

Editorial Page

Unless We're Mistaken . . .

and we sincerely hope we are, the turn-out at next Monday's special Clarenceville School Election will be another case of the few leading the many.

From all indications, the vote will be very light in spite of the fact that two important proposals will be presented on the special ballot. They are important in the sense that they involve the welfare of the entire school district. Neither the exchange of property at the Botsford School or the transfer of \$15,000 from the 1956 Building and Site Fund to the 1952 Building and Site Fund are earth shaking proposals, but they deserve the attention and the interest of the voters. The very fact that the law requires a vote, is sufficient grounds for majority action.

The unfortunate thing about voter apathy is not always the results it creates in a particular election, but rather the attitude which it fosters. Interest in school affairs, like voting, is a constructive habit and once it is broken it cannot easily be mended. Don't you break the habit . . . vote Monday, September 16!

Farmington Stands . . .

on the threshold of another United Fund raising campaign. A great deal of organizational work has already been completed in connection with the coming drive.

However, in spite of the similarity . . . there is a difference. In previous years the campaign has been known as the "United Fund" and has been organized on a local and regional level. This year Farmington has joined with the United Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit with its vast organizational resources and manpower. This action should greatly enhance the effectiveness and success of the coming campaign.

The results of the 1957 UP Drive are exceedingly important to the citizens of the Farmington community. Almost since the beginning of the "United Fund and Community Chest," Farmington has fought an uphill battle to meet its budget requirements. Considering the problems involved, a remarkable degree of success has been achieved. This has been due largely to the volunteer efforts of hundreds of Farmington residents.

It is essential to keep in mind that while Farmington now has the backing and support of the United Foundation, we cannot afford to lessen our individual efforts. Our local community chest agencies will still be looking to us for support. In addition the United Foundation, composed of many communities, will be comparing and evaluating our results. We cannot afford to let down.

We are faced with a major challenge in the weeks that lie ahead. It is up to each and every one of us to meet it head-on!

The President's . . .

vacation hadn't any more than started last week when it was abruptly interrupted by the threat of violence in Little Rock, Arkansas. The threat has developed in Little Rock as well as many other large southern cities over the increased efforts to integrate the various school systems.

What happens in the weeks, months and years ahead will depend to a large extent on the firmness with which the President handles the situation. Mr. Eisenhower has already made it clear to the Governor of Arkansas that he intends to fulfill his pledge of supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States. Defiance of the law and inciting violence cannot be tolerated anyway, be it north, south, east or west.

There is no question but what integration is a major problem, yet it will never be solved by irresponsible action. Determined and resolute leadership, based on law and order, must prevail from the communities to the states and to the Nation, if we are to solve this problem and if we are to maintain and strengthen our Constitution, our Democracy and our American way of life.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI—Petitions circulating this week calling for an annexation of 220 acres of Novi Township into the City of Northville are expected to be filed with the Secretary of State's office.

The action was apparently touched off by residents of the area who prefer city status with Northville over village incorporation in Novi. Specifically, the petitions will ask that land south of the 8½-mile line and between a line 1,000 feet west of Taft Road east to Novi Road be annexed to Northville.

Approximately nine families reside in the area that surrounds a section of the city already extending northward almost to the 8½-mile line. This present "city finger" includes the American elementary school and new high school site. The proposed area to be annexed would surround this finger on three sides and square off city boundaries.

Warren, Pa., Incorporated, is also located in the area of proposed annexation. A similar annexation move last year was opposed by this company and it won a reversal of the election when the Oakland County circuit court ruled that the vote was fraudulent.

—The Novi News

BUCHANAN—According to late estimates by the architects for the new Liberty Heights elementary school, the building will cost \$189,000, not including furnishings.

Plans call for six 28 by 28 foot classrooms, a 30 by 56 foot kindergarten, a multi-purpose room which can be used for gymnasium, library, offices, kitchen, dining room and storm shelter.

A building and site fund of up to five million a year for the next five years was approved in the school election in June. At present, the School Board plans to go ahead with a three mill tax for three years which would bring in \$88,194 a year on the present state equalized valuation of \$22,731,355. The extra millage was requested as an additional safety factor.

—Berrien County Record

LATHRUP—The addition of two or three city employees as proposed in a letter by the city administrator and budget committee could cause one or more of the levies to happen, the city council decided: 1) Residents, by vote, would have to raise the city's tax limitation, now at 7½ mills; 2) A tax increase on some services, such as rubbish collection now offered free, would have to be instituted; 3) Assessments of property in the city would have to be raised to produce more taxes under the 7½ mill limit.

