

Editorial Page

Several Weeks Ago . . .

The Enterprise suggested that a Court of No Record or an advisory committee be established to work with the Municipal Court in the handling of juvenile cases.

This suggestion was made prior to the disclosure that a group of Farmington boys had been implicated in a lengthy series of thefts. It was based primarily on the Annual City Report which showed an unusually high number of juvenile arrests during 1956. As we stated before, this doesn't mean for a minute that all boys and girls are irresponsible, any more than the arrest of a few adults would mean that all men and women are irresponsible.

The majority of our young people, like most of our adult citizens, are meeting their obligations to society. When adults fail to conform with the laws, we have courts to remind them of their responsibilities, but when boys and girls cross the line, the problem seems to get more difficult. In our opinion, it doesn't need to be. As a matter of fact, it presents an opportunity to perform a very valuable and satisfying service to individuals as well as the community.

From All Indications . . .

the Farmington community is going to have an active and effective Chamber of Commerce. It has taken a lot of talking and a lot of trying, but the end results are beginning to shape up into something worthwhile.

Several attempts have been made in the past to organize the businessmen of the City and Township. While these attempts have been discouraging at times, they have added materially to the over-all experience so necessary to the formation of any organization. The Enterprise has long advocated the establishment of a Chamber of Commerce in the Farmington community. In our opinion, it is most urgently needed, not only for the preservation of existing business and industry but the encouragement of new commercial activity. This is important to the individual resident, the businessman and the community as well.

There are many projects which can be undertaken immediately by a Chamber of Commerce organization which will help make Farmington a better place in which to live. For the most part these are projects that can best be accomplished by such an organization. The Farmington community is fortunate in having a great many active and progressive civic groups, but each has its own responsibility and objective. As a result, there is a very noticeable vacancy in one important corner of our community.

If this corner is to be filled, and we are confident it will be, a great deal of enthusiasm and support is going to have to be given to this new organization. What 100 can do, 100 can do that much better. In our opinion, every businessman in the City and Township should get behind this new movement. It is needed, it is important and it can be the source of immeasurable good for the entire community.

The Political Pot . . .

is continuing to boil over the question of taxes and the exodus of industry from Michigan. In fact, the partisan steam has gotten so thick that we Michigananders out here on the perimeter can't even see the pot any more.

We know that our taxes are high and we also know that some industry is leaving the state for greener pastures. Thus, the basic question boils down to one key sentence—how much is our present tax situation affecting industry in Michigan? If we could cut away the political steam long enough to examine the pot, we might find the factual answer. However, up to this point, at least, there doesn't seem to be a single break in the cloud bank.

Certainly this is a logical question which deserves an equally logical answer. It is important to the future of Michigan that we know the facts one way or the other. In our opinion, this is too serious a subject to be used as a partisan smoke screen. Let's have the facts, without the steam and distorting heat waves—or is that too much to ask?



SOUTHFIELD—Circuit Court Judge Russell Holland has handed down a decree in the case of Southfield Township vs. Agassiz Dump on Southfield Road north of Twelve Mile Road ending a legal stalemate existing for years.

The court decree forbids further operation of the dump until corrective measures were taken. It pointed out that if these measures are not taken within 90 days, the Township can step in and have the work done, billing the dump for the services needed.

Included in the corrective measures ordered are: drain the dump so there is no mixing of ground water and rubbish; present rubbish is to be compacted, collected and sorted into layers to be covered with six inches of clean dirt; rubbish in the present banks is to be included and a so-called "dry" method of operation is to be followed.

It is also spelled out that when rubbish reaches ground level, it is to be covered with two feet of clean earth. The dump will eventually settle to ground level. No garbage, paint, explosives or other harmful materials will be permitted to be dumped. It was also stipulated that a fence must be erected around the dump area.

WAYNE—A giant parade, three fun and musical floats and a contest for the most beautiful girl in Wayne are all planned during the annual "Old Fashioned" Homecoming scheduled for June 27, 28 and 29.

Organizations, merchants and industries are asked to start working now on floats to be entered in the parade.

A number of bands has already been contacted and will play for various events during the three-day celebration. Arrangements to have a variety of display booths and new items completely indicated that there are at the present time 25 booths under the Big Top already spoken for.

The beauty contestants will be judged June 29. The winner will be awarded a variety of prizes and will preside over the Homecoming trip. She will also be given a special award for her success, to the Miss Michigan contest.

NOVI—Dial telephone service will come to some 1,000 Novi business and residential homes sooner than had been expected.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced this week that the 1,000 new telephone numbers in the Novi area will be set up in Novi and will start operating this fall. This unit is the forerunner of dial service for the entire Detroit area. Full service dial in the Novi area will be ready by August of 1958, according to Michigan Bell officials.

The Novi area will be moved into its berth near the Novi Township Hall last week. Installing of dial telephones will start this month. The 1,000 new telephone numbers in the Novi area will bear the name "Fieldbrook." These numbers will stay in service even after installation of permanent facilities, it was pointed out.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—It took the Bloomfield Hills city commissioners just ten minutes last week to pass a record \$244,688.78 budget for the 1957-58 fiscal year at a public hearing.

The Finance Commission instructed City Clerk Robert Stadler to certify to the city assessor the sum of \$184,890 as the amount necessary to be raised by taxation.

PLYMOUTH—City commissioners voted at a special meeting last week to ask the Wayne County Bureau of Taxation to conduct a reappraisal program for all real and personal property in the city. When the appraisal job will begin is still not announced by the Bureau of Taxation but it is expected that it will take a team of workers a month to complete the giant task. Every home and building in the city will be measured and inspected by a team and inventories taken of industry and business.



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Tax Situation In State Controlled By Taxpayers

TAXPAYERS ARE PEOPLE who turn over part of their income to finance the services they demand from their government.

