

# Editorial Page

## New Industry . . .

in a specially-zoned industrial area of Farmington Township is something that should concern every property owner here, not just those affected in the area tentatively proposed by the Township Planning Board.

There has been some hot opposition to industrial zoning by the people living in the area, and fairly near to it. Probably somewhere along the way there will be a petition presented which will force a vote by all the people of the township. Maybe that's the way it should be—and the members of the planning board realize this.

Adoption by the township of an area zoned for light industry involves a principle which affects every citizen, even if he lives in the farthest corner away from the affected zone.

It gets down to this—does a majority of the voters want the tax benefits light industry would bring every taxpayer, or does a majority want homeowners to pay all the taxes in order to keep any more industry out of the township? Seems that's a question that only a vote could settle with any accuracy or finality.

Some cities have deliberately foregone any industry in order to remain clean bedroom communities. They pay pretty high taxes, and these are apt to get heavier.

Proponents of a planned light industry development in the township think this will bring none of the objections to heavy industry, and that such industry will eventually pay enough taxes as to ease the load on homeowners considerably.

This is certainly a program about which the entire township should be fully informed, and we think the planning board intends to try this. Then at the proper time a vote should be held, to settle a problem that so directly affects every one of us.

That will take a petition by the people. If none is brought in, township planning could be adopted or dropped after a couple of hearings. But only a vote will show the sentiment of most of the people.

## CROP Sunday . . .

is the next Sabbath, October 31, although not all counties in Michigan will use the same observance date. It is also the tenth anniversary of the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

During that time CROP has done an immeasurable amount of good in the have-not countries, both in aid to individuals and families, and in building goodwill for the United States. This work has gone on steadily, and because of the competition for publicity many people are not even now aware of the vastness of the program.

In the Detroit area, where many people have old world ties, CROP help has flowed steadily. But in the rural areas of Michigan the work also continues. There is the usual canvass for funds and food, plus CROP dinners, Halloween promotions, Union Thanksgiving services, and many others.

This type of Christian giving might well go on for more decades.

## The Sewer Plan . . .

in Livonia was turned down by voters last week, and the South Oakland interceptor sewer plan backers learned the cost estimates for it had gone up a great deal in the last year or two.

What is ahead for the Twelve Town Drain project, which affects much of Farmington Township, can only be guessed at now. Stalled by pending legal action from Southfield Township and Troy, the proposed benefits may be far distant.

If no action is taken for another year or two, costs will be far greater. Doesn't look too good, but we can't give up without trying and trying.

Joliet, Ill. police found two-year-old Jean wandering alone and had to take her to headquarters because she refused to tell them her name. When the girl's father finally was reunited with her he asked her why she hadn't given the officers her name. "You told me never to talk to strangers," she reminded him.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**BIRMINGHAM**—An institution more than half a century old will terminate next July but it will be replaced by a modern equivalent. On that date Birmingham's volunteer part-time fire department will fade into history. In its place will be an auxiliary fire department of volunteers, similar in organization to the police auxiliary which has been functioning here for several years.

City Manager L. R. Gare stated that the city commission has determined that the city's modern fire-fighting equipment and expanded fire stations and forces do not require supplementation with the regular part-time volunteers any longer.

—The Birmingham Eclectic

**NOVI**—Volunteer census-takers began counting noses in Novi this week as the movement toward incorporation of the township as a village gathered momentum.

During the next few weeks the volunteer force will visit every home within the proposed village boundaries, taking down names of all persons living in them. Walter Tuck, committee chairman of the Novi Incorporation Committee, made an appeal for more volunteer workers. He said that more than half of Novi is already covered by a school census, leaving less than half of the area yet to be covered. In this area, the census takers in such areas comparatively easy.

**WAYNE**—Winter's coming and the Village Council took steps to prepare for it when ice skating rink prices were established at the Council meeting.

For the coming skating season, Village children will be charged 15 cents for skating and adults 35 cents. Guest children will be required to pay 25 cents and adults 50 cents.

**PLYMOUTH**—Without publicity, ceremony or fanfare, Plymouth's first and only theatre organ was, recently removed from the building where it had stood for 30 years. Installed in the theatre in 1925, the organ had not been played for several years.