Action was tabled for further study. The plan as advanced calls for the use of \$7,500 in the city's Evergreen intersector sewer fund to meet the additional payroll. The sewer money would be paid back out of the general fund when needed.

The \$7,500 would pay for a second full time police officer to fill in the unattended periods not now covered by the city's full time officer and volunteers. The plan also calls for hiring a third maintenance man and suggests the hiring of a part-time high school student or students for handling typing, filing and other office work.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

ROMEO—Attended by a full panoply of visiting dignitaries, the new Romeo Community Youth and Civic Center got off to an impressive start Sunday evening with official cornerstone-laying rituals.

Governor G. Mennen Williams delivered the major address, although it will rank among the shortest such talks on record.

Perhaps the most pertinent comments came from Judge Joseph Trombley and Probation Officer Guy Brown. The former congratulated the community for placing the accent on giving "good kids" a place to congregate rather than waiting to chastise the unfortunate ones after they had gotten into trouble. Mr. Brown noted that in the past eight years he has had only one case of a Romeo youth who had gotten in trouble. He contrasted that record with ones compiled by cities in the south end of the county which were much worse.

—The Romeo Observer

SOUTHFIELD—It may seem early to start talking about Christmas but according to Lawrence A. Fiferlik, president of the Southfield Goodfellows, "it's getting near to that time again" to plan for the purchasing and packaging of Goodfellow gifts to be distributed Christmas week.

"Plans will be formulated this month," he said, "in order to take proper care of children and others whose Christmas, without a cheering and helping hand, might turn out to be a rather bleak affair. No child in Southfield without a Christmas remains our foremost thought," he added.

—The Four Corners Press



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Federal Aid For Straits Bridge Possible, But Problems Many

MOTORISTS MAY NOT HAVE TO PAY \$100,000,000 for the Mackinac Straits Bridge after all. It is all in the exploratory stage yet, but hopes are bright the federal government will pay 90 per cent of the cost.

The situation came to light when Rep. Knox, who represents parts of both of Michigan's peninsulas in Congress, urged the state to take advantage of federal aid, along with other states.

The opportunity existed since the 1956 federal highway aid formula was adopted, granting states 90 per cent of the cost of interstate system superhighways.

"Michigan has every right to the funds for the bridge," said Knox.

The Knox statement caught Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie, a Democrat, without a public statement handy. He recoiled quickly—claiming his office had been working on the idea.

To qualify, the proposal on the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, thence to the Department of Commerce and then to Congress.

Ironically, the possibilities of getting up to \$9,000,000 for the Michigan project—long an unrelenting dream—has presented its own series of problems.

What, for instance, will happen to the investors who bought the bridge bonds? If the bonds are retired with federal funds before maturity, a huge premium payment is in prospect.

Where will Michigan get the \$100,000,000 in matching funds? If taken from other state highway funds, will the construction of other needed superhighways be delayed?

Will Congress release the money directly for the bridge or allow it to be used for use in construction of other highways?

If granted, will the money bring demands that the bridge become toll free or will a token charge—something far less than the average \$3.80 charge—be levied for maintenance?

All these questions must be answered before the state can go ahead with qualifying the bridge for federal aid.

Knox contends it is already eligible because it links existing interstate highways, U.S.-31 with U.S.-2 across the Upper Peninsula. Federal money already has been used to build the approaches to the bridge, another powerful argument.

Children are flocking back to the schools in record numbers this fall. Dr. Lynn M. Bartlett, superintendent of public instruction, said the public school enrollment will reach 1,500,000 with 300,000 going to parochial schools.

The increased numbers will require a total of 55,000 teachers. Buses will transport more than 400,000 children to schools each day.

Because of a cutback in transportation money, only the students living 1½ miles from school will ride the buses. Last year, the service was provided for those living more than a mile away.

Dr. Bartlett noted a change in Michigan's school problems.

"Up to now, we have been worried," (Continued on Page 5C)



Second Report from Glenn Green in Stockholm, Sweden. —G.S.B.

SOCIALISM—THE BICYCLE WAY

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN—Dear Dr. Benson: On the third morning of my Stockholm visit I got up at 5:30 with bright sunlight streaming into my hotel window and an invigorating nip in the air. I shaved hurriedly, picked up my two cameras, hailed a taxi and went into the heart of this sprawling, beautiful city. I wanted to catch on Kodachrome film—both movie and slides—the people of Sweden coming to work, in factory districts, in office buildings, and along the avenues of stores and shops. I did—and how!

