

Editorial Page

Community Planning . . .

is frequently a source of conflict and misunderstanding in local government. This has been true not only in Farmington but in many communities throughout the state.

Thus the request, filed last week by the Planning Commission urging greater cooperation from the Council, is not particularly unusual. This doesn't mean, however, that it isn't important. On the contrary, in our opinion, it is very important. Unless the various units in government can work together in harmony and for a common purpose, a lot of time and effort is bound to go down the drain.

For this reason, we believe, the Council has made a wise move in offering to sit down with the members of the Planning Commission to discuss their mutual problems. Out of this meeting should come a better understanding of the objectives of both groups. Too frequently minor differences are allowed to grow and develop into major controversies simply because they are not resolved soon enough.

We honestly believe that the differences which presently exist between the members of the Planning Commission and the City Council can be cleared up through direct discussion. We are confident that both groups are trying to do an honest and conscientious job in the best interests of the community. If we didn't think so, this editorial would be written a lot differently than it is.

The major problem is one of understanding and coordination. We need a City Council and we need a Planning Commission and most important of all, we need to have them pulling together. This doesn't mean that they have to agree on every point, but it does mean that when they disagree, they do it with the full knowledge and understanding of the other group's position and point of view.

The orderly growth and development of the community is dependent upon this basic principle. To recognize it and to make it work is our assurance of success and progress.

A Lot Of Paper And Ink . . .

has been expended over the years on the whys and wherefores of a sewage disposal system for the City of Farmington.

As of last week all of the questions and all of the trials and tribulations were brought to an abrupt conclusion. For this first time in many years, officials of the State Water Resources Commission and the City can direct their full attention to other planning problems.

The final solution to the City's sewage disposal problem has been resolved in both a satisfactory and economical manner. This has been due in part to the excellent cooperation received from the City of Detroit. Without this help, the entire program would have been far more difficult and certainly more costly.

This new facility is a valuable asset to the health and safety of the community as well as an important factor in the future growth and development of the area. Completion of this project also serves to remind us that, while progress at times seems painfully slow, we are moving ahead together, and we will continue to do so as long as we have cooperation between citizens and between communities.

An Air Force Major . . .

has just come back down to earth after spending 32 hours in the stratosphere. Now he knows how some of our Washington politicians feel.

The primary difference between the Major and the politicians is that the Air Force physician exercised strict control over both his ascent and descent and while up above the clouds he carefully calculated his position at all times. There is a moral to the story, which every politician should remember . . . don't go up in balloons unless you know where you're going, why you are going and most important of all, how you are going to get back!

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

LIVONIA — After more than five years of negotiations, Leo and Ann Taylor sold their grocery and confectionery building to the Livonia Public Schools. The School Board has been trying to purchase the Taylor's Market building because it is located on the corner of the Bentley High School and Riley Junior High School.

At one time the case appeared in court, but the Taylors and the School Board finally came to an agreement last week, and on August 16, the transaction was completed. The School Board paid Mr. and Mrs. Taylor \$30,000 plus \$400 for equipment and recent roofing improvements.

The property is divided into four parts: the confectionery section, the grocery section, living quarters and a garage. The Board is unofficially talking about using the building for two classrooms and the living quarters in the rear of the building for a teachers lounge, place to interview personnel or use for a home economics center.

—The Livonian

Southfield — Property owners in the Southfield School District will find their December bills for 1937 taxes reduced from the 1936 rate of \$4.12 to \$3.85, or \$1,000. The \$2.42 reduction has been brought about by retirement of some school bonds.

Birmingham School District residents above since it has already been computed against the base tax rate rather than the assessed valuation.

Multiplying local valuation of any piece of property in the Southfield School District by \$38.48 per \$1,000 and the results will constitute the total 1937 tax bill to be paid. The same holds true for each of the other School Districts.

—The Four Corners Press

PLYMOUTH — A 36-page report by consulting engineers has recommended that the City Commission "take a long look at its obligations to the taxpayers within the city" before supplying more water to subdivisions in the township.

