

# Editorial Page

## The March of Dimes . . .

has officially started, and we hope that many of you Farmington folks will give it the second look it deserves. The need for polio funds is far, far from ended.

The Salk vaccine is a wonderful thing, and we hope that more children will get their shots as time goes on, so the need for polio funds does not continue to grow and grow—as it will could.

We're afraid too many people will be forgetting that there are still tens of thousands of disabled polio victims who will need care for years to come. Let's act as if we were a volunteer at your front door, telling you about the 57,800 polio patients who needed care and rehabilitation in 1957. That took \$21,700,000 in March of Dime funds.

But what is significant is this—only 4,800 of them contacted polio last year. The remaining 53,000 were victims of former years who still needed help. The March of Dimes has allocated \$21,100,000 for their care and rehabilitation this year.

Don't forget that these are not just statistics, they are real people. Most of us know a few of them—the child with crutches standing on the sidelines watching while others play—the invalid in the hospital where the dominant thing is the steady breathing of the iron lung bellows. We don't see them so often, but they are among us everywhere.

The March of Dimes continues to deserve your full support.

## Federal Tax . . .

payments reported not long ago by the Treasury Department at Washington show quite a decline in our state economy—more than the rest of the country has experienced.

In the 12 month period ending June 30, 1957, total tax payments from Michigan were \$945 millions less than during the previous year. Corporation income and profits taxes were down \$819 million from the 1956 figure. Those are figures which can't be taken lightly. They are the figures on which much of the "industrial flight from Michigan" publicity was based.

Not so much has been heard lately but other states haven't quit going after industry. Pennsylvania has been bragging recently about reducing taxes on business and still balancing the state budget. Texas has been sending around comparisons of their tax load with those of all other states—and Michigan ranks among the higher per capita. Tennessee has been telling manufacturers about their good political climate.

With Governor Williams suggesting an increase in the intangibles tax, and a seeming inescapable climb in tax moneys, we'll probably hear a great deal more on this subject as the legislature gets going.

Nobody says much about the effect of these taxes on the individuals who, in the end, pay all of them. Guess we aren't "organized" enough yet.

## No Parking . . .

problems are found in Russia. Adjacent to American automobile factories there are always big parking lots. And those lots are loaded with cars belonging to the workers.

As William Henry Chamberlin points out, however, in a recent Wall Street Journal article, there are no parking problems around the auto factories of communist countries. The reason is found in the wage-price relationship. As an example he cites the principal car produced in Communist Poland, the Wazgawa. At its state-fixed price, it would take the average worker five years to earn enough to buy one, if he put aside every cent of his earnings for that purpose. And the fixed price is way below the going black market price.

This is what total government does to the masses of workers—the people it is supposed to serve and reverse. It forces them down to a subsistence basis of living—and keeps them there.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**BUCHANAN** — Three meetings concerning annexation of rural districts to the Buchanan school system have been scheduled. It is planned that a vote on the annexation of the rural districts to the Buchanan district be held some time in the next month. It was indicated that an early vote would be needed so that all details could be worked out for the operation of the enlarged district with the start of school next fall should voters approve the annexation.

Two other rural districts have also expressed interest in annexing, officials said.

School officials have pointed out that Michigan's Department of Public Instruction has not yet established a plan for forcing the annexation of rural districts but has, through reductions of state aid and other means, indicated its desire to have a district support a system of having grades kindergarten through 12.

—Berrien County Record

**NOVI** — A Northville youth who admitted cutting down a beautiful spruce tree in Novi to use it for a Christmas tree found out last week it would have been cheaper to buy one.

Peter Fairfield, 19, was fined \$50 and suspended 90-day jail sentence, put on one year probation, and ordered to repay his father in a year for replacing the tree.

Fairfield said he cut down the beautiful Colorado spruce in front of a local doctor's home because he had promised his girl friend a tree but didn't have enough money to buy it.

The young man was apprehended after an undisclosed source gave the Novi police a description of a car he had seen in the vicinity of the doctor's home the night the tree was cut down.

—The Novi News

**BINGHAM FARMS** — An amendment to the Bingham Farms charter to allow new road construction in the village with the use of State road funds was tabled until the council's next session this month.

A new Michigan law requires that any State monies used for new road construction be matched by an equal amount by the community using the money which is returned to it automatically from State gas and weight taxes.