At first I was quite surprised at what happened, as the vanguard of Stockholm's 700,000 people came pouring out of tiers and residential areas rushing to work. My surprise turned to utter amazement as the full flood of humanity reached downtown Stockholm between 8 and 9 o'clock and was quickly followed by the hordes of shoppers and the busy traffic of daily commerce.

What I saw was a great city—what I saw of its modern art, its pace-setting architecture, and its newish but efficient economic system—moving on a vehicle as ancient and outmoded as the ox cart. I mean—the bicycle. In this mass movement of a city's people I saw the unmistakable proof of what Socialism holds out to the people of the world in a material way—a living standard mounted on a bicycle frame and given locomotion by muscular knee-action pumping.

A Nation's Emblem After 25 years of Sweden's new king or queen, a picture post card of the average or typical Swede—man or woman, young or old, white collar worker or man in solid blue-jeans—would show a fair and handsome face, and a slightly beaten-up Swedish bicycle proudly held between the legs! I was prepared to see a good sprinkling of bicycles here as well as (later) on the European continent, but I never dreamed that the bicycle was the center of movement in the Swedish life—the badge, the emblem on the coat-of-arms of Sweden's Socialism. It most surely is.

I pointed my camera lenses in every direction, first in Stockholm, then out on the highways and in the smaller communities and farming areas. And there, in every vista rolled the bicycles—from two to two hundred.

Few Own Cars Much of the work force of Sweden moves to factory and back home on bicycles and motor-bikes. White collar clerks, men and women dressed with careful dignity and carrying brief cases and handbags move from home to work and back again on bicycles. Housewives pedal into the heart of Stockholm or go to their neighbors' or to a Kramfors (Cooperative) on bicycles—quite frequently with baby in a wire basket on the rear. Well-dressed men with white kerchiefs in the breast pocket sit stiffly erect on a razor-thin Swedish bike and pedal sedately (Continued on Page 5C)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 8, 1932) School Budget

Operating under a budget which has been cut nearly in half, Clarenceville schools will open Monday. A general pruning of various items, elimination of two teachers, a reduction in the amount of tuition paid by the School Board to high schools and a general salary cut makes possible the reduction of the budget for the year 1932-33 from \$49,000 to \$25,000. A first grade teacher and the high school principal have been eliminated and the total salary for teachers reduced by the amount of \$5,000 for the year. As decided at the annual School Board meeting in July, only \$30 per pupil instead of the \$90 paid last year will be given to neighboring high schools for tuition for students in the Clarenceville District.

Free Watchers Protest against people watching Farmington High football games and other athletic contests from Shiawassee Road rather than paying admission was made this week to the City Commission by A. L. Ross, clerk of the Board of Education. He suggested that the police place "no parking" signs on the street adjacent to the athletic field during games. The Commission decided to refer the matter to the police department.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 11, 1947) School Building

Tentative plans for three new school building units were studied by the Farmington School Board Monday night. Submitted by Frederick Madison, school architect, the plans call for buildings in the Noble, Bond and Farmington school areas. Plans for the Noble area call for an entirely new building with three classrooms, a kitchen utility room and a stage and heating unit. In the Bond School area a proposed addition is called for at the rear of the Bond School including a utility room, lunch room and stage. A proposed second story addition is called for at the rear of the Bond School including the Board (tentative plans for an industrial art building to be constructed on the new school site. This building would serve initially as a five-classroom unit. Only the center core would be constructed first which would house classrooms and a heating plant. As the district grows, it is proposed to convert and expand the unit to be used for industrial art units.

FIVE YEARS AGO (September 11, 1952) School Emergency

Because of a shortage of state aid money available to school districts, the Farmington Board of Education approved the floating of \$71,000 in tax notes to meet operational expenses Monday evening. The tax notes are designed to take care of the present emergency only. It was decided to set a 3 per cent interest rate on the notes dated from October 1, 1952, to run to April 1, 1953. During this period sufficient funds are expected to be collected by the state to meet specific obligations. The money is needed now, however, to pay teachers and meet other operational expenses, school officials said. Each school district has received only on hand of the money requested for operation from the state to date, Superintendent O. E. Dunkel said.

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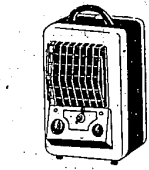
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