

Editorial Page

The Dollar Bill . . .

is about to undergo some modernization, and we're pretty certain this is something everyone is interested in. You'll want to know that the old-dollar bill, as cut down in 1929 and later redesigned, is in line for gradual retirement.

In the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing, new presses are now turning out this year's model at the rate of 288,000 a day. Nearly four times as fast as the old presses, they print 32 instead of 18 bills to a sheet. Over 25 million examples of America's latest small fry paper currency are now available for distribution. In time the new bills will supplant the old.

The basic design of the 1957 dollar, showing George Washington's portrait on the face and both sides of the Great Seal of the United States on the back, will remain the same. But there are several noteworthy changes.

The phrase, "In God We Trust," has been added in accordance with the 1955 Act of Congress that required all future paper currency, as well as coins, to carry the motto.

Quality of the bills will be improved, since the new presses can reproduce the required fine-engraving work on dry paper instead of having to use the damp material of the past.

The dry process also eliminates former shrinkage. George Washington's face will be slightly fuller — even though he looks out from a steadily contracting dollar in terms of buying power.

Finally, the new dollar bill will carry the name of the present Secretary of Treasury, Robert B. Anderson. And on its face will appear the series date 1957-A, a date that represents not the time of printing but the latest change in design.

Most of the roughly 1,292,000 dollar bills now in circulation bear a 1935 series date. Rare dollars of this and earlier series are collectors' items. A special 1918 issue signed by U. S. Registrar Huston B. Teehee, an Oklahoman of part-Indian descent, is good for more than a laugh. In good condition one such bill may be worth \$100.

The fast-moving everyday dollar has an average life expectancy of 13 months. It's no wonder one seems sort of limp and lifeless when we get our hands on it.

The Exhibit . . .

of Business Opportunities, a display by Michigan's small-industrialists and manufacturers at Port Huron last week, was a laudable attempt to obtain defense contracts and help the employment situation in the state.

It was said that many manufacturers were able to get defense contracts, and we hope this proved true.

George Van Peursem, speaker of the House of Representatives, attended and talked with the small manufacturers. He said that many also revealed they were not very concerned about high taxes, labor and other business cost factors, and that they were very disturbed about the political and industrial climate created by Governor Williams the last nine years.

Van Peursem said many of them seriously question whether they should stay or expand in Michigan, in view of the constant political and industrial threat. One man put it, "Why should I constantly have to worry and fight a hostile climate when I can move a few miles to another state and be welcomed with open arms?"

Our Favorite . . .

Ford dealer, discussing the small foreign cars, says Ford could make a small economy car here, name it the Hamtramck or anything, and have it laughed out of existence. But Ford is studying inroads made in the market now. We're not sure our Ford dealer isn't right.

Equality is one of the most consummate scoundrels that ever crept from the brain of a political juggler—a fellow who thrusts his hand into the pocket of honest industry or enterprising talent, and squanders their hard-earned profits on profligate idleness or indolent stupidity.—Paulding.

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SOUTHFIELD—Trustee Philip A. Maloney took issue last week with Supervisor Eugene Swen on what he termed "get-together" tactics in holding a meeting in a trustee's home without proper notification.

Swen claimed that Maloney had been advised of the meeting orally but that no damage was done since no business was transacted and it turned into a "social" evening.

Purpose of the meeting, it is said, was to discuss future township policy in regard to the sale of packaged liquor.

At last Tuesday night's Board meeting, the governing body took action on this matter and voted to "hold-the-line" in the issuance of liquor licenses.

—The Four Corners Press

WAYNE—Some sixty teachers and school personnel have been asked to be ready to step into the classrooms as substitute teachers, of the necessity arises.

The plan is to ask special school personnel to substitute an occasional day in the classroom, if the need arises, is designed as an emergency measure until sufficient regular substitutes can be located to take care of normal day-to-day absences. The plan was outlined by Superintendent P. D. Graham at a special meeting held last Monday afternoon.

"Our listing of available substitute teachers thus far has not been able to keep pace with the rapid expansion of our school system and teaching staff," Graham stated. "When any of our regular teachers have to be absent for a day, a substitute must be found," Graham continued.

The current absenteeism on the teaching staff is running about 18 per cent, or slightly above normal, he added.

Last Monday, it was indicated that seven classrooms had to be operated by other school personnel as not enough regular substitutes were available.

—The Wayne Dispatch

BIRMINGHAM — It looks like Birmingham's traditional Halloween party is narrowing down to include only schools near the city's downtown area. Six schools have announced their intention to withdraw from the 22 year old parade and party sponsored by Birmingham merchants.

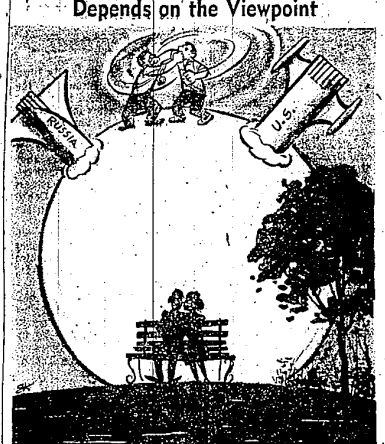
At a meeting of the Halloween party committee Tuesday, Harlem School Principal Edwin Crandall, president of the Birmingham School District's four new elementary schools would withdraw by next year.

All of the "segregating" schools appeared for fun to Halloween party committee chairman Rollie Reese and were refused. Reese explained that Birmingham merchants have donated funds each year for a specific event in downtown Birmingham.

"I have no authority to allocate funds otherwise," he said.

A representative from the PTA council appealed for funds on behalf of five segregating schools. They include Franklin, Bloomfield Village, and Walnut Lake, all of which have always held their own parties, Torrey School and Pembroke.

