

Editorial Page

Where Will You Be . . .

next Monday, June 10? Maybe it's none of our business, and then again, maybe it is. As an individual citizen and a representative agency of the community, we have a duty and an obligation to perform. You may not care to answer, but we hope you will think about it anyway.

We mention June 10, because it is an important day in the life of the community of which you are a vital part. Yes, we mean you, every qualified and registered voter of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts. You have a date next Monday . . . a date you can't afford to overlook.

Unfortunately, many of you will overlook it. You will be too busy, you will forget or you just won't feel like getting out to the polls. This is your privilege. No one is going to force you to be an active citizen. But, remember this, the first time you start to criticize your school, ask yourself what you did on election day?

As we said before, no one is going to force you to vote. The opportunity is there if you want to use it, and we sincerely hope that you will want to. All of us want to live in a progressive community. Our reasons may be different but our ultimate purpose is the same. There is no better reflection of progress than civic responsibility. A minority turn-out on election day can hardly be termed as progress. Yet that's just exactly what has been happening right here in our own front yard. It's time we did something about it . . . and the best time is next Monday.

Where will you be on June 10? Don't tell us . . . show us!

An Important Milestone . . .

in the educational development of a record number of Farmington and Clarenceville high school seniors is now visible on the horizon. As a matter of fact, the long-awaited crossroads are just a week's short walk from here.

We want to congratulate the members of the Class of 1957, not only for their academic achievement but for their determination in finding self-improvement. As we have stated many times before, education is a never-ending process that begins at birth and never ceases until death. Graduation from high school is but a milestone along the winding path of learning.

To some graduates this milestone represents a turning away from the formal process of education, while to others it means a progressive road sign in the continuing journey toward more specialized knowledge. In our opinion, the path to be followed is not nearly as important as the attitude and the ambition of the youthful traveler. Success can not be measured in fixed terms as a scientific formula. It can only be computed in terms of contribution, individual respect and good citizenship.

The journey beyond the crossroads will not be an easy one. There will be plenty of ups and downs but we have a feeling that the future is in good hands!

At Long Last . . .

it appears as though we are beginning to win the battle against traffic deaths in Michigan. During the Memorial Day celebration last Wednesday, four persons died in traffic accidents compared to 10 the previous year, giving the state one of the most favorable safety records in the nation for the annual holiday.

However, before we become too complacent, we must remember that these life-saving gains were obtained the slow, hard way. A lot of time and effort have been devoted to the task of educating drivers against the dangers that lurk around every corner and over every hill. These dangers still exist and will continue to exist as long as there are cars and people to drive them.

No matter how good our record is, we can not afford to let down for a minute. One day or one week-end of mass carelessness can eliminate all of the gains that have been made. If you value your life . . . if you want to live, you won't trust to luck. It has a way of letting you down awful hard and awful fast.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

WAYNE—Because it will lose more than \$500,000 in state aid next year, the Wayne Community School Board voted Monday night to still seek a one mill tax increase on June 10, even though there will be a surplus of funds this year.

Two months ago when the 1957-58 budget was in the planning stage, school officials announced they were \$300,000 short and would ask property owners for an increase in millage. Such a budget is based on assessed valuation of land in the school district. Two weeks ago it became known that officials were considerably off in their calculation of the total assessed valuation and rumors circulated that the extra mill would not be necessary.

Superintendent of Schools P. D. Graham recommended that the Board seek the mill. He said that without it, Wayne would be greatly handicapped in the amount of salary increase it could give teachers. The tremendous loss in state aid is being borne by the rest of the state. Officials were considerably off in their calculation of the total assessed valuation and rumors circulated that the extra mill would not be necessary.

—The Wayne Dispatch

SOUTH LYON—Cooperation between city and township government, zoning laws and other state people are necessary to protect the tax situation and avoid overlapping facilities and dead-end streets.

Development, William F. Jewell, head of the Development Area Program of the Detroit Area Regional Planning Commission, told 60 members of local clubs and service organizations Monday evening.

