

Editorial Page

The United Nations . . .

was instrumental last week in helping ease over another minor crisis in the middle east, between Turkey and one of its neighbors, Syria. Some of the actions were undoubtedly in the background and not necessarily publicized, but the fact they were made is what's important.

So it won't do any harm to again remind folks in Farmington that this is United Nations Week, and that this Thursday is in particular United Nations day. Sorry to say, it is being observed mostly only in our schools.

The theme of the publicity for United Nations week is: Another Way the UN Works. Various areas of its work are explained.

This theme presents in new perspective the continuing drama of the UN in its fight for peace. For the UN works for peace not only in the political arenas of the General Assembly and the Security Council, but also through the day-to-day operations of such agencies as the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, UNESCO, and the Food and Agricultural Organization.

The UN works for peace, but its continuation and the effectiveness of its work depend directly on the support and will of its member nations. This support cannot come without the understanding by Americans of just how the United Nations works.

Prof. Thomas Ford Hoult is chairman of the UN observance in Farmington Township. Appointed late, he was not able to bring about as widespread an observance as he'd have wished. Perhaps another year he will be able to persuade us all to do a little better.

Our Mailmen . . .

have earned a raise, and should get it. They've been getting the short end of the stick among civil service employees.

While the average pay in industry is up 27% over 1949, the mailmen gets only 10% more.

The pay has lagged so much that already the turnover of experienced employees is larger than it should be. Results will show up in poorer postal service, as the present scale won't hold the men it has, nor will it attract capable replacements.

In Congress the postal pay bill has been stymied because logically enough, the President wants a rate increase to finance it. Until Congress gets up more gumption and decides to charge the public what the mail costs, the whole matter will get no place.

Across the border in Canada, it costs 4¢ to mail a postal card, 5¢ for a letter and 7¢ for air mail. Canadians don't complain about it, and we don't think Americans would either.

Hallowe'en . . .

has changed a lot in the last 25 years. A good symbol of that change is the work of the Exchange Club of Farmington in selling pumpkins throughout the area the coming week end, with proceeds to go to Farmington Youth Fund.

Another activity for the young folks, sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees, will be the two separate parties held Thursday evening, Oct. 31, at the senior high gym.

Let's encourage the small fry to dress in fancy costumes and go out for "tricks or treats," and support the dance for the high school groups. Both are wholesome, and in the best community interest.

Continuation of our fine autumn weather would be a wonderful thing, even though we do need rain. The city has a number of projects it would like to get completed yet this fall, there are roads to finish up, and building to be done—all important to the continued growth and prosperity of Farmington.

There is far too much talk about making life easy. It's all right to take the pain and bitterness out of struggle; but when you take the struggle out, there would be no adequate chance for young Americans. — Paul Shoup.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI

The proposed new Novi elementary school had won a claim from state architects even while still on the drawing board. The school was one of seven Michigan schools cited for excellence of design last week at a convention in Ann Arbor of the Michigan Association of School Boards and the state division of the American Institute of Architects.

A four-man panel of architects and school officials reported: "We are impressed by the use of a hilly site which would have been difficult and expensive to build on if the conventional compact plan had been followed."

The panel examined 30 school plans before citing the seven top ones. — Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, St. Joseph, Warren and Novi. Novi was listed first in its category—elementary schools planned but not constructed.

—The Novi News.

SOUTH LYON

The influenza epidemic, starting in the large cities, has worked its way through the suburbs and into surrounding rural areas. It arrived in South Lyon early this week.

No serious cases have been reported here as yet. Estimates place the number of persons suffering from flu at between 15 and 20 per cent.

In the South Lyon Township district schools, only South Lyon Elementary reports a normal attendance.

Particularly hard hit was South Lyon's varsity football team. Seventeen members were sent to the squad with their toughest game of the year coming up against Manchester Friday.

—The South Lyon Herald

SOUTHFIELD

Owners of property on Ten Mile west of Telegraph in Southfield are in for a change—if widening plans as described briefly by a member of the Oakland County road commission.

