

# Editorial Page

## The Youngsters . . .

Of today, or their economic conditions, may have changed more in recent years than we have been prepared to admit. We've always felt young folks had not changed basically in the last generation, and that even many of their problems were pretty similar.

This week something happened which has made us at least stop and wonder a bit. One of the druggists in the township, who enjoys at least his share of the younger trade, last week invited entries in a contest under which quite a few young people could do some work and win any of quite a few fine prizes.

By his experience, and ours, it wasn't too many years ago that such a contest would bring kids flocking in and working hard to get some personal items given as prizes. But this time the entries were surprisingly few. Entries won't close for awhile yet, and they may pick up—but right now he's begun to wonder if there will be enough to make the contest worthwhile.

Sure, we know that many young people today get pretty high allowances, and that school and other activities keep many of them busy. But we just can't believe there aren't some families where the children should be working part time to supplement parental finances. Child labor laws stop many young people from taking jobs they'd like, and which would be very beneficial to them. But they don't enter in here.

We've been hearing for some time that adults mostly want security in a job, and not too much responsibility. Now we really are beginning to wonder if our young folks have been afflicted, too?

## The Headlines . . .

In last week's Enterprise fail to indicate any slowdown in the continuous building in this township, although we know there is supposed to be some.

The stories tell of plans for apartment buildings, stores, industrial zoning in the township, the Farmington interceptor sewer project, possible building or remodeling of the city hall, purchase of two more school sites, new highways and subdivisions—many other projects. Another story tells how population has nearly doubled in the last seven years.

In fact, growth in the city and township has caused many complications. Some of these are the result of failure by the state legislature to pass laws which allow fast-growing areas some control over that growth.

Business and magazine writers are constantly attempting to tell what they think is ahead, and some now forecast a continuing slowdown through next year. If Farmington Township continues to make such headlines regularly, we don't think many people here would get hurt even if nationally the economy would level off a bit.

## Only A Few More . . .

days remain in the Farmington United Foundation campaign, and workers are trying to make their call backs in an effort to attain the goals.

Right now it doesn't look as if the final results here are going to be too encouraging, although a last minute surge could make the picture look much better. There has been good organization, and the workers are to be commended for efforts made this year. As you recall, it's the first drive under the unified campaign. Naturally, there will be a few wrinkles to straighten out in organization another year.

To those who have not yet made their contributions, one way or another, local officers ask that they please take into account the great need for funds, plus their conscience, and take some action immediately.

You may mail your contribution to Mrs. James Tagg, 33916 Glenview Drive, Farmington, if you have been missed. There are local agencies which benefit, and this year's campaign also includes the American Cancer Society fund which last year was separate.

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**BIRMINGHAM**—Calls for bids from contractors have been issued by the Birmingham YMCA, with the deadline for filing set for November 20. Edwin F. Kierbit, executive secretary, said that plans were to begin construction immediately after the contract is let, shortly after bids are in.

Cost of the new building, to be located beside the present structure at 400 E. Lincoln, is estimated at \$144,000, including furnishings.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

**PLYMOUTH**—The Township is growing three and a half times faster than the city, according to a quarterly check of the building permits for the two governmental bodies. The township issued 139 building permits in the third quarter while the city issued only 39.

The rate of the township building is in Lake Pointe Village where the Fred Greenspan Building Company intends to construct 1,000 homes.

According to the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning commission Detroit led in building permits in Wayne County during the first nine months of this year, issuing 1,749. The commission stated that residential building in Wayne County had declined by 20 percent over last year.

—The Plymouth Mail

**NOVI**—Plans for a straw vote on the question of incorporating Novi as a village were outlined this week as other incorporation proceedings near completion.

Herbert Koester, chairman of the organization opposing incorporation, said his group will attempt to sample Novi's feelings on incorporation by a newspaper sampling conducted through The Novi News. Next week and the following week sample ballots will be carried in The Novi News. Voters will be asked to mark their preference and mail the ballot to the township office. November 18 ballots will be counted and results announced.