Only in a few big city theatres today can one still hear a grand organ. In fact most of the modern generations has never had the chance to experience the thrill of watching a huge spotlighted organ play in the orchestra pit with music literally shaking the walls.

It was back in the days of the silent movies that the organ played at its own expense at a then tremendous cost of \$13,000.

The organ was played before the show and during the entire program until sound came in.

—The Plymouth Mail

**DEARBORN**—Establishing a first by being the only Michigan city to join in Columbus Day observances this year will be Dearborn.

An afternoon parade will be held with a group marching east on Michigan from Greenfield to Schaefer, past a city hall reviewing stand where speakers will address in honor of the "Great Navigator" will be offered.

Immediately preceding the parade, city officials and members of the Columbus Day committee will receive Gov. G. Mennen Williams, representatives of more than 13 consultants of friendly nations and county and state officials.

—The Dearborn Independent

**SOUTH LYON**—Over 600 South Lyon elementary school children are spending the local observance of Fire Prevention Week this week. Boys and girls are being given the opportunity to qualify as Junior Fire Marshalls by making a fire hazard check of their own homes and making a report and returning it to their teachers. Junior Fire Marshall signal rings are being presented to all who complete the requirements.

—The South Lyon Herald

## State War Bonuses No Longer Being Taxed

State bonuses received for war service no longer need be reported in computing "other income" by those eligible for Veterans Administration benefits.

Lloyd H. Jameson, VA's regional office manager for Michigan, said the recently enacted Public Law 85-311 specifies that such bonuses need not be reported either by those receiving non-service-connected pension, nor by parents in establishing entitlement for service-connected death benefits.

Until the President signed Public Law 85-311, state war bonuses were considered by VA to come within the "other income" classification.

Pension for non-service-connected disability or death is paid only to eligible war veterans, their widows and minor children. Peace-time veterans are not eligible.

## He's Way Ahead of You, Dad



## "Business Opportunities Exhibit" Designed to Help Ailing Michigan

CASH REGISTERS jingle loudly across the land, but Michigan business is ailing. While payrolls soar in other States, Michigan counts her slow business slump and worries over rising unemployment figures. The slump—now several years old—has been blamed on everything from auto layoffs to the weather, with most of the guilt resting squarely on a State administration which casts business in the role of whipping boy.

Here in Washington several of us have worked ceaselessly on the problem. Whatever the reasons behind the slump, more defense contracts, we believe, would be just what the doctor ordered for Michigan. We've set up what we hope will be a massive hypnotherapy base. Dispersing' production, for Michigan business, and tends to develop new reservoirs of defense skills. And that all-important item, the tax dollar, will unquestionably be spent more wisely when there is greater competition in bidding. Faster production and improved quality are sure to follow.

If Port Huron is a success, Michigan can look for a gradual expansion of her industry from within and without. Plants will begin to fulfill their capabilities and new industries should be attracted to the State. But, remember an important ingredient in aggressive action in your own community and complete cooperation throughout the State.

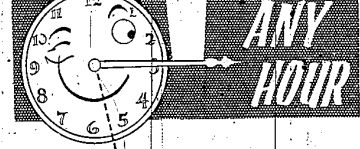
Best wishes.  
CHARLES E. POTTER  
United States Senator

Four Freshmen Congressmen who want to see our State prosper are the principal sparkplugs behind the "Business Opportunities Exhibit," Representatives Robert McIntosh of Port Huron, Charles Chamberlain of Lansing, Robert Griffin of Traverse City and William Broomfield of Royal Oak have this to say about their effort:

"Thousands of items purchased annually by the Department of Defense will be exhibited. Manufacturers from throughout the State are invited to attend, to inspect the exhibits and to confer on contracts with procurement agents from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Small Business Administration and Department of Commerce. Manufacturers will learn what the Defense Department is buying, what it plans to buy in the future, how to be included in bidders' lists and how to bid for defense contracts."

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**BELGIUM—**  
BATTLEGROUND  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM—Dear Dr. Benson: This little nation, overrun and trampled down in both of the 20th Century's two great wars, is serving today as a battleground between the forces of Socialism and private enterprise. Belgium's Prime Minister, Achille Van Acker, is a Socialist and the Socialist Party holds 33 per cent of the seats in Parliament. Yet the coalition government over which Van Acker presides has halted the expansion of Socialism in Belgium—for the time being at least.

