

# Editorial Page

## Hopes Of Solving . . .

Two of Farmington Township's most perplexing problems got a real boost last week when the Legislature approved a bill permitting counties to set up their own Public Works departments.

The two major problems are water and sewerage disposal. The real significance of the bill, which is now awaiting the Governor's signature, is one of financing and coordination. Once the bill becomes law, the County will be in a position to pledge its full faith and credit on future bond issues for water and sewer projects. It will also be in a position to coordinate and assist communities with the organization of such projects through the County Public Works Department.

It is more than coincidence that Oakland County played a prominent part in initiating and pushing this legislation. In Farmington Township alone water and sewer problems have made headlines for a good many years. The main stumbling blocks all along the way have been finances and coordination. It is the sincere hope of everyone concerned with these problems that the new legislation will bring prompt and concrete results.

However, it must be remembered that laws in themselves do not build water lines and sewer mains. A lot of cooperation and hard work is still going to be required before the job is done. But at least there is a new ray of sunshine breaking through the long overcast sky.

## Here's A Headline . . .

We would like to write come next Thursday: "Clarencville Voters Turn-Out In Record Numbers For Monday's Special Election." Read it well, because, unfortunately, this is probably the only time it will appear in print.

Why is such a headline merely a dream? A lot of citizens would like to know the answer. Certainly next Monday's election has all the elements necessary to attract a record number of Clarencville voters. It involves boys and girls, teachers, future school activities and tax dollars. As a result, it affects practically every citizen of the school district in one way or another. Yet if history is any measuring stick, a scant handful of voters will carry the load on election day . . . a scant handful will make the decision for the majority.

We hear a lot these days about the plight of our schools. We hear about the difficulty of getting teachers, of raising pay standards, of providing necessary classroom facilities and of obtaining adequate finances. Yet when the chips are down, when the responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of Tom, Dick and Hazel, what happens? Maybe Tom shows up but Dick and Hazel are just too busy.

Your schools need your support and there is no better place to start than in the voting booth on election day. So, if you're a citizen of the Clarencville School District, prove it by voting next Monday, May 13.

## The Big Word . . .

being kicked around Michigan right now is "taxes." Actually, it's a little word with only five letters, but when it hits you between the eyes it feels like a super charge from an atomic cannon. And, brother, it's going to hit you, if the powers that be have anything to say about it.

Most of us have felt the sting of this little word before, but instead of getting out the "spray gun," we've sat by and watched the pesky insect get bigger and bigger. Sure we need taxes, just like we need water to drink and food to eat, but what would happen if we ate ten full course meals a day? We would be pretty miserable, if not half dead.

So it goes with the current tax menu. To date, at least we have heard about a possible income tax, corporations tax, added liquor tax and maybe an added cigarette tax. It could be we have even missed a few, but at any rate, it's a starter. Yet, how much do we hear about streamlining government, cutting unnecessary personnel, rolling up the red tape and eliminating the flood of elaborate department reports?

More funds are needed for the operation of our public schools, for more adequate higher education facilities and for a better mental health program, and they can be had without breaking everybody's back. They can be, that is, if we remember that there are other ways of balancing the ledger than just adding to the income column.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**PLYMOUTH** — The Board of Education has approved working for two special issues that will go on the June 10 school election ballot — one proposing a seven member Board of Education and the other asking for a levy of 4.5 mills for operating expenses.

To become eligible for a seven member board, the District's voters must vote to change the Plymouth Community School District from a fourth class to a third class district.

The millage issue will not actually mean an increase in taxes, it was pointed out, although the wording on the ballot will not indicate this. Two mills that were voted in 1952 will expire this year. The other 2½ mills is theoretically being "transferred" from millage now being used to retire bonds. Millage will be decreased from the 1951, '52 and '53 bond issues.

It was indicated that the 4½ additional mills for operation is needed to finance the increased cost of operating new schools, paying new teachers and increased salaries.

The present school millage is \$2.05 for each \$1,000 of valuation. Also on the ballot will be candidates seeking to fill two vacancies on the Board. Petitions for the two positions have been taken out by six candidates including the two incumbents.