The straw vote has the blessings of the Novi incorporation committee, although chairman Walter Tuck said his group would not participate actively. Koester said the results will be made available to the Novi Township Farmers and Landowners Protective Association will take as the incorporation election nears.

"If the vote is opposed to incorporation or favors it only slightly," he said, "we'll step up our campaign to oppose it. But if Novi favors incorporation, we're definitely going to go along with the tide."

—The Novi News

**SOUTHFIELD**—If the revised budget estimate for Southfield public schools for the 1957-58 school year proves out, it will cost an additional \$368,712 as compared with budget figures for the 1956-57 school year.

The Board of Education Monday night approved an estimated budget calling for expenditure of \$2,355,913.24. Included in this total was \$175,000 for a supplemental fund for carry-over items included on every school budget.

This year's increase covers an additional 45 teachers hired this year to staff new classrooms, cost of operations for the newly completed high school, swimming pool and for the new E. J. Lederle and Northbrook schools.

Largest single item on the budget is \$1,593,477.50 for instruction.

—The Four Corners Press

**SOUTHFIELD**—City of Southfield charter commission members figure a five-mill tax in the proposed city could do no more than keep the present level of services.

Five mills would mean \$5 in taxes for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. Some commission members said at Monday's meeting that they believed it would cost more than five mills, perhaps around seven mills, to bring about needed capital improvements.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

**WAYNE**—Bicycle license plates, called for under a new Village ordinance which goes into effect next week, are now on sale at the Wayne Police Department. The plates will be required by law on all bicycles within the Village limits.

Cost for plates has been established at 25 cents. The plates will be good until January 1, 1960. After that the ordinance calls for new ones every two years.

Wayne Police Chief Larry Knox says the plates are a "scotch tape" affair which acts as a safety device as well.

—The Wayne Dispatch

Sapphires and rubies have been made as a sideline at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Silver Spring, Maryland, by scientists "growing" metal oxide crystals for use in the brains of guided missiles.

Upon the establishment of the Mater by Congressional resolution on November 10, 1975, Captain Samuel Nicholas was ordered to recruit two battalions of Marines.

## Why Not Lower Prices?



## MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

### Department of Agriculture Outlines Proposed 1958 Program

1958'S STATE AG PROGRAM was formulated when representatives of most of Michigan's farm industries met with members of the Agricultural Commission to decide the issues, and later the same day with Gov. G. Mennen Williams to present their ideas.

Greatest need, according to the group, seems to be for a law which has been proposed every session for nine years: The need for a method of grading and identifying top Michigan grades. This has been known as "Seal of Quality."

Farm representatives were unanimous in their support of the idea, and a little frustrated that its provisions have not become law long ago. They seemed to think that the bill failed in other years for lack of lively support rather than active opposition.

Person after person stated that they believe the seal of quality idea had almost solid, if undemonstrated, backing in their particular branch of agriculture. All joined in the hope that the bill can be passed this year without becoming involved in partisan politics.

Other important proposals include a law granting subpoena powers to the Director of Agriculture. At present a hearing can be called to investigate charges of dishonest or irregular proceedings and witnesses cannot be ordered to appear.

In several recent instances, the key witness in a case decided against testifying, and the whole issue had to be dropped.

Commercial sprayers would be brought under control by terms of another proposal. At present the Department of Agriculture cannot regulate those who hire sprayers to weed killer, insecticide or pesticide.

Other recommendations concern weights and measures, licensing improvements, cutting of Christmas trees, labeling and slaughter houses.

Universities and colleges are urged to "decentralize" higher education, providing two-year colleges at the local level—along the lines of the present community and junior colleges—and making the present four-year colleges into advanced study centers.

Michigan State University, governed by the state Board of Agriculture, was forced last fall to limit its enrollment to 22,500 because of overcrowding.

The University of Michigan stated that without more facilities and (Continued on Page 4C)

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(Note: Glen Green's dispatches on the European Welfare State will be continued next week. —G.S.B.)

