

Editorial Page

The Biggest Problem . . .

confronting the proposed water district for the southern and southeastern sections of Farmington Township at the present time is the obtaining of sufficient volunteers to handle the necessary circulation of petitions.

As we have stated on numerous occasions in the past, a great deal of time and effort has been devoted toward planning and organizing this project. There is still a lot of work ahead, but with cooperation and direction it can be accomplished with a minimum of delay. The big problem is to get the help needed to do the job as quickly and as easily as possible.

There are many citizens in the proposed water district, who have for years voiced objection to the lack of this essential service. They have been justified in their action. It now seems almost certain that success is within reach. However, the speed with which we travel toward our goal will depend to a large extent on the amount of help that can be obtained from interested citizens. The more volunteers who step forward to circulate petitions, the quicker the task will be accomplished.

There has been a lot of debate and discussion on this problem down through the years. There have been scores of meetings, conferences and public hearings on the various phases of the project. The time for talk is over and the time for action has begun. Volunteer your services now. Let's get this problem solved once and for all!

A Welcome "Break" . . .

has come in the strained relations between the City Council and various members of the joint City-Township District Library Board.

C. Gopdard Smith, one of the two City representatives on the Library Board, advised the Council that he wished to withdraw his previously filed resignation. He also requested that action on the resignation of Howard Thayer be withheld pending further discussions. The Township Board, last week, also delayed action on a request from Edward Moseman for release as a Township representative on the Library Board.

As a result of the action by Smith as well as the City Council and Township Board, there is renewed hope for definite progress toward improved library facilities in the community. These three men, along with Mrs. Ethel Gibson, have the interest and the ability to make these improvements a reality. As The Enterprise stated last week, City and Township officials would have a difficult task finding three people who would devote as much time and effort to this project as have Smith, Moseman and Thayer. We sincerely hope that the other two members will reconsider their resignations. We also hope that the various differences can be resolved and that we can move ahead in accomplishing these urgently needed facilities for the people of Farmington Township and City.

Civilization Is Pushing On . . .

at a rapid pace. We have inter-city helicopter flights, direct dial phone service to California, electric kitchens that do everything except say "Good Morning," and, of course, last but not least, an H-Bomb. Yes, an H-Bomb that could wipe out millions of human beings in one earth-crashing blast.

As children of our Creator, we are making great progress. Only yesterday we were talking about the first solo flight across the Atlantic, while today we are wondering how long it will be before man tries his first flight to the moon. We are moving faster and further and with more comfort and convenience than ever imagined by our forefathers. And in the mad rush for power and influence, man has contrived a device which can, in a matter of hours, destroy the earth.

If we ever needed to evaluate our ambitions and our goals, it is now. As long as there is suspicion and doubt among men, the H-Bomb will grow. But there is still a force greater than any bomb and more penetrating than any radio-active fall-out. As long as there is faith and divine spirit among men, this force will grow. This is our defense and our salvation.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

ROMEO—The Romeo Community School Board members took a preliminary look at 1958 tax rates last Tuesday night and discovered that a substantial increase in state equalization will probably result in a rate decrease for most taxpayers but a dollar increase in most school taxes despite the rate reduction.

Final figures will not be available for some time until the school budget has been refined, it was indicated. A major factor in setting tax rates, however, is the fact that with the increase in the district's assessed, valuation as figured by the state—the local district will no longer be a "distressed area" and so will not qualify for much of the state aid that has helped pay operating expenses over the past years. Local taxpayers will be forced to make up the difference.

The Romeo Observer Press

LATHRUP—The Lathrup Council stamped "go ahead" on its 1957 assessment district paving program of nearly 15,000 front feet of a combined cost of \$42,082. The council passed the setting up of nine special assessment districts plus one special paving district with little or no trouble in all but one of the districts and after a slight adjustment that was also approved.

A full of residents were present at a public hearing on the paving program. The majority of those present expressed interest in drainage problems and in the paving while very few objected to the cost of the paving itself.

The rates to be assessed the individual property owners, per front foot, vary depending on the subdivision in the village in which they are located. The rates will range from \$2.20 to \$3.83 per front foot.

It was also indicated that black-topping of private drives would be done at the same time on request at the flat rate of \$2.70 per square foot. The contract was awarded to the Gordon Asphalt Paving Company of Centerline. The Four Corners Press

LIVONIA—Citizens are about to look a 10 million dollar sewer relief program in the eye.

