face the Township. Only by everyone working together, can we hope to accomplish the many tasks that lie ahead.

The people have spoken . . . the results are spelled out in bold relief for all to see. This is no longer a contest between Republicans and Democrats; this is a team of community leaders pulling forward together. This is what the people have written, and this is what they have a right to expect.

The Current Discussion . . .

on the Justice Court situation, particularly in Farmington and Waterford Townships will undoubtedly result in some wide-sweeping reforms on the State level.

While the attention is currently centered around two communities in Oakland County, the problem is state-wide in scope. It involves the basic question of salaries vs. fees as a method of compensation. This same question has plagued municipalities for years in connection with various types of inspection work and part-time services.

Some type of reform is necessary on the state level to correct the apparent inequities that exist. Harry Farmer, retiring Farmington Township Justice, has suggested that the position be salaried. Joseph A. Childs, State Police Commissioner, is quoted as agreeing with this proposal. We believe the plan has merit, provided the salary is adequate to attract qualified candidates and is in keeping with the amount of work there is to be done.

The salary might be computed to some extent on a population basis or it might be fixed by the local government. In the case of most cities, the salary of the Municipal Judge is included as a charted provision. Along with the question of salaries are the problems of hours and court facilities which under the present system are provided by the Justices. A division of hours and the establishment of public court facilities might serve the desired purpose.

It is obvious upon only preliminary study that this is no simple problem. Yet, we are convinced that an answer can be found if there is sufficient desire to make it so!

A Lot Of Golden Dreams . . .

are being envisioned in the minds of engineers, planners and laymen . . . dreams of water pouring through a vast network of mains into hundreds of communities in the Detroit Metropolitan Area.

It is not our intention to minimize the value of vision and foresight. As a matter of fact, practically all of the modern advances we enjoy today started as "dreams" in the minds of practical men. We are thoroughly convinced that the eventual answer to Southeastern Michigan's growing water problem evolves around the construction of a massive distribution system with the source of supply from Lake Huron.

While this type of program seems to be entirely feasible, care must be taken lest we try and set up permanent housekeeping in a dream. Portions of Farmington Township need water, and they need it now. We as a community can not afford to wait. With careful planning, cooperation and vigilance, we can meet the challenge of the future while filling the needs of the present.

What's New With



BIRMINGHAM—How an additional \$300,000 will be apportioned to teachers' salaries in the Birmingham school system is now being decided.

The additional funds were made available by the school electorate a week ago Monday when a turn-out of only 12 per cent of the registered voters approved a new \$800 operation levy by a vote of 2,284 to 1,280. A total of 3,267 voters went to the polls.

School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland indicated he plans to make some teacher salary recommendations to the School Board. Birmingham's beginning teaching salaries start at \$4,200 and it is known that several acquiring schools in districts are going to offer their new teachers \$4,500 or \$4,600 next year, Ireland said.

Besides raising teachers salaries plans are also being made to use some of the appropriated \$300,000 to hire a new assistant superintendent to take charge of personnel five assistant principals for the larger schools and to provide sabbatical leaves for several teachers. —The Birmingham Eclectic

PLYMOUTH—The city is now dusting off its dog cage and this weekend will begin its search for all stray canines. Police Chief Kenneth Fisher announced.

Mounted on a pick-up truck, the cage will transport all stray dogs to the city dog pound and there they will await a claim by their owners. The chief said that if a round-up is being started to remind dog owners that ordinances forbid dogs from running at large. Complaints have become more frequent in the past week that police and other city officials have decided to take immediate steps to correct the situation that exists.

—The Plymouth Mail

BUCHANAN—City crews will cooperate with Clean-Up, Paint-Up, in the weeks ahead in an active program, according to City Manager John Kennehan.

Extra trash trucks will be on the streets for the two week period, he said, to provide a daily pickup of trash. It was asked that persons having any trash to dispose of leave it piled on the parkways. The mayor, in a proclamation, has asked the "all departments of this city, its commercial organizations, civic clubs, schools, churches, boys' and girls' clubs and all other associations and our people to get out and take an active part in this constructive program of sure its success."

—Berrien County Record

NOVI—Four loose dogs felt the wrath of a Willowbrook resident this week. He caught the four dogs and tied them up after which he called the Oakland County Animal Shelter and had them picked up. At least two were known to be strays while the other two were believed to be pets.

The Willowbrook Community Association is completing plans for control of the outbreak of loose dogs. The dog problem in Willowbrook came to a head recently when residents began complaining of canines having the run of the community.

County and Township officials explained that only the County Animal Shelter has jurisdiction over stray dogs, and even then may pick up dogs only if a particular dog or dogs are seized and tied up by a resident.

It was these statements that undoubtedly prompted the upset Willowbrook resident to take exactly that action last week.

—The Novi News

SOUTHFIELD—The 1957-58 budget of \$23,815 for Southfield was adopted by \$102,000 by the Township Board in order to present a balanced budget at the Township Annual meeting.

The Township Board indicated hopes, however, that residents would back a 7 millage voted increase in taxes which would bring enough revenue to balance the \$23,000 budget.

Items cut from the budget to make it balance were: \$33,300 for capital improvements; \$10,000 for parks and recreation; \$1,000 for Dutch elm disease control; \$3,000 for slag for roads; \$4,000 for an extra dog warden; \$1,000 for increased trustee fees; \$7,500 for a defense; a five per cent increase in employees' salaries; and an allowance for hiring extra firemen.

"The Township Board has recommended the full budget to be balanced by a 7 mill voted increase. Such an increase would require an election in the near future," Supervisor Eugene Swem said.