Referring to the probable influx of people into this area caused by the new Lincoln plant and the opening of the Brighton-Farmington expressway, Mr. Jewell predicted that there would be \$5,000 within an eight mile circle of Wixom within ten years.

He stressed the importance of planned zoning, property restrictions and schools to eliminate hazard development with its excessive cost to taxpayers and industry. He also emphasized the importance of industry to the development of new areas and cautioned against taxing industry out of the development picture.

—The South Lyon Herald

PLYMOUTH—The Plymouth Community Board of Education met Monday night at a meeting of officials from Canton and Plymouth Townships and the city of Plymouth with the chief accomplishment being the appointment of a committee from the three governments to help the school board determine where it might expect future population growth.

Also suggested was a committee to study the "rumored and reported" charges that there is a difference in assessments in each of the five governmental bodies into which the school district extends. Officials of the three visiting governments turned this suggestion down.

The committee will go into the complicated field of attempting to determine where the greatest areas of population growth can be expected and if possible to set aside a school site in these areas. Metropolitan Area Planning Commission predicts the school district's population will be 55,000 by 1970 and 71,000 by 1980. It now is 17,000. The school district covers 42 square miles.

—The Plymouth Mail

SOUTHFIELD—An Attorney General's opinion on whether the city's third charter commission will have to produce a third charter even after the June 7 deadline, is expected with the next few days.

Commission Chairman Marvin B. Cline had expected the opinion Friday night when the commission held their third meeting, but it was not yet available. Southfield had two years from the time it voted for incorporation in June, 1955 to adopt a charter. So far, two charters have been defeated at the polls and the third charter commission, composed mainly of anti-city residents, are pledged not to produce a charter before the June 7 deadline.

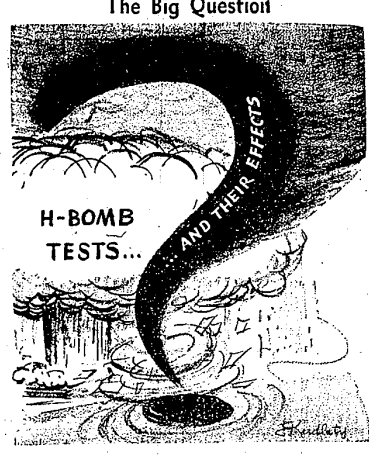
—The Birmingham Eccentric

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield which has shown deep interest in two highways now on the drawing board might as well consider a third major project.

In addition to an expressway in the Southfield area for north and south bound traffic and an improved Northwestern Highway, there is said to be in the early formative stage a third, fully-limited-access expressway running east and west through the township to handle interstate traffic. Just where this highway will cut through Southfield has not been determined, it is said. It is conceded, however, that the broad avenue in which it will eventually be located lies "between Eight Mile and Thirteen Mile Roads."

—The Four Corners Press

The table was beautifully decorated with a floral cake and golden candles. —Florida (Aka) News.



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

New Bill Means Tax Relief For Bus Companies In State

TAX BILLS, which usually mean someone has to pay more, brought relief to financially-distressed bus companies this session of the legislature.

Under the bills, any bus company which uses more than 94 percent of its income to pay expenses, will get at least a partial waiver of gasoline, weight taxes and a state fee.

The companies asked for the relief, calling it the only thing that could keep them in business as private concerns. The alternative, they said, was municipal ownership.

If the 17 major bus companies take advantage of the new law, the state will lose something over \$1,500,000 in revenue next year. Only a few are expected to apply for the relief.

MICHIGAN's state government will get a new office building west of the state capital within three years.

The legislature authorized a special corporation organized for the purpose to float a revenue bond to issue and construct the building estimated to cost \$8,000,000.

State government, with more than 24,000 employees, has been growing out of its quarters for years. The crisis became acute in 1951 when fire damaged what is now the Cass building.

Later, the Stevens T. Mason building was constructed, but a number of agencies still are operating in other buildings while the state pays rent to private landlords.