Even while the city was still at overflow depth and citizens were mopping up flooded homes, the Council solemnly moved to rush vast, expensive storm drains. The city is indeed on how the project will proceed but it seems certain that next Monday night the Wayne County Drain Commission will be asked to get going on the opening steps.

Some elements of the Council indicated a wish to have a city-wide vote of the people on the plan while others expressed the belief that it was their duty to proceed without further delay and render assessments by Council action, in part, or in whole, some portion of the storm drainage plan will be paid for by general assessments on the community at large to promote the general health, welfare and safety. But, however, the Council is now firm on its intention to get the storm drain plan out before the people.

The Livonian

WIXOM—Wixom will take another step toward official status as a village Monday when it votes on a proposed village charter and elects a village president and commission.

Some leaders in the new village claim that the proposed village charter stands only a 50-50 chance of being approved while others feel confident that it will be approved easily.

A total of 18 candidates—three for president and 15 for commission seats will be seeking offices. Only one, presidential candidate Everett Parrish, is a member of the charter commission.

The proposed village is bounded by 12 Mile on the south, by Loon Lake Road on the north, by Beck road on the east and by what would be an extension of Napier on the west. It includes within its boundaries the tax-rich new Lincoln plant.

The Novi News

NANKIN—A referendum to ban all hunting in Nankin Township will be placed on the ballot in the 1958 general election. The order to "let the people decide" was made at the regular Nankin Township Board meeting last Wednesday night.

The motion made by Joseph Tattam, treasurer, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Members expressed the opinion that the Township was becoming too densely populated to allow hunting.

The Wayne Dispatch

When the hero of a blood-and-thunder Western story draws his six-shooter with the "speed of light," that cowboy really is moving. The fastest action in the process of seeing, say, Murine Company researchers, is the speed of the light that travels to your eyes. A flash of light, which travels at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, could move around the world more than 12 times between eye blinks.



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

State Government Seeks Ways To Finance Services, Agencies

TAXPAYERS will be in a goldfish bowl this summer and on into the winter.

State government's major problem at the moment is how to finance its services and agencies without bankrupting the voter.

As the search for cash started, the state faces a deficit of more than \$16,000,000 next year under a budget that does not include much needed new buildings.

A partially completed 600-man prison at Ionia will stand unused for lack of money. It will house inmates, but the main functions of the training and educational phases will be shelved.

Both Democrats and Republicans agree Michigan's colleges and universities must have more money.

There are needs in mental health that must be met.

This year's legislature failed to find a way to provide for these needs, which means that they will become more acute next year.

AT THE SAME TIME, business and industry is feeling the pangs of a heavy tax burden.

For a year they have been saying they would like to stay and expand in Michigan, but the "tax climate" of other states gives them more of a chance at a profit.

Some already have left or have expanded in other states, Republicans charge.

They claim that business and industry is carrying its limit in tax burdens now and the threat of a new six per cent corporation profits tax proposed by Gov. Williams is the last straw.

Republicans have set up two tax studies—one, headed by Rep. Rollo C. Conlin (R-Tipton) to recommend a series of tax cuts, including levies on hotel bills, soft drinks, beer and others.

The second, headed by Senator Clyde H. Geerlings (R-Holland) will investigate the effect on business and industry of present and proposed taxes—including



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LOOKING AHEAD

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INOCULATION AGAINST "BRAIN-WASHING"

Before the Communists went to work with their "brain-washing" of American "POWs" in North Korea they issued a communication to the Communist instructors, analyzing the Americans. "There is little knowledge or understanding, even among U. S. university graduates, of American political history and philosophy, the federal, state and community organizations, freedoms, safeguards, checks and balances. . . . Therefore, the Communist instructors could easily undermine the Americans' respect for their system. The "brain-washing" was amazingly successful.

John Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, said recently, "America's best and only hope lies in an intelligent and well-informed public opinion: conscious of the evils of Communism and dedicated to the validity and sanctity of democratic traditions."

I have just read a list of 165 Communist writers working zealously and effectively in America to "brain-wash" our people, especially our younger generation. There are additional hundreds, but among this 165 are many talented writers who have written Hollywood motion picture scripts, television and radio plays, and novels and articles that may be read in almost any school or public library.

Propaganda to Undermine

Whatever these people touch they contaminate with propaganda for the Communist cause. And yet in most cases the propaganda is served up in a subtle, cunning manner, designed particularly to create distrust of traditional American institutions such as our jury system, our U. S. Constitution, our economic system. People, young and old, who do not know the true facts of American history, who do not understand how our private ownership economic system works and

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Williams' Idea

WILLIAMS IS CRITICAL of the Republican tax studies and is preparing to name his own "blue ribbon" citizens' committee to make an "impartial, unbiased" study.