—The Birmingham Eclectic

The chances of recovery from mental illness are very much dependent on the quality of the mental hospital to which the patient is admitted. At the present time about 45 per cent of the patients admitted to the average mental hospital are eventually discharged as improved or recovered. In a few well-equipped and well-staffed mental hospitals where patients are given the best and latest treatment, as many as 70 per cent improve or recover.

'D6-It' Fad Hits Washington



MORE TOURISTS AND MORE COMPETITION for the tourist's dollar are predicted for Michigan's recreation trade in the near future.

Already drawing some five million out-of-state visitors annually, plus countless residents, the tourist industry forecasts additional advantages developing on the horizon.

Most tangible factor is the announcement that construction on the Straits of Mackinac Bridge is proceeding rapidly and, according to Director Prentiss M. Brown, should be open for deer season next November.

Elaborate dedication ceremonies planned for June, 1958, are expected to draw nationwide attention and thousands of tourists who want a first hand view of the bridge.

Not to be overlooked from the tourist industry viewpoint, bigger and better retail business all along the line.

The continued success of the Michigan Tourist Council under Director Robert J. Furlong to promote winter sports and lengthen the tourist season is another big factor in expansion. Formerly only the short time from the end of June through Labor Day could be normally counted on as the tourist season.

Coupled with the longer season are the new developments which stimulate outdoor recreation and more travel. Boat trailers and water skiing, almost non-existent five years ago, are boosting summer water sports to new heights. Conventional winter skiing is proving so popular that 28 resort areas opened to enthusiasts last winter.

Biggest potential for the tourist trade may be "just around the corner" now that labor unions are setting their sights on a shorter workweek.

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CLOSED SUNDAYS



AN IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION

Senator John L. McClellan, chairman of the United States Senate's "Select" Committee conducting the investigation into racket activities among officials of certain labor unions, feels that the committee and staff will be engaged at least a full year in hard and tedious work. "It is a job which none of us sought," he said as he sat for an interview in his office on Capitol Hill. "But it is a job which all of us feel must be carried on with dedication and whatever sacrifices are necessary."

That the sacrifices will be heavy already was apparent. Although it was a legislative off-day on Capitol Hill, Senator McClellan had a round of visits and calls in his committee work, including two hours with officials of the FBI—before most people had had their lunch. The afternoon was full, and a group of West Coast people were scheduled for a 5 p.m. appointment with the chairman and a Robert F. Kennedy, committee chief counsel. After that time he would be conferences with Kennedy and other staff people to set up plans for the public hearings on the next day.

MASS OF WORK

Senator McClellan said: "I would like for you to tell your readers, Dr. Benson, that for the time being we simply cannot get around to investigating all the reports flowing into our office. However, as we complete the building of our committee staff we will try to properly handle every tip, every report, every appeal that is being made upon us at the moment."

He gestured toward a high stack of telegrams on his desk. On the desk of his administrative assistant in an adjoining office was a still higher stack of telegrams and several foot-high stacks of letters.

Several thousand communications regarding the racket investigation have been received by Chairman McClellan. Each day's mail brings hundreds. Many of them are from labor union members registering vague or general criticism about the operation of our committee staff we will try to properly handle every tip, every report, every appeal that is being made upon us at the moment."

UNHEARTED

The formation of the "Select" Senate Committee and the direction of present investigations grow out of another investigation. Senator McClellan's Committee on Government Operations was prying into some questionable practices in the Government's procurement. (Continued on page 5B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 31, 1932)
City Petitions

Two petitions urging steps to further reduce costs to individuals in the City of Farmington are now in circulation and will apparently be presented to the City Commission at its meeting Monday night. The first urges a further reduction in salaries of city employees and the elimination of one police officer. The second asked that the city assessor disregard the State Tax Commission's 1931 valuations in making his 1932 city assessments. The petition relating to expenses asks that "the budget for 1932 be cut to the very lowest possible amount" and makes several suggestions. Among the suggestions is the request that city salaries and wages "be adjusted to the present day basis of taxpayers' earnings and ability to pay." Along with this is the suggestion that the daytime police post be dispensed with. Following reductions made by the Commission and effective February 1, the present salaries of employees are: Chief of police, \$125 a month; night officer, \$100 a month; city engineer, \$125 a month; and engineer's assistant, \$100 a month.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 3, 1947)
Move Post Office

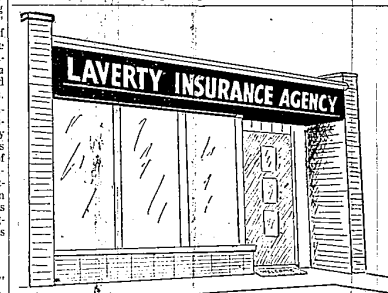
Postmaster Norman C. Lee announced this week that the Farmington Post Office will be moved back to its former location in the Warner block over the week-end and is expected to re-open for business on April 7. The present temporary post office was set up next to the Farmington State Bank following the fire of January 21 which destroyed the post office, a beauty shop, an apparel shop and four apartments above.

Mock Air Attack

Residents of Farmington will see American air power in full battle dress April 5 when bomber and fighter aircraft of the Strategic Air Command, including formations of war-famed B-29s and P-51 Mustangs of the 15th Air Force fly over the city on a full-scale training maneuver. The attack force will launch the aerial training mission from their home base at Salina, Kansas, leaving the Smoky Hills Army Air Field at 9 a.m. The planes will fly over the city enroute to a simulated bombing attack on Detroit.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 3, 1932)
School Building

Masonry crews have been increased at all the new buildings now under construction in the Farmington Township School District in a move to speed up completion of the units. O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, stated Tuesday. Present plans call for the completion of the new Ten Mile Road elementary school and additions at the Bond and Middlebelt schools in time for use by September. Work on all three units is reported to be progressing on schedule.



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