

# Editorial Page

## The Proposed Water System . . .

for the "dry area" of Farmington Township has been subject to a series of fast starts and stops for more months and years than most of us want to think about. However, it appears at this moment as though the project is shaping up into reality.

The final proposal, which we have before us now, is the accumulation of a great many meetings, conferences, planning programs and even an amendment to a Statute introduced and approved by the State Legislature. Supervisor Frank Stephenson summarized the situation last week when he expressed firm confidence in the outcome of the project.

This kind of optimism is, in our opinion, extremely important. The Enterprise has long expressed the feeling that the residents of the "dry area" not only had to be served but could and would be served. In spite of some opinions and claims to the contrary, we have publicly expressed these views since the very beginning of the situation. The effectiveness of our approach has been repeatedly debunked by some citizens and public officials. We think it is important at this point to make it clear that we are the problem solved.

We concur completely with Stephenson's statements that this proposed system can and will become a reality. There is still a lot of work to be done and it is going to take a great deal of patience and cooperation to achieve it. However, if everyone interested in seeing this situation cleared-up gets behind the current program, results can be accomplished with speed and efficiency.

It has taken a long time to get this far . . . it would be tragic to let down now!

## The Vicious Storm . . .

that cut through the central part of Farmington Township last Thursday graphically illustrates the need for greater public attention toward the organization of civil defense personnel and facilities.

Increased efforts have been made in recent months to improve the situation, but it is an extremely difficult task. It is a natural tendency to put off the unpleasant in the hopes that nothing will happen here. This may be the easiest thing to do, but it is hardly the most practical. None of us particularly enjoy paying the monthly premiums on our insurance policies, however we know that it isn't good sense to be without proper coverage.

Civil defense, on a community-wide basis, is nothing more than a sound insurance policy. Through proper organization and cooperative effort, we can save lives and protect property. Without it we are truly at the mercy of the storm. In facing the facts of life and death, we must keep in mind that civil defense, like insurance, is only effective if you have it before tragedy strikes. You can't develop an efficient organization between the time that the first black cloud looms up on the horizon and the moment that the wind starts ripping roofs off. It takes community-wide support and a great deal of attention and direction to prepare an effective program.

We have a conscientious and willing director along with a nucleus of interested citizens. The basic need is to expand this nucleus into an efficient force which is ready and able to meet any emergency. Civil defense is largely an attitude. You either hope that it will never happen and prepare for the worst or you hope that it will never happen and trust to luck that it doesn't. Which way do you want to play it?

## Another Crack . . .

has opened up in the Iron Curtain. This break started on the inside as a result of the latest explosion within the Kremlin. What it will mean in terms of eased tension throughout the world is still a matter of speculation. However, one thing is certain, the cracks in the Iron Curtain are getting wider and longer, which serves to improve the view from both inside and out. This will undoubtedly necessitate a violent overhaul of the Soviet propaganda machine which for years has been grinding out balogna under the label of prime roast of beef.

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What's New With  
**OUR**  
**NEIGHBORS**

**SOUTHFIELD**—Facing objection in Southfield is the use of private property for the take off and landing of small aircraft.

Howard D. Hausenfeck of 22900 Carlton recently told the Township Board that several planes were using Blue Grass Farms on Nine Mile near Telegraph and that construction of an air strip was proposed for Nine Mile at Beech. Hausenfeck's objection to aircraft in the area was backed by a petition containing about 125 signatures.

It was indicated that CAA controlled aircraft and that local and state police confessed themselves powerless to correct the situation.

Fliers are accused of low flying over the residential area and of creating a nuisance because of noise and other inconveniences. Township Supervisor Eugene E. Swem was authorized by the Board to contact the Township attorney to determine what plan of action should be taken over plan landings and take-offs or landing fields.

The Four Corner Press is planning for a new elementary school in Novi facing an unexpected hurdle this week as the result of a challenge filed on the bond issue election in which funds for the building were overwhelmingly approved.