—The Plymouth Mail

**BIRMINGHAM** — Birmingham City Manager Harold K. Schone submitted a proposed budget of \$1,625,000 for 1957-58. The proposed budget proposed this year is about \$90,000 higher than the 1956-57 budget. If adopted as submitted, it will require a 20 mill tax levy or 47.6¢ of a dollar more than was levied last year. Recommended by Schone is a 4 per cent across-the-board wage boost for city employees. This amounts for most of the budget increase. Also called for is the addition of one policeman to the detective bureau. A previous year's administrative position, however, will not be refilled and, therefore, there will be actually no increase in employees on the city payroll.

—The Birmingham Ecceffire

**SOUTH LYON** — Natural gas will be provided in South Lyon this summer. A twelve man Consumer's Power Company crew began laying pipe from the Michigan Gas storage station on Nine Mile Road east of Pontiac Trail. About 10,000 feet of six inch line, 1,000 feet of four inch line and 1,000 feet of two inch line will be laid. Plans call for completion of the job in June.

Two sales groups from Consumers Power have been in South Lyon for the past two weeks to line up customers and take deposits. Being brought in primarily at the request of various businesses, a check is also being made to determine house owners who might possibly want to take advantage of the gas supply.

—The South Lyon Herald

**NOVI** — The proposed Novi race track was back in the news this week with the announcement that construction of the multi-million dollar project has been held up by complex sewer problems.

The announcement of a sewer trouble came from E. D. Gregorie, a civil engineer and leading member of the racing syndicate. Gregorie said the problem stems from putting in a septic tank system at the site at Grand River and Meadowbrook. The Oakland County Drain Commission, he said, has unofficially turned thumbs down on a septic system because it might not handle an anticipated 20,000 to 22,000 at race time.

Gregorie said he is now investigating other possibilities of sewer setup including the possibility of tying into a system at the new Lincoln plant.

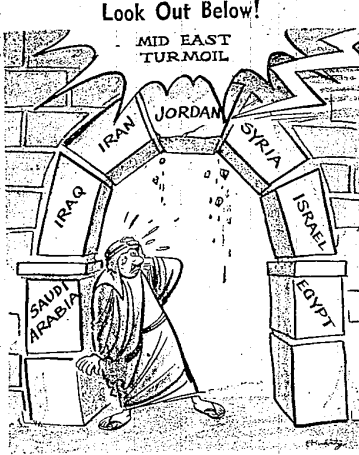
Other than the sewer problem, Gregorie said, everything else is ready for construction to begin. He indicated that the racing commissioner had not yet given official approval for a license for the track but that the attitude had been "encouraging."

—The Novi News

**DEARBORN** — Seventy citizens will meet with the Dearborn School superintendent to discuss local education and the kinds of administrative services the community wants for its schools. The meeting is part of a study being made of the administrative structure of the school system requested by the School Board last August.

The superintendent indicated that citizens were being asked to help because the kind of instruction the community wants in the classrooms determines the administrative functions of the school system. The whole idea behind the study is to improve the effectiveness of the operation of the school system, he added.

—The Dearborn Independent



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### Battle Over State Budget May Prove Beneficial

THIS YEAR'S BATTLE OVER THE BUDGET may well benefit the people of the state. On the one hand is the governor with requests for increased appropriations. He is asking more than \$400 million. In his opinion this is the amount required to perform services needed by Michigan residents.

On the other hand is the legislature under Republican control. GOP leaders look at the budget differently. They try to figure how much money will be forthcoming from present state taxes and to locate this money wisely among the various administrative departments.

Since legislative duties include not only distributing funds to agencies but also finding ways of raising the money, legislators quite normally consider extensive cuts in budget.

The 1957-58 budget points up the administrative-legislative contrasts more sharply because:

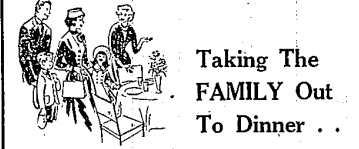
1. Requests cannot be filled without additional taxes. The GOP controlled legislature feels the Michigan tax-burden should not be increased. The only alternative is to limit spending.