### SPUTNIK AND TOO MUCH CHEESE

Out of the national furor created by Communist Russia's successful earth satellite, "Sputnik," have come a number of political voices declaring that "economy" in government has held back our nation's satellite launching. It's a fair question to ask: What economy in the biggest in peacetime history? The Budget reduction which the vast majority of the American people demanded earlier this year just did not occur, although the public got the impression from news out of Washington that the economy ax was being swung healthily.

The politicians who are sadly shaking their heads over a non-existent "economy" session of Congress are actually advocating increased Federal government spending and the rejection of any suggestions for cutting taxes next year. Out of all the statements I've read from leaders of our government's satellite program comes the inescapable conclusion that lack of capable management and proper coordination by Federal government agencies—and not lack of money—delayed the U.S. earth satellite launching. The same trouble apparently is delaying our intercontinental ballistic missile program.

Rediculous Situation Expert opinion suggests that the program to launch an American earth satellite—counting research, construction, launching and operation—requires the expenditure of approximately \$100 million in tax money. That's a comparatively small item in a budget of \$72 billion. According to recent published statistics the Federal government paid out almost that much in cheese subsidies to benefit dairy farmers in the last 12 months!

This year, in fact, the Agriculture Department has been paying more than \$3 billion to farmers most of it in subsidies on farm production far beyond market demands at true value prices. This is one of the most ridiculous situations in the history of our nation.

A Destructive Program At a time of unprecedented prosperity, when our over-all productive machinery could provide jobs for all persons who cannot effectively compete in an agricultural free market, we are being heavily taxed to pay \$3 billion a day to (Continued on Page 6C)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (November 3, 1932)

One of the least noticed of the seven proposals upon which the people of Michigan will vote Tuesday has a particular interest for the people of Farmington. The majority of the proposal has to do with the removal of a voter from one precinct to another within a city just before election. The last sentence, however, asked permission "that the legislature may provide by law that the electors of a township may cast their ballots at a township polling place within a city which has been incorporated from territory formerly a part of the township." At the present time township voters must cast their ballots outside the city though the Township Hall is located here. Many feel that considerable inconvenience would be eliminated if the proposal is passed and voting at the Township Hall is permitted in the future.

Township Budget A big slash in the general fund of the 1932-33 Farmington Township budget was made by the Township Board Tuesday night, cutting the fund to less than half of the tentative appropriation made last spring. The figure was set at \$12,600 as compared with \$25,000 tentatively set up in the spring and with the \$30,000 appropriation of 1931.

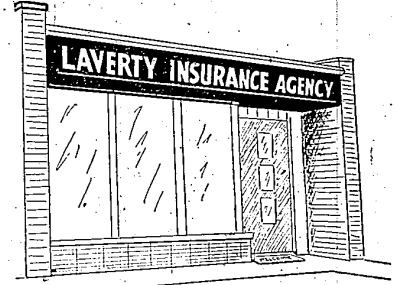
TEN YEARS AGO (November 6, 1947)

School Election The Board of Education indicated unofficially Monday night at a special meeting that Farmington School District will be asked to go to the polls early in December to vote on a proposed millage increase and bond issue for new school buildings in the District. The election date, and the amount of millage increase to be asked will be determined at another meeting of the Board next Monday evening.

FIVE YEARS AGO (November 6, 1952)

Record Vote Farmington Township and City voters swarmed to the polls in record number Tuesday with a total of 6,247 casting ballots. A total of 1,377 votes were cast in the city out of a registration of 1,706. In the township Precinct 2 lead in voting with 1,578 out of 1,933 casting ballots. Precinct 3 was second with 1,522 voters out of 1,847 registered. Precinct 1 had 865 voters from a registration of 1,094 and Precinct 4, 845 voters out of 995 registered. Farmington voters gave Eisenhower and Nixon a smashing majority and also favored Republicans for state and county offices as well.

Full-Day Classes Classes opened on schedule at the new Ten Mile elementary school with students attending on full-day programs, Superintendent O. E. Dunkel disclosed. He stated that present plans call for the opening of the new Bond and Middlebelt School additions early in December. As soon as the additions are completed students attending these two schools will also go on full-day schedule, he added.



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