—The Birmingham Eccentric



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Reveals Plans for Super-Highway Network Criss-Crossing State

MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY IS LINKED to its highways. Industry and business—the bread and butter of the state's economic life—rely heavily on mobility. Highways link Michigan's vacation spots with its customers.

The immediate future of Michigan's highway building program has been charted. Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie said he would commit \$1,225,000,000 of state, Federal and local funds to a network of super-highways criss-crossing the state.

Then will start a second five-year program, then a third. In the next 25 years, roadbuilders expect to make a sizeable dent in the \$7,000,000,000 program now needed.

What it means to all phases of life in Michigan can be described in Mackie's own words:

"The five-year program will link all major cities over 50,000 in population and place all counties and county seats within 30 miles of a superhighway."

He said most of the spending will be done in the most populous areas, serving 50 per cent of the state's industry, 55 per cent of the state's agricultural areas and tourist business.

"It will go deep into the heart of the state's tourist and resort areas," he said.

What Mackie's statements mean to the state advertised as the "Winter Wonderland" can be measured in the \$600,000,000 left in the state by tourists last season.

First maps of Mackie's five-year plan show a superhighway up the center of Michigan to the new Mackinac Straits Bridge and another route from Detroit to Chicago.

A third major development will be a superhighway running from Detroit through Lansing to Grand Rapids and on to Muskegon.

The plan looks like a tree with

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WELFARE IN THE NETHERLANDS—Dear Dr. Beison: The Socialist politicians have got a strangle hold on this North Sea country of 11,000,000 people. They are continuing to squeeze the windmills of the wealth-making machinery while hilling 'rags of the population with a conglomeration of meager Welfare State "benefits." This is one of the most advanced of the European Welfare States. And it is producing one of the lowest living standards.

In my work here I have gathered up all of the official government statistics on the economic system; have spent several hours with a top official of a nation-wide sales and distribution organization; and a half day with the management and employees of the Netherlands biggest industry, Fabrik Van Verkuigen En Smeermiddelen, better known internationally as Werkspoor of Amsterdam. In addition I've traveled through the country, by rail, car and boat, observing and talking to the people.

The Netherlands' Socialist-led coalition government has a political-religious complexion. The Catholic Party holds 49 seats in Parliament; the Labor Socialists, 50; three Protestant religious groups, 15, 13 and 3; the Communists, 7; and the Liberals ("slightly conservative") 13. The Prime Minister, Dr. William Drees, is a Socialist. Much of the strategic industry is socialized — electric power, railways, most of the coal mines, and so forth. All of business and industry is strictly regulated. The Government can even deny an industry permission to build a building or expand and sometimes does.

Socialist Maneuvers — The Socialists in Parliament pushed through a law requiring every citizen to vote. The unions, in whose leadership the Socialists predominate and the Communists are extremely active, thus wield great power politically as well as economically.

Under this Welfare State setup, the work week is 48 hours and the wages are low. The highest wages are paid in industries. In the machine industry the average pay is 45-cents an hour; skilled workers in the refrigeration department of one plant I visited get 45-cents an hour; the chief foremen, 60-cents an hour.

Because of government control over profit and other phases of industrial management, capital investment and thus mechanization has been slow indeed and productivity (Continued on Page 3C)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (October 13, 1932)

Fines to Welfare — That there is nothing illegal or even unusual in allowing traffic law violators, instead of paying fines, to contribute to the fund for furnishing needy Farmington Township children with clothes seems definitely established, following a conference between Prosecutor Clarence L. Smith in Pontiac Thursday. The welfare plan, as announced earlier, was to give offenders the opportunity of making donations. If they declined, regulation complaints were to be made out with fine money going, according to law, to the county library fund. A donation system is the only way in which such penalties can be legally diverted to the benefit fund. Prosecuted Smith pointed out that similar practices are followed in Detroit, to aid the annual Goodwill Drive, and in other cities.

No Shooting — Warning that hunting, or even firing a gun, within the city limits of Farmington is against the law has been issued by Police Chief Lee E. Doyle.

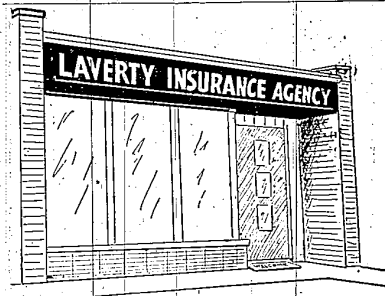
TEN YEARS AGO (October 16, 1947)

Inter-Lakes Council — Leif Lathrup, Farmington High senior, was elected president of the newly organized Inter-Lakes Student Council at its first organizational meeting held at the Farmington High School on October 8. The new group has been organized for the purpose of bringing about better relations between the various schools in the Inter-Lakes League. G. V. Harrison, Farmington High principal, stated. The council will meet at regular intervals to exchange ideas and arrange joint programs within the conference of schools.

Sewer Contract — A contract for the construction of an eight-inch water main along Power Avenue north of Shiawassee was awarded by the city for \$3,125. The new main will extend a distance of approximately 500 feet and will furnish water to the new school of Our Lady of Sorrows Church now under construction. Hopes were expressed that the new school would be ready for occupancy by the start of the second school semester this year.

FIVE YEARS AGO (October 16, 1952)

Vandalism — As the result of considerable damage having been done on city owned property during the past weeks, an emergency man from the city department of public works has been appointed to keep watch over city properties on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. An arrangement is also being made, City Manager James Tennant said, to schedule a police foot patrol in the business district as the result of numerous complaints from merchants concerning shoplifting and petty thievery.



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