He said he would cooperate with the Republicans, but noted that their committees are both headed by legislators.

Conlin said he would name a citizens' advisory committee to make the investigation, turning over its findings to the legislature for action on policy matters.

Williams prefers the whole job to be done by a "blue ribbon" group.

He charges that any group named by Republicans would not be critical of Republican past or future ideas. Republicans retort that a Williams commission would not run thumbs down on a corporation profits tax.

The voter gets a chance to tell them who is right at the next election in 1958.

THE STALEMATE continues. The last tax study by an outside group developed as the "Princeton Report" four years ago. It recommended a series of tax ideas, including levies on hotel bills, soft drinks, beer and others.

Williams has passed up no opportunity to mention it was financed by Republicans and that

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 14, 1932)

School Conditions

A greatly reduced budget, setting expenses for the Farmington Schools at \$24,910 as compared with \$35,599.50 last year, was approved by the School Board. The reduction exceeds the cut of 15 per cent required by an act of the State Legislature. Kindergarten classes will not be conducted, nor will classes in music, drawing or French. Neither will the school nurse be retained. The class of the past year found the District owing teachers pay for the last two months of the year. It was pointed out, however, that other Districts owe Farmington about \$4,600 for tuition and that a check for \$1,800 for delinquent taxes had already been received. However, school officials said, it is unlikely that teachers will be able to be paid in full until September. A reduction in the tuition rates for students from other Districts attending the Farmington Schools was approved for next year. It is expected that by reducing the tuition rates; several more students can be attracted to the Farmington School.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 17, 1947)

Church Buildings

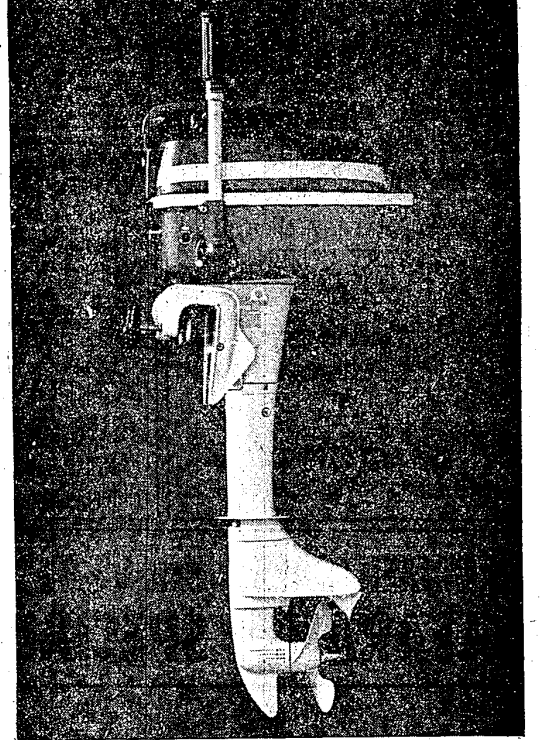
Initiating a long range building program estimated to cost \$750,000, Father Thomas J. Beahan, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, stated this week that bids are being obtained for an eight-room school building and combination gymnasium-auditorium. The new school and auditorium, it is estimated, will cost \$275,000. Covering 16 acres on the present site owned by the church at Power Road and Shiawassee, the complete parish project will eventually include, besides the school and gymnasium, a church, convent, rectory and recreation area. All the proposed building will be of one-story construction. Father Beahan stated that the new school building, which will accommodate 400 students, will be completed before next spring. The present enrollment of students at the school located on Grand River is 300. The adjoining auditorium, seating 700 people, will serve temporarily as the new church, thus tripling the seating capacity of the present church.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 17, 1952)

School Construction

The Farmington School Board was informed that work is being rushed on the three new elementary school unit additions now under construction and that they would probably be sufficiently completed for occupancy by September. According to the architect, work at the Middlebelt School addition is 35 per cent complete, work on the Bond School 50 per cent complete and work on the Ten Mile Road School 65 per cent complete. Indications were given by the general contractor, however, that work will progress much faster now that more sub-contractors can move in to begin their operations. It was pointed out that a great number of the sub-contractors can be working simultaneously, thus rapidly cutting down work left to be done. The recent carpenters' strike which lasted three weeks was pointed out to be part of the cause for the jobs running behind schedule.

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