The new building will also be the first permanent home for the state library since the fire.

TAXPAYERS will get a better look at their financial future in a series of hearings scheduled by legislators this summer to study how the state gets its money.

Lawmakers, still smarting from controversies of the 1957 session, have ordered an investigation of the tax structure.

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LOOKING AHEAD
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(Editor's Note: Glenn A. Green, Associate Director of the National Education Program, has persuaded Dr. Benson to let him write this week's column so that, an event in Dr. Benson's life might be shared with readers of the column.)

Dr. Benson, as many of this column's readers know, is President of Harding College as well as Director of the National Education Program. Harding is unique. It has pioneered in developing educational courses and materials on the American way of life. Hundreds of public school and college educators from throughout the nation have come to Harding during recent years to observe its methods and obtain its materials.

The Year Book of the 1957 Graduating Class contained a dedication requiring nine pages of beautiful color photography and presenting an inspiring text written by the Senior Class which said: "Dedicated to building a greater trust in God and appreciation for our nation, Harding College has founded an educational program that has merited nationwide acknowledgment. Harding views the American way of life as having its anchorage in God's laws. She stressed recognition of the worth and dignity of self-reliance and freedom, thus generating a dynamic force advancing the welfare of all mankind."

"Hard work has been a major factor in building the United States from a few scattered colonies to the most influential nation of the world in less than two centuries. The pioneer farmer toiled long hours with crude tools, while the average laborer today works forty hours a week under ideal conditions with precision tools and equipment. However, it still takes the catalyst of human effort to change raw materials, technical knowledge and inventive genius into useful products. The productive capacity of the free American labor force is by far the greatest the world has ever known. Even though there is a tendency in some quarters to regard work as menial and degrading, Harding teaches her students to appreciate the dignity and honor of honest work."

A Pattern For Living
"Most of the early settlers of our country left Europe and came to America seeking a place where they could worship God according to the dictates of their consciences. Without fear of persecution or intimidation, our Constitution was written by men of great wisdom."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 2, 1932) School Meetings

Annual meetings of the four School Districts in this area will be held Monday, June 13. Only one trustee is to be elected in Farmington District No. 5, comprising the city and part of the township. The term of Lloyd S. Gullen expires this year. School District No. 6 Fractional, the Bond District, will elect two trustees. Board members whose terms expire are Supervisor Arthur Coe, president, and Isaac Bond, secretary. Nichols School District No. 2 will elect one trustee. The term of Leroy Currin, moderator, expires. West Farmington District No. 4 will also meet on Monday night but will have no officers to be filled.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 5, 1947) Park Plantings

Members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will begin Saturday morning with the job of planting approximately 200 trees and shrubs in the Farmington City Park. The Jaycees have volunteered to plant the trees and shrubbery in cooperation with the City. The entire park has been laid out for plantings and the City has purchased the trees and shrubs. It was indicated that shortage of city laborers had made the planting of this many trees and shrubs almost impossible and that the Jaycees had therefore volunteered to do the job. The planting project is part of a long-range program to improve the park and recreational facilities presently available in Farmington.

Graduation
Commencement exercises for 75 Farmington High seniors will be held June 12, O. R. Yoder, M. D., medical superintendent of the "Vpsitout" State Hospital, for the past seven years, will be guest speaker. Marguerite Wedin will give the salutatory, Donald M. Kolman the president's address and Margaret L. Hatch the valedictory.

FIVE YEARS AGO (June 5, 1952) High School Plans

Present plans for the new Farmington High School will have to be modified because of the fact that bids for the proposed unit between \$70,000 and \$80,000 higher than the amount of money available for the project. Several modifications will be necessary. Superintendent O. E. Dunckel said, but it is hoped that none will be necessary which will affect the possible future expansion of the building. The Eberle Smith architectural firm was instructed to begin at once on suggested modifications which could be made to reduce costs. It was indicated that modifications would be ready for Board consideration at its next regular meeting on Monday.

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