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The Disclosure . . .

of plans for the revision and alteration of the Municipal Building, including enlargement of the Council Chambers, comes as good news to the increasing number of citizens who enjoy participating in local governmental affairs.

If approved, the proposed new layout will provide adequate seating capacity for the majority of future meetings. This will eliminate the present necessity of having to move numerous public sessions to the Municipal Court Room and will also do away with the frequent situation of overcrowding in the existing quarters.

Some time ago, The Enterprise suggested that all future sessions be held at the Municipal Court Room, as a convenience to the public. However, such a move would necessitate the transporting of records from one building to another and would create some confusion and inconvenience to public officials. In addition, the Court Room is not exactly designed for large public gatherings. At the time, however, we felt it was preferable to the present facilities.

The proposed new layout of the Municipal Building would eliminate these objections and furnish adequate space for the public's convenience. It should also add greatly to the efficiency of the various governmental departments without a major capital outlay.

It is a sound plan of procedure in meeting the demands of a growing community.

A Highly Constructive . . .

and successful program has been initiated in one of our Michigan cities, designed to meet the challenge of the so-called juvenile problem.

The plan was devised and is being carried out by a local judge as an extra curricular activity. In essence the plan has two basic objectives, one, to stimulate responsibility among young people and two, to build stronger relationship between parents and children. With this theme in mind, a practical program has been established which has brought amazing results to one community in a relatively short time.

The practical phase of the plan consists of a code of ethics or honor system which is agreed to by both parents and children. It sets up voluntary curfew which are reasonable and yet not dictatorial. It encourages family activity and provides a means whereby each member of the family knows of the whereabouts of the others. It stimulates greater interest in community activities designed to interest both parents and children together.

The rewards of such an "honor system" are tremendous. It proves in every instance that the vast majority of young people are responsible citizens. It provides, for the minority, an opportunity to sit down informally with parents and an understanding counselor in an effort to work out each individual's problem. And, finally, it focuses attention on the need of the entire community to provide adequate entertainment and recreation for its boys and girls.

There's An Old Saying . . .

to the effect that the "truth sometimes hurts." That shocked expression and hasty denial on the faces and from the lips of Soviet leaders is a perfect example of the "truth hurts."

The Reds, along with the rest of the world, have just been told in official words of the Communist slaughter in Hungary during last fall's revolt. The actual story is not new to either the Soviet leaders or the peoples of the free world. However, today it is more than just a story, it is an official documented report in the files of the United Nations. Stories can be labeled and debunked by smooth working propaganda machines, but it takes a lot of bologna to cover up a factual report of the United Nations.

The "truth sometimes hurts" and the Soviets are going to have to find a whole new tribe of witch doctors and a bucket full of magic herbs if they get over this one without any painful moments.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI—School District voters will cast their ballots Wednesday on a proposal to raise an \$825,000 bond issue for the construction of a new elementary school and the purchase of three more school buses. If approved, money will be used to build an elementary school including 13 classrooms and a multi-purpose room near Willowbrook Subdivision south-west of the 10 Mile and Meadowbrook Road intersection. The proposed school would have a capacity of 420 students and would relieve conditions that threaten to overcrowd the present elementary school by next year at this time.

Of the \$825,000 being asked for, more than \$600,000 is being earmarked for the construction of the new school itself. A total of \$45,000 of the total amount would go for repairs on the existing building with an other \$100,000 to be set aside for the purchase of another elementary school site, a new junior high site and senior high site. The remainder would go for miscellaneous expenses connected with the new building. — The Novi News.

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth Community schools ended another year last week but they didn't lock up the doors for the summer.

Several thousand young people who were dismissed from classes last Friday returned again on Monday to participate in over a dozen summer subjects being taught in the public school system. Some adults are also enrolled in the special courses.

This is the second summer that the Plymouth Education and Recreation department has offered its expanded program. There are also nine playgrounds open along with swimming and baseball programs.

Included in the summer education program are classes in cooking, sewing, typing, Spanish, French, music, instrumental music, shop, fine arts, driver education, reading and arithmetic. The reading and arithmetic classes offered at the different schools are heavily attended by boys and girls needing additional help, school officials indicated. Fine arts classes are attracting a large number of adults as well as youngsters.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The City Department of Police has decided to discontinue all activity until the citizens of the township until the local township board agree to give their "unqualified support" to the whole Civil Defense program. — so stated Henry Houston of 3915 Oakland Drive, Township Civil Defense chairman.