The report submitted Monday night was asked for by the commission last May after it had received a request from the Fred Gahling Construction Company to supply water for a subdivision to be located just outside the city's eastern boundary.

Engineers estimate that there is now enough water to supply the city of Plymouth for the next 20 to 40 years from wells it now has a long Five and Six Mile Roads. The areas outside Plymouth, according to the report, "is not so much out of the main and larger pumps but of limited resource."

The engineers indicated that once such a general policy as granting water to subdivisions outside the city was established, the area around the city would probably mushroom with development. The report indicated that such a policy were adopted, Plymouth might find itself faced with a water shortage in the future.

—The Plymouth Mail

NOVI — The attorney general of Michigan apparently will be asked for an opinion on whether Novi building inspector Glenn J. Salow, Jr., can also hold the position of trustee on the Township Board.

If Salow is ruled out, the nod may go to Gordon Promio who, like Salow, was Republican candidate for trustee in the last Novi election.

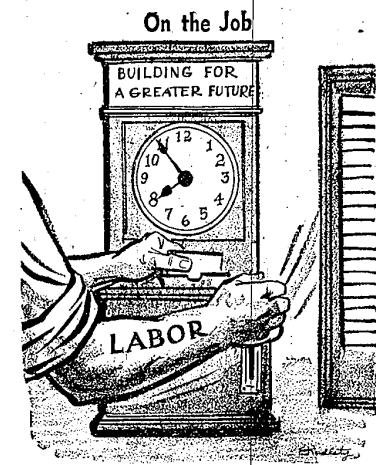
Both men were nominated by the Board Monday night to fill the vacancy caused by the death of former trustee Frank Clark three weeks ago.

Though all four Board members named Salow as their first choice, they disagreed on whether his position as building inspector disqualified him from holding the job.

Attorney Anthony Remes stated: "It wouldn't be illegal for Salow to hold both jobs, but the supreme court has indicated that this might be bad policy. If Salow held both a legislative position-trustee-and an executive position-building inspector-he would be both enacting measures and enforcing them."

In addition he, as building inspector, would be partly responsible to himself as trustee and if a question of discipline or even removal ever came up," he concluded, "the Board would be in an embarrassing position."

—The Novi News



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Republicans Continue To Seek Suitable Governor Candidate

REPUBLICANS ARE LOOKING for a candidate for governor. A one-rich of aspirants in the party has been hit by death and 16 months before 1938's November election there is no one in sight.

Democrats have enough candidates for two or three elections. Gov. Williams at the moment is expected to be a candidate for another term. Since his re-election in 1935, he has set a new precedent for Democrats every two years.

Mr. Williams seeks a sixth term. Lt. Gov. Philip A. Hart is expected to run against Senator Potter in 1938.

At the annual Governor's Conference, Williams said he will "run for public office" next year and Hart would "fill in" for whichever one the governor decided not to seek.

Republicans, expecting a battle from Hart or Williams to keep Senator Potter in Washington next year, would like a strong state ticket to help. Potter and others have suggested Rep. Gerald Ford of Grand Rapids. The offer was immediately and politely rejected.

There has been talk of Rep. Alvin Bentley of Owosso taking a turn at the gubernatorial race. Bentley has indicated he prefers to stay in the House of Representatives.

Some seers predict that by 1938, House Speaker George M. Van Puersen (R-Zeeland) will have picked up enough following as a legislative leader to become a candidate for governor.

Van Puersen shrugs off the idea for now, content to serve as the House spokesman for Republicans and "work at one job at a time." Back in the field of potentials is Rep. George Salade, the outspoken young House member from Ann Arbor. He has differed often in the past with party policy and rebuffed its strategy in the House.

Both are minority leaders in their respective chambers.

Corey, a candidate now for the Detroit City Council, prefers to stay near his family in Detroit after years in Lansing as a legislator.