They elect the officials who write the tax laws and in some instances determine directly how the millions collected will be spent.

The conveyor belt of Michigan's tax structure, from assessment to collection to spending sometimes gets a jolt, like it did this spring. For months running automobile sales were below average, families were purchasing less from the butcher, the baker and the power lawnmower maker. Income from three per cent sales tax was less than expected.

Then, in May, the tax revenue—like the spring rains—started pouring in.

"We're going around that corner now and things are starting to look better, especially in sales tax collections," said Clarence W. Lock, deputy revenue commissioner.

The sales tax, which created a financial crisis for schools when collections fell short of forecasts, climbed \$2,487,311 over its record for May.

Automobile sales taxes jumped \$1,267,938; and the taxes on other businesses soared. Cigarette taxes were up \$165,000; and the business activities tax increased its yield.

Fiscal efforts still miss the "growth factor," the automatic gain in yield from the same rate of tax because of an increase in business.

This means that existing taxes are now producing more money to help meet the increasing demands on government and is helping ease the need for more and new taxes.

Increases were voted in the cigarette and liquor taxes, \$24,000,000 for schools.

While it will take years to complete, a pilot study will be started this summer.

It will be done in cooperation with the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the University of Detroit, Wayne State University and the Upjohn Foundation of Kalamazoo.

THE LEGISLATURE will be (Continued on Page 4B)



ELECTRICITY — SOCIALIST TARGET
When all the lesser debates and arguments are pushed aside, the very heart of the issue between Socialism and Capitalism lies in the question: who shall own property; who shall own and operate the instruments of production and distribution? Karl Marx was a Socialist. The Communism which he espoused was merely a form of Socialism. Marx wrote in the Communist Manifesto: "The theory of Communists may be summed up in a single sentence: Abolition of private property."

Whitaker's Collegiate Dictionary defines Socialism: "A political and economic theory . . . based on . . . government ownership . . . of the essential means for the production and distribution of goods." Herbert A. Philbrick, who worked for nine years as a secret FBI agent in the Communist underground and who now is a columnist with the New York Herald Tribune, says that at the last meeting of the Red bosses in the Kremlin instructions went out to the powerful Communist underground apparatus in the United States to "exploit every opportunity" for "cooperative activity between the party and pro-socialist forces" in order to "advance the cause of Socialism."

Socialists Swift: "The chief method for 'advancing the cause of Socialism' in the United States is to work for government or 'public' ownership of the means of production and distribution. Since the late 1930's when they began to wield political and thought-shaping influence, the Reds in America have been concentrating on gaining government ownership of electric power facilities, a first step toward transforming Capitalism into Socialism. Working with them 'unwillingly' have been a great many influential non-Communists and millions of uninformed or misinformed people.

In 30 years we have seen government ownership of electric power facilities jump from virtually zero to nearly 20 per cent of the entire industry. Sen. Karl E. Mundt, who spoke at our recent Freedom Forum, says the forces of Socialism in America are very powerful and they will make a supreme effort in the next few years to gain dominant control of the electric power industry.

All Fuels Would Go "I don't think for a minute," said Senator Mundt, "that you will ever have a complete monopoly of power by politicians in this country (government ownership) and have at the same time a price."

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The Enterprise Files Looking Back Through

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 9, 1932) City Tax Rate

The City of Farmington tax rate for 1932 will be \$2 per \$1,000 assessed valuation lower than in 1931. The rate per \$1,000 was set at \$15 by the City Commission Monday night. In order to encourage early payment of taxes, the Commission adopted a new discount plan. Instead of having a no penalty period until August 1, there will be a premium for payment during July. A discount of 2 per cent will be allowed for payments made in July. The net amount will be collected in August. Those making payment in September will be charged a 2 per cent penalty. Any taxes paid after September 30 will be charged with the usual 4 per cent payment. It was indicated that the City will finish the year short of funds with which to meet bills for the first time in years. This is not because of bad financial condition, however, it was pointed out. The municipality has to its credit enough to pay five times its outstanding bills, but the money is in closed banks.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 12, 1947) School Shortage

The Farmington School District is again faced with a serious classroom shortage for the coming year, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel disclosed at the School Board meeting Monday evening. New school census figures indicate a marked increase in enrollment will be experienced in September. Dunckel suggested either renovating of the West Farmington and Nichols schools for classroom use, the securing of temporary quarters or resorting to half-day sessions. He added that none of these plans were highly satisfactory or desirable but that something would have to be done to meet the situation. After some discussion, the Board approved a recommendation to select an architect and begin work on a long range building program for Farmington schools and submit them to the public for consideration. Frederick D. Madison, Royal Oak architect, was selected by the Board to draw up tentative plans for proposed additions.

FIVE YEARS AGO (June 12, 1952) School Bids

The Board of Education indicated at a special meeting Monday night that all of the bids on the construction of the proposed new Farmington High School may have to be rejected and new bids taken. Eberli Smith, architects, were authorized to notify low bidders that they must bring their costs down at a meeting of the Council Monday night. Two heads of the Detroit Metropolitan Planning Commission will be present at the meeting to discuss all phases of planning with the Council.

Planning Discussion

Organization of a possible planning commission for the City will be the main topic of discussion at a meeting of the Council Monday night. Two heads of the Detroit Metropolitan Planning Commission will be present at the meeting to discuss all phases of planning with the Council.

NOTICE OF MEETING

To the Shareholders of the Farmington Savings and Loan Association:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the By-Laws, the annual meeting of the Farmington Savings and Loan Association will be held at its principal office in the Township of Farmington on Wednesday, June 26, 1957, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing directors, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Signed, FARMINGTON SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION By Frank E. Holtzman, President

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