As the Bingham Farms charter to make roads, or to improve or construct roads within the village can be made unless paid for entirely from State funds, the village would either have to levy a general village tax or pay for any road construction by special assessment of benefiting property owners.

—The Four Corners Press

**ROMEO** — Romeo Youth and Civic center officials are now busy completing plans for formal grand opening festivities on January 12. A special one-hour program has been planned to start at 8:30 p.m. and to be followed by a dance until 12:30 a.m.

—The Romeo Observer Press

**WESTWOOD VILLAGE** — Many Westwood Village residents may find themselves ineligible to vote in the February 3 charter election if they fail to register immediately. The charter commission was warned that if this was not done, only some 500 of the potential 4,500 area residents had registered.

Some talks were made of having the election date set back but was decided against, officials said.

A deadline for filing nominating petitions for the various offices in the village was extended in order to give more persons a chance to file at a recent special meeting. Also approved was a revision of the wording in the tax election provision which previously had made non-property owners ineligible to vote on raising the tax limitation.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

**ROMEO** — The year 1957 was just a few hours from its end when plans were revealed for the opening of a college, the North Central Christian College, just outside of Rochester. This will be the second college proposed for this area. Plans by Michigan State for the establishment of a branch college near Rochester were announced the first part of 1957.

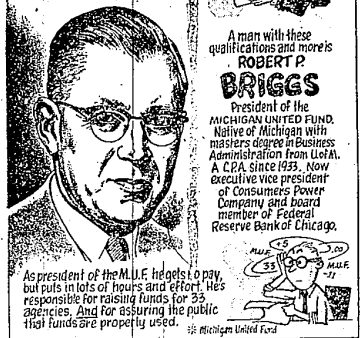
The new North Central Christian College scheduled to be opened in September of 1959 is a non-denominational and co-educational junior college. Expansion to a four-year liberal arts curriculum, with degrees in both the arts and sciences, is scheduled later.

—The Romeo Observer Press

Time is Too slow for those who Wait, Too swift for those who Fear, Too long for those who Grieve; Too short for those who Rejoice. But for those who Live, Time is Eternity. —Henry Van Dyke

## IT'S A FACT

Budgeting and dispersing millions of contributed dollars annually to 23 nonprofit health and welfare agencies requires sharp-pencil thinking and a sound business background.



As president of the M.U.F., he gets to pay, but puts in lots of hours and effort, he is responsible for raising funds for 23 agencies. And for assuring the public that funds are properly used.

## MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

### State to Run Deep in Red Unless Cuts Made or More Taxes Levied

**MICHIGAN NEEDS \$500,000,000** to avoid a red ink budget for next year. The legislature is back to wrestle with the problem and has before it a number of suggestions from Gov. Williams.

The whole picture is complicated by the eagerness of both parties to please in an election year.

Williams, who has asked state agencies to spend less to save against the anticipated austerity of next year, chopped dozens of choice items out of his budget.

Projects that could wait for a year were held back and others were shelved indefinitely.

Williams then proposed a long-range bond issue for construction to be retired by belt-tightening. Higher taxes on intangibles—stocks, bonds and other securities—is another plank in the platform to make ends meet, or some close.

Republicans charge that Williams' wrong guess on anticipated revenue for next year and this year created part of the money crisis.

To lighten the screws on the unions, however, prompted Gov. Williams to create a special investigating commission to develop a master plan for atomic safety.

It has come up with a plan for an atomic energy "czar," a director of Atomic Activities who will use the combined talents of six state agencies to formulate plans and to enforce them.

A safety advisory board will develop safety standards. Another on science will seek to find new ways to use atomic energy in the state's economy.

Far instance, the department of agriculture will be assigned to design notes, payable, after they graduate. Experts in Lansing predict that.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

By Dr. George P. Bennett, M.D. — FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

Glenn Green continues his dispatches from Europe. —G.S.B. SOCIALISM IN AUSTRIA VIENNA, AUSTRIA — Dear Dr. Salzberg to Vienna skirted the northern reaches of the European Alps, presenting magnificent scenery, but the hills gave way to rolling farmland as we neared this quaint city which once was the center of a sprawling empire. Vienna retained much of her old radical political upheavals, wars and military occupation has shrunk her once-considerable prestige and exhausted the little nation which she dominates.

Vienna today is a city of nearly 2,000,000; while Austria has only 6,900,000 total population. Austria fell under the spell of the Socialists