The challenge action has already gone before the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Herbert Koester of 42780 Eight Mile is challenging the election on grounds of insufficient notification of the possible illegal procedure. In particular, Koester challenged the election on three alleged irregularities. (1) That it was not advertised eight days in advance as, he said, is required by law. (2) That some voters may not actually have been taxpayers in the school district. (3) That the vote was counted too quickly after the election.

He said that he will ask the bonding attorney not to approve a bond sale yet and will demand a recount of the ballots and a comparison of them with assessment rolls.

Novi, president of the Novi Township Democratic Club, indicated that he was acting as a private citizen in this matter. "I'll probably be unpopular with some of these folks," he said, "but I believe I'm right and I'm going ahead with it."

He commented that he felt the vote was not for an elementary school at this time but that there was a need for a high school. When the need for an elementary school was made, he said, it will probably be needed near the Lincoln Plant and not near Willowbrook.

The Novi News

**BUCHANAN**—There is ample shelter in downtown Buchanan stores, under normal conditions, for people who might be shopping when a tornado hits," City Manager John Kennaugh said following an inspection of suggested downtown shelter areas.

Fire Chief Neal Burks, who accompanied Kennaugh, agreed. They estimated that about 1,000 people could be sheltered in the basements of four stores in the main section of the business district.

Everett Watson who heads the Chamber of Commerce committee on civil defense and storm shelters, had requested the inspections.

At the post office building alone, an estimated 400 to 500 people could be kept safe in the basement of the 55 by 60 foot structure which has eight inch reinforced concrete walls and ceiling, according to the postmaster. He indicated that the building had already had a chance to show its strength when a tornado struck in 1943.

The stores selected as shelters it was pointed out, however, would not be liable for any harm done if they were used and persons using them would do so "at their own risk."

Berrien County Record

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**—Four hundred "evacuees" will overrun West Bloomfield Township Sunday when the township civil defense organization stages "Operation West Bloomfield" in cooperation with Detroit CD personnel. Ford Motor Company will deliver the 400 evacuees—members of the National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs—to the demonstration area by buses.

All but medical and casualty staffs will meet at the West Bloomfield high school Sunday afternoon. The medical and casualty groups will meet Saturday afternoon.

Michigan Bell Telephone will install field telephones for the demonstration which is intended to show how the outlying suburbs would handle Detroit-area evacuees in time of disaster.

The Birmingham Eclectic

Follow across the desk from us says that men who smoke cigars have an air about them. What they require usually is a strong breeze.

Edison invented the flash light in 1914.

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## MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

### Last Republicans Leave State Elective Posts

REPUBLICANS HAVE DEPARTED from their last two top elective posts in state government. The party is already working to win back the highway department and the department of public instruction from the Democrats but, for now, they are on the outside looking in.

Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler, in office for 13 years, said he was going fishing far from the scenes of some of the bitterest political battles in state history.

Dr. Clair L. Taylor, superintendent of public instruction, on July 1 became director of the summer school and the college at Michigan State University.

ZIEGLER'S FAREWELL was a veiled challenge to his Democratic successor, Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie.

He hinted broadly that Mackie could not take the credit for the \$88,600,000 in trunkline construction contracts awarded before June 30 for completion later this year.

Ziegler said another \$64,000,000 in highway building has been planned.

Major projects are being worked out for U.S.-31, U.S.-131, M-20, U.S.-12, U.S.-27, U.S.-2, U.S.-23, U.S.-10, U.S.-16, U.S.-112, M-53, U.S.-24 and the Detroit expressway.

"I am proud of the condition of the highway department as I turn it over to the incoming administration," Ziegler said.

DEMOCRATS ALSO ARE PROUD of their new highway commissioner and the start he is making to reorganize the department.

They claim a good administrator can do as well or better as commissioner than an engineer-though a state law requires an engineer.