2. Legislators sincerely believe that many of the departmental requests contain unnecessary expenditures. It takes sharp eyes to pick out all the items that add costs but provide few benefits.
3. Taxes proposed by the governor would fall directly on business groups, one of the chief supporters of the Republican party. It is generally agreed that all taxes ultimately are paid by the consumer.

Each decision is difficult. To determine whether more funds should be spent requires balancing need against a limited income. With these two factors now almost equal, public opinion will play a decisive role in the final determinations.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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**A DISTURBING REPORT**

One of the important lessons yet to be learned by many of our citizens is that the great forces of progress will die—no matter how right and advantageous they may be—unless they are carefully nurtured and taught to each succeeding generation of citizens. The most dramatic confirmation of this fact is the story of the 7,000 American prisoners of war held three years in Communist prison camps in North Korea.

Under relentless, cunningly-handled Communist "brainwashing" most of the 7,000 American prisoners responded in varying degrees to the wishes of their Red captors. The United States Army says they behaved like no other group of Americans had behaved since the founding of our Republic. The failure to hold fast American principles and ideals by a majority of the Americans held prisoners, and their lack of understanding of and respect for basic elements in our American economic and governmental system, deeply disturbed America's military leaders.

Citizens At Fault

It should likewise disturb America's entire citizenry—every adult man and woman. Because the fault lies not with the 7,000 American prisoners but with all of us—with We the People of America. We simply have not been fulfilling the responsibilities of citizenship in a free country. Most important, we haven't been teaching our youth—in the homes and churches and schools—proper understanding of and respect for the great values, the great truths of life, and the basic principles upon which our nation was founded. Therefore, our professional and civilian soldiers—representing a cross section of our population—are found to be vulnerable to brain-washing.

Major William E. Mayer, the U. S. Army's top authority on Communist brain-washing, came to the National Education Program's 18th Freedom Forum to report on the results of the Army's comprehensive study of the behavior of the 7,000 American prisoners in Korea. Carefully and clearly he described the Communist brain-washing technique for rendering the Americans docile and cooperative. It is something that every American should hear or read. His Freedom Forum address is available at our printing cost—12¢ per copy. Write The National Education Program, Scarcy, Arkansas.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 5, 1932)  
Bus Service

Once again the troublesome problem of transportation service on Grand River is before the authorities. A vigorous campaign has been registered against the new bus schedule made effective by Eastern Michigan Motorbuses with another offer of jitney service being made to the Farmington City Commission. The new schedule has apparently been made up with the intention of utilizing the Detroit-Lansing Blue Goose service, thus cutting down expenses by avoiding duplication of transportation units between Farmington and Redford. The Farmington to Redford bus is now scheduled for only early morning and late afternoon and evening runs. During the day it is expected that the through bus service will cause for transportation needs. Objections to this change were voiced with the City Commission because the company altered schedules without the sanction of authorities. Meanwhile an offer of jitney service between Farmington and Five Points was made by Frank Reuland of Detroit. He said he would charge a fare of only 10 cents and would make runs every 15 minutes. No action was taken on his offer.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 8, 1947)  
Clean Up Days

Tuesday and Wednesday of next week have been scheduled as cleanup days in the City of Farmington. On these two days city trucks will thoroughly cover the City to pick up any junk or discarded articles that householders have placed alongside the road. It was pointed out that garbage would not be picked up at this time, but only junk. The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts are cooperating in the project and will aid any elderly or ill persons in getting their junk out for pick-up on request. Definite dates for the annual spring clean-up in the Township have not yet been set.

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 8, 1932)  
Township Roads

Township and county roads will be discussed at a public meeting at the Town Hall next Monday night at 8 p.m. Lee Brooks, chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission, will be present to answer questions from township residents and outline plans the county has for road construction and maintenance in the area. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard indicated that other members of the Commission will also be present at the meeting. The meeting has been scheduled in compliance with a request for such a meeting made by residents at the annual Township meeting held April 17. Residents have been asked to prepare their questions regarding roads prior to the meeting in order to save time and allow everyone to be heard. The County Road Commission is responsible for the maintenance of all roads in the township which have been brought up to specifications and accepted by the County.



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