According to a letter sent Dr. Oliver Maccoette by Leon V. Belknap, retired engineer-manager for the road commission earlier this year, "The proposed right of way width of Ten Mile road west of Telegraph road is 120 feet (right of way is now 66 feet). That is 54 feet each side of the center line. The proposed paving width is 44 feet with shoulder and drainage."

On the basis of this Dr. Maccoette asked for and received rezoning of an additional depth of residential acreage because the contemplated change would place his clients closer to the road than was considered acceptable in allowing the original rezoning.

—The Four Corners Press.

WAYNE

The "boom" is far from over. And to prove it, check with the Nankin Township Building Department.

The department has just experienced the busiest month in the history of the Township.

During September the local office granted 418 building permits having a total value of \$3,483,000. "This is the highest single month ever recorded here," said Nankin Building Inspector Rudy Dingus. "In August we issued 170 permits for a value of \$2,422,000, but this far exceeds our former peak month."

The September breakdown shows that 285 single dwelling permits were granted, while four multiple units were allowed.

—The Wayne Dispatch.

PLYMOUTH

A campaign in Canton Township against the Plymouth Community School Board's ballot proposal to set up a building and site sinking fund was only two votes away from being successful. The proposal was approved 317 to 315.

While not all the opposition came from Canton township voters, it was the effort of the Canton township board which brought out residents who seldom have voted in a school election. The board had sent out letters and staged a telephone campaign election day.

The facts as explained by the township board in its letter concerning the favorable financial position of the school district and the higher taxes that Canton township property owners will be paying this year.

School officials were taken by surprise by the sudden opposition.

—The Plymouth Mail

BIRMINGHAM

This court's success depends on you, Oakland County Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore told members of Birmingham's first teen age traffic court Tuesday.

And 21 Birmingham high school seniors came through with well-deliberated verdicts that marked Oakland county's first such court a success.

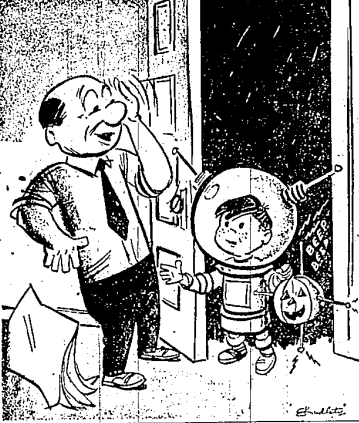
Four juvenile traffic offenders, each accompanied by a parent, appeared voluntarily before the new court inaugurated by the Birmingham police juvenile division.

—The Birmingham Eclectic.

DEARBORN — The Michigan Supreme Court has stayed the city's parking lot operation in an overruling a Dearborn lawyer's attempt to upset the system.

—The Dearborn Independent.

The Last Straw



MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

Michigan Industry Appears Not Anxious to Move Away

MICHIGAN'S INDUSTRIAL CLIMATE, which has been kicked around often and hard between Democrats and Republicans when discussing the state tax structure, finally felt the warning glow of favorable light.

The state of Oklahoma, which is carrying on an active campaign to interest new industry to locate there, wrote 10,000 letters to plants all over the country. Don C. Weeks, director of the Michigan Department of Economic Development, recently heard from an Oklahoma official that Michigan industrialists show "outstanding loyalty to their state." This loyalty was so marked in replies from 400 Michigan industries contacted, that it became a subject for general discussion in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma businessmen will soon be following up the letters with personal visits to offices which received the letters. This, of course, includes Michigan.

Important aspect about this display of loyalty is that it can overcome some of the undesired publicity which resulted from political fighting when Democrats were charging that industry should be taxed more and Republicans were charging the present tax structure is "driving industry out" of the state.

THE UNINSURED DRIVER and related problems are receiving careful study. A commission appointed by the governor is examining him as a cause of financial hardship to others when he becomes involved in an accident.

Commission members are weighing pros and cons of several plans which deal with this problem in other states. A report, or probably majority and several minority reports, will be submitted about Christmas.

Two basic philosophies from which commission members must choose involve plans which will set up funds within state government so that people suffering loss from uninsured drivers can be paid, or plans which will force uninsured

It has always been this way, but the parties liked to pretend that money was a convenience. Not really necessary, but handy.