Mackie is a graduate engineer, but not a member of certain engineering groups which demand their standards be met.

Mackie already is getting start-

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
by Dr. George A. Kennaugh  
EDUCATION PROGRAM  
George A. Kennaugh

### VACCINATING AGAINST SOCIALISM

The destiny of America in the days ahead is wrapped up in the substance of the education being given the generation now in junior high schools, senior high schools, and colleges throughout our country. People are what they are taught to be, and we are either teaching this generation of youth to be grateful, intelligent, responsible custodians of the American heritage of freedom, or we are teaching them in a manner that will cause them to lose their freedom and nullify the magnificent progress of this great nation.

The Harding Academy (high school) at Searcy is pioneering in the development of American citizenship education. Last week we dealt with the Academy's unique course in American Government. Other courses already developed for the high school grades are Civics, American History, and World History. In his outline for Civics, Perry Mason, Superintendent of Harding Academy, says "The pupil should find in the study of Civics a guide to better citizenship. He should be informed, inspired, and challenged to acquire a high sense of duty and responsibility."

### Goals for Pupils

Specifically, the outline sets forth these goals to be developed in each student: (1) To know and understand the basic freedoms guaranteed to American citizens under our Constitution; (2) To recognize the great differences between the concepts of American democracy and totalitarianism; (3) To know the values of Western society—religion, morality, Constitutional government, and the dignity of the individual.

(4) To recognize the value of American citizenship; (5) To know the rights and duties of good citizens; (6) To develop the spirit of free inquiry, working toward the development of ultimate truth—truth, and only truth, being the goal of free inquiry; (7) To understand propaganda techniques; (8) To appreciate the advantages of the American way of life.

### Everything Necessary

This outline, as do those for the other three courses, leaves nothing in question for a teacher wishing to establish the course. Besides the list of Goals, a list of Basic (Continued on Page 3C)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 7, 1932)

**Old Factory Burns**  
The old Spring Brook Cheese Factory located on Drake Road, a quarter of a mile south of 14 Mile, long since converted into a storage barn, burned to the ground last Thursday after being struck by lightning. One of the most famous cheese factories in this section of the country 60 years ago, the building was being used by Bert Coe to store hay when it burned. The barn was nearly full of new cut hay when hit. A team of horses in the barn and a wagon alongside being unloaded burned as well as all other contents and the building. The severe storm reportedly caused no other serious damage although it was reported that the rain came down in such force that motorists were able to see only a short distance ahead. Several found it necessary to pull off to the side of the road until the rain was over.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 10, 1947)

**Town Meeting**  
Residents of the Farmington Township School District will have an opportunity this Thursday evening to learn first hand of the problems confronting the School District as well as meeting and hearing the views of the various candidates running for the School Board. The Town Meeting, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is for the purpose of informing the public of the current school problems and to stimulate interest in school affairs. Alfred Jones, chairman of the Town Meeting, emphasized that all the candidates have been asked to attend the meeting but that it was in no way designed to be a political rally. Jones stated that approximately 2100 post cards had been sent out to residents of the School District inviting them to attend the meeting. In addition to the School Board candidates, Superintendent O. E. Dunkel will attend, Jones said, and has agreed to discuss the needs of the School District, the problems to be met and the action and plans of action already made to meet these problems.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 10, 1952)

Nearly 100 per cent registration has been achieved in both the township and city; it was announced Monday evening with the closing of the registration books for the August 5 Primary Election. Both city and township clerks were reportedly swamped Monday with last-minute registrations. Harry McCracken, township clerk, stated Tuesday that because of the large volume, it will be several days before all the forms are typed and filed and an accurate check can be made. It was estimated, however, that approximately 780 new registrations were recorded during the registration period. City Clerk Harry Moore announced that the city total registration now stands at 1,150 out of a population of 2,325. During the past week a total of 180 registrations were taken, Moore said.

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