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LOOKING AHEAD

By Dr. George S. Benson
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Glenn A. Green, Associate Director of the National Education Program, is studying political and economic systems in Europe and Scandinavia this summer. Dr. Benson is incorporating Mr. Green's dispatches in his regular columns.

BEHIND THE SCENES

OSLO, NORWAY Dear Mr. Benson: Almost everything looks good in Norway—on the surface. The cities and towns look prosperous when viewed through a train or automobile window. It's a beautiful country, a historically enterprising and energetic people.

Oslo is bustling with commerce. Gleaming ships of her great merchant fleet (Norway's is the third largest in the world) stand proudly in the harbor. The narrow, colorful streets are teeming with people. The air is charged up with tiny European-hill autos and the delightful little blue "Tonnerelli" Trolleys which send American tourists in joyous shrieks.

But beneath the surface of Norway's bustle and her smiling Scandinavian countenance there is a deep conflict raging and serious economic and political problems to be solved. A small group of politically-powerful men want to keep the Government's socialist programs expanding and hold the strictly-restricted economy in a still tighter grip. A larger but less powerful group — of Norway's leading citizens — is fighting a resourceful battle to thwart the Socialists' plans.

Chaining Industry

This is my last dispatch from Oslo (Stockholm, Sweden next stop) and in it I shall give you and your column's readers a key comment or two from the interviews I have had with three of Norway's leaders. (When I give you my full report later you may wish to use additional material on Norway). Here are the men and what they told me:

A. Osberg, President of the Norwegian Employers' Association, whose organization represents industry in most of the labor-management bargaining negotiations with members of Norway's dominant 500,000 member Trade Union Congress. He said: The Socialist-Labor government has put chains on the industries. Norway through direct and indirect controls on the economic life.

The younger Norwegian industrial workers are beginning to make demands on the Socialists and ask embarrassing questions out loud. (Continued on Page 3C)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 25, 1932)
Township Registration

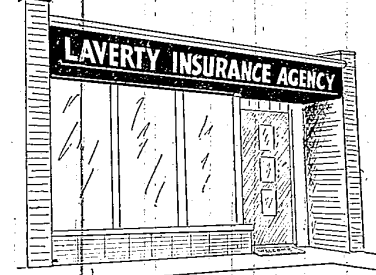
Forecasting an unusually heavy vote in the fall primaries, registration in Farmington Township closed Wednesday with a last minute rush of 218 people, boosting total registration to 1,066 or more than 250 above the number expected. From the number registering early it was believed that only a few would be eligible to vote on September 13. During the last week, however, more than 500 people were signed up. On Wednesday a total of 118 persons stopped at Township Clerk Willard Campbell's house to register and 100 more at the Bond School. The school and the deputy booth at Farmington Junction were both used as registration places during the week as well as the clerk's home so that it would be convenient for all in the Township to register. The new system of registration inaugurated this year will be permanent and no re-registration for coming elections will be necessary, it was pointed out, providing voters go to the polls regularly. The new system requires that each voter sign his name in the poll book on voting, making it possible to check that signature with the signature in the permanent registration file should any irregularities develop.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 28, 1947)
Horse Show

Austin Grant, president of the Farmington Valley Saddle Club, announced this week that plans are progressing rapidly on the second Annual Autumn Horse Show being sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4033, to be held Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, at the Club grounds on Nine Mile and Gill Road. Some of the top horses in the United States as well as horses from Canada will be taking part in the show, it was indicated. Classes participating will include: gaited saddle horse, walking horse, western, hunting and jumper, horsemanship and miscellaneous classes. A champion quadrille team will also perform.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 28, 1932)
School Opening

Elementary schools in the Farmington School District will not be opened until September 8 because of delays in construction work in and around the buildings. The School Board decided Monday night. It was indicated, however, that the junior and senior high school classes would begin on September 4, the date previously set for the opening of classes in all schools. According to progress reports made by the architects, work on the new Ten Mile School and Bond and Middlebelt additions will be completed on the schedules previously set. The Ten Mile unit is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 20 with the Bond School addition to be ready by October 29 and the Middlebelt addition by November 29.



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