Democrats conducted a door-bell and front porch campaign this fall. It was well-publicized and the yield was satisfactory.

State Chairman Neil Staebler said the program was designed to raise money, but also to make the program (Continued on Page 3C)

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—The Dearborn Independent.

LOOKING AHEAD

by Dr. George A. Benson
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ENGLAND'S WELFARE STATE LONDON, ENGLAND — Dear Dr. Benson: London is truly a great city. The economic, social and cultural stream which has helped fuel the expansion of Western civilization for centuries still flows out from this seat of Empire to every corner of the globe. Yet, as a result of my interviews, observations and studies here, I feel that London and England have gone beyond the zenith of their power, prestige and progress and thus face a future of gradual decline.

The only hope for England, to regain her past world position would be, in my opinion, an awakening of the English people to the realities of Socialism and the abolishment of its basic philosophy in their way of life. This possibility seems remote. Socialism is well established here, though a Conservative Party government has been at the helm for six years. Only one major change has been made in the nationalized industries and the full Welfare State program. Most iron and steel production has been restored, to private ownership (after a beginning of nationalization by the Labor-Socialist government). But coal, gas, the railways, electricity supply, a part of trucking and highway transport, all as well as, civil aviation, radio and television, and the Bank of England continue under nationalization. All other industry is subject to heavy indirect or direct taxation. The Conservative Party leaders, now openly subscribe to the basic Welfare State proposition: "that the world owes every man a living. They told me so."

My Contacts: Many of the Englishmen with whom I have talked do not share my conviction regarding their country's future. And some are important people in the future of Great Britain. However, I feel the optimism they express could be generated from a realistic appraisal of all the facts of life in England today.

In the House of Commons in historic Westminster Hall, I had lunch with Oliver Poole, chairman of Great Britain's Conservative Party. Present were Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Sir Beverley Baxter, P. Ingress Bell and G. P. Stevens, all Conservative Party members of Parliament; other officials of the government and of the Conservative Party; and a number of Britain's citizen leaders. After lunch, as a guest of members, I sat on the floor of the House of Commons (Continued on Page 3C)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (October 20, 1932)

Farmington Township traffic officers will be retained and will continue their work. This action was settled for the present when the Township Board took no action Tuesday night to change the officers' status. The decision followed a thorough discussion of the methods being used in traffic regulation in the township. Justice Ward Eagle opened the discussion by saying that he had opposed the appointment of the traffic officers from the start. He added that he felt the township was getting much unpleasant notoriety because of slight violations of the law. Speaking in defense of the Farmington traffic officers, Justice Roberts said that these statements are untrue and that officers are only issuing tickets for major violations where dangerous driving is involved.

Gambling Resort Hilltop Gables, the huge castle-like home on Middlebelt at Eleven Mile Road, was raided early Saturday morning by State Police, smashing one of the largest gambling resorts to be discovered in Michigan in many years. A total of 46 men and women were arrested in the surprise raid which climaxed weeks of secret investigation by State Police. Justice Allen C. Ingle tried 34 of the patrons of one of the gambling resorts. None of the persons picked up were from Farmington. When arraigned, the 11 men charged with operating the gambling resort pleaded innocent before Judge Ingle. Bond was set at \$500 each pending examinations set for October 24. According to police, a small house on the property was the one used for gambling. Both buildings contain secret panels and stairways which were used by the operators for hiding gambling supplies and money. Forty State troopers, hidden in the orchard surrounding the buildings, moved in quickly to confiscate gambling equipment and round up the operators and patrons.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 23, 1917)

Water Supply The problem of water supply for areas in Farmington Township was again brought before the Township Board at their regular meeting Tuesday night. A delegation of residents from Floral Park Sub-division and other locations east of Floral Park attended the meeting stating their problems concerning a water supply and seeking the help and advice of the Township Board. They stated that they had no plan to submit, but wished to know what procedure to follow and to whom they might go for further advice and counsel. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard stated that the township had made considerable inquiry in the past concerning the possibility of obtaining water from Detroit but the cost was far too excessive for the township to consider. He restated his earlier offer to accompany a representative or delegation of township residents to a meeting with officials of the Detroit Water Board.



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