Putting the brakes on Socialism within the political and economic organisms has been due partly to the development of a strong conservative wing in the dominant Social Christian Party (largely Catholic); and perhaps more to intellectual strength of the small Liberal Party (which, oddly enough, is the true Conservative Party of Belgium). The Social Christians hold about 40 per cent of the seats in Parliament; and the Liberals about 15 per cent. The three major parties, in coalition, run the governmental system—and shape the economic system.

Getting the Facts  
At lunch I interviewed one of the best informed men in this capital city. He is a Liberal (meaning Conservative). He gave me an objective picture of the political setup and the documented facts on Belgium's economic life. Previously I had had breakfast in the home of a lower-middle-income family whose breadwinner is a professional man; and later had the benefit of interviews with an industrial worker and a farmer. My tours of first-hand observation have taken me through Brussels, through much smaller Villers; and, by train, through the countryside and towns—bisecting Belgium southeast to northwest.

The Socialists, aided greatly by the Communists, gained decisive power in Belgium's government at the end of the war. Both developed the basis of their political strength by gaining strategic positions in the labor unions. The biggest organization of any kind in Belgium today is the Socialist Labor Union—with 630,000 members. It is open, and proudly political. It controls the Socialist Party.

Communists Still Busy  
The Christian Union, which forms the backbone of the Social Christian Party, has 600,000 members. (Belgium's population is 9,000,000.) The Communists began to lose favor and power in politics and union affairs after Moscow's takeover of Czechoslovakia. But they haven't given up—they're busy here.

My contacts in Belgium consider Premier Van Acker to be a "moderate" Socialist. But there seems

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (October 6, 1912)  
Old Landmark to Go

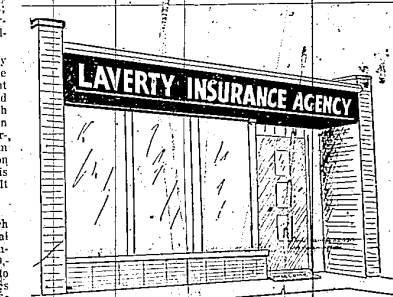
One of Farmington's outstanding landmarks, the old D. U. R. car house on Grand River Avenue, has been purchased by Isaac Bond who is demolishing it for the sake of the 150,000 bricks of which it was constructed. Mr. Bond stated that he would erect a large potato-cellar on his Orchard Lake Road farm with part of the bricks, build a store with an apartment upstairs at Orchard Lake and 14 other sites with some more and use the remaining bricks to veneer several homes in North Farmington.

City Plans  
An offer to plat six built-up areas remaining unplatted in the City of Farmington and to replat those sections having faulty plats was presented to the City Commission Monday evening by W. S. McWaters. He proposed to do all the work for \$1,500, or \$1,000 less than it was estimated the work would cost a little over two years ago. As matters now stand, he told the commission, the city has many thousands of dollars outstanding in the payment of taxes on property so imperfectly described that the property cannot be sold for taxes. The taxes on these properties remaining unpaid, he pointed out, is assessed back to the city and must be paid for by the remainder of the property owners in the city.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 9, 1917)  
Crossing Guard  
A crossing guard will be hired by the Farmington Township School District and placed at School Street and Grand River as a result of an agreement reached between school authorities and the City Commission Monday evening. Following discussion, the Commission agreed to contribute \$30 per month for a man to guard the crossing on Grand River at School Street. Costs over and above this amount are to be paid by the school system. The guard will be selected by school officials and employed by the city with police authority.

FIVE YEARS AGO (October 9, 1932)  
Township Board  
The Farmington Township Board, according to a decision handed down Monday by the State Supreme Court, will be required to drop the present four justices serving on the legislative body and operate as a three man body. On the basis of the court's decision, the four Justices of the Peace must, in the future, confine their activities to judicial matters only and cannot legally perform administrative or legislative duties. This action affects all Township boards in the state. The law which previously allowed justices to serve on township boards was established in 1846. For the past years justices serving on the board have been Ward Eagle, Harry Shaler, Frank Steele and Thomas Tandy.

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