"Everyone agrees that we should have a Civil Defense organization, but as soon as they find out that they are going to be put in charge if they are too busy to do any of it," Houston commented. The director went on to say that without the effort of a few loyal volunteers, the township police department would have enough money to insure the police force or buy equipment or uniforms. —The Four Corners Press.

LIVONIA — The Livonia Police Department is making a public appeal to owners requesting that all dogs be kept under strict supervision during the coming months particularly.

Four points of the City Dog Ordinance were pointed out: 1. A dog license is necessary for any dog four months of age or older. 2. No dog is permitted upon public streets, thoroughfares, parks, places or off the owners property unless he is under reasonable control. 3. Loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, whelping, baying, whining or any other noise is considered a serious annoyance to neighbors and constitutes a menace to the public health, welfare and safety. 4. Notify the dog warden of any dog believed to have rabies. Such an animal must be confined on the owners premises placed under the supervision of a veterinarian and cannot be taken off the premises or beyond the city limits without the written permission of the dog warden.

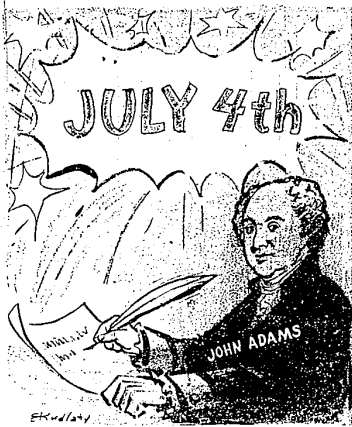
Violation of any of these rules may result in a \$500 fine, 90 days in jail, or both, it was emphasized. —The Livonian

WAYNE — Government housing in Norwayway will be opened for sale to veterans and their families living in that project beginning next Monday. In all ten parcels will be sold to servicemen of World War I and World War II and the Korean Campaign.

Closing date for the sale was set for June 28. Terms call for 10 percent down and the balance in monthly payments over a 15 year period. The interest rate has been set at 5.0 percent. All parcels will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. —The Wayne Dispatch

The Yukon Territory, with an area of 207,000 square miles, has a population of about 9,000.

'Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations . . .



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Cigaret, Liquor Tax Hikes Controversy To Continue

CIGARET AND LIQUOR tax increases to collect another \$25,000,000 for school will go into effect July 1. The controversy swirling about their enactment will last much longer than the law, which will expire in a year.

Gov. Williams cited "moral offensiveness" in the fortunes of cheating the young of the state with the smoking and drinking habits of adults.

He left a lot unsaid in his message to the people and the legislature, informing them he would not vote the tax increases.

School people made it known early in the legislative session they would need more money than their two-thirds of the state sales tax increase to provide—about \$24,000,000 more.

Small groups of educators opposed liquor and cigarette taxes as products on which schools should depend. The most vocal majority said they didn't care much where the money came from, just so long as programs could be continued and the 70,000 new students expected next year could be instructed.

Church leaders opposed the idea on moral grounds, Williams added that the market is too untended to provide a positive sum, the liquor and cigarette industries said their taxes already are too high.

The governor referred only slightly to his eight-year campaign for a corporation profits tax. The Williams theory is that business and industry would have to absorb the tax without passing it along to the consumer, or price themselves out of the market.

Business leaders argue that this is not the case. They declare that higher taxes in Michigan puts them at a competitive disadvantage with manufacturers in other states; that the tax difference would be so great that they must sell their products at a higher price. They are concerned that

they will lose much business and this, they point out, would produce much unemployment.

Reaction to the governor's continuous proposal about corporate profits taxes has become so pronounced that the controversy is receiving nationwide attention. It has made it more difficult to interest new industries in locating in Michigan.

Those are those who think it will also make it more difficult for Governor Williams to find a spot on the Democratic national ticket in 1960, should he be aiming in that direction.

Unfavorable publicity for the governor has been a source of satisfaction to some of his political opponents. They feel that he has never been sympathetic to problems of industry and business and that the law fight has dramatized this lack of harmony to his disadvantage.

But the signing of this year's tax bills created another situation which follows the government pattern in Michigan.

Two legislators have asked for complete revisions of the state tax structure with experts, from within and outside the state to do the spadework.

Williams said he would support them "if they are unbiased," and later might appoint his own citizens' group to make another inquiry. (Continued on Page 3B)

LOOKING AHEAD by Dr. George S. Brown

OUR STAKE IN PROFITS The United States Department of Commerce last week published the results of a study showing that American corporation profits, before taxes, amounted to a slightly larger figure in the last fiscal year than in the previous. When we understand what this means to the American it gives good reason to cheer. It means that more wealth has been created, more jobs created, a stimulus given to the living standard of every citizen.

And yet because of misunderstandings and deliberate warping of the facts, the Leftwing forces in America always capitalize on announcements of rising corporation profits. They try to make it seem that profits for corporations are dirty business, that the average citizen is injured instead of benefited by the profit system. A recent editorial in the Cleveland Plain Dealer teaches an important lesson on profits, simply and yet dramatically. The editorial was entitled: "The Million Dollar Lathe"

Thomas Watson (said the editorial) for the 18th year has continued its commendable custom of furnishing its employees with a simple, concise report of its financial operations showing how much money the company took in and what happened to it. The income for 1956 totaled \$395,068,126. Expenses, not including wages, salaries and dividends, were \$155,535,061, leaving \$130,973,059 to be divided among employees and stockholders. Of this \$130,973,059 there were payrolls, \$4,189,964 was paid out in dividends and \$8,828,701 was plowed back into the business.

Why was it necessary to plow that much back into the business? The title of the million-dollar lathe, included in the report, explains that. It seems that in 1942 the company bought a new lathe for \$12,000. Under Federal tax laws, it was permitted to depreciate the cost of the lathe over a 14-year period.

Replacement Up 300% Last year when the lathe became obsolete, the company had \$12,000 to buy a new one, plus \$100 which was the resale value of the old one. But the replacement cost in 1956 was \$35,000 for a lathe that would perform the same functions as the old model, or \$97,000 for a new one with attachments to meet today's more exacting needs. The company had only \$13,000 to do a \$67,000 job. The difference of \$54,000 had to come out of profits, and in order to get that amount in 1956, the company had to earn a profit of more than \$12,500 before taxes, because \$8,000 was all there was left after the government took its share. (Continued on Page 5B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 23, 1932)

Street Treatment Throughout the week the road scraper brought from Detroit to Farmington to place oil on streets has been in operation. All of the unpaved streets in town are to be treated. The method used to spray the road is slightly different from that employed in previous years. A scraper is first run over the streets to remove all of the fine dirt. Next the oil is applied and, as it is forced out of the nozzles with heavy air pressure, penetrates several inches into the ground. Following this operation, the scraper is again run over the road and the loose dirt put back in place. As a result the oil soaks both upward and downward into the soil, keeping down the dust for a longer period.

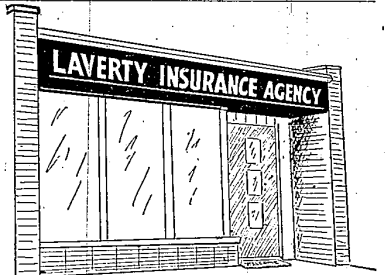
Concert Program The Farmington Community Band has begun its series of Saturday evening programs held on the Town Hall lawn. Last Saturday the band was assisted by a vocal male quartet. The quartet will sing with the band every other Saturday.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 26, 1947)

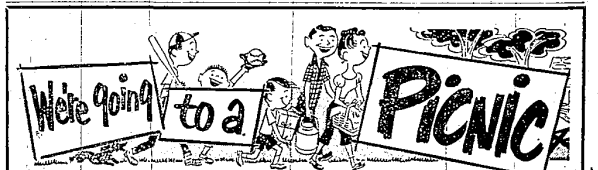
School Candidates An entirely new group of candidates have filed petitions for membership on the Farmington Board of Education. None of the candidates who filed prior to deadline have previously run for Board seats. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, present president of the Board, and Jess A. Early, treasurer, did not file petitions for re-election. The four candidates who have filed petitions are: Carl W. Matz of 28000 Nine Mile, Roy Eichler of 24703 Nine Mile, Gerald Dimes of 22909 Lakeway and Fred Wilkinson of 23361 Cora. Two of the four candidates are to be elected at the School Board election on July 14. The last day of registration has been set for July 5. Any qualified voter not already registered may do so at the City Hall or the Farmington High School.

FIVE YEARS AGO (June 26, 1952)

School Population School population is continuing to rise at an accelerated rate, a report read at the annual school meeting disclosed. Figures revealed that the number of children from 0 to 19 years of age in the District had increased from 2,533 in 1946 to 4,930 in 1952. An increase of 455 children in the past year alone was indicated. School enrollment in 1946 was 1,897 as compared to 3,215 enrolled in 1952. The report pointed out that 17 additional classrooms had been added in 1949 and that 24 more elementary classrooms as well as a new high school were being added, made possible by voters approval of a bond issue for this purpose. It was estimated that by 1954 currently available or planned facilities will not be sufficient and some grades will have to be placed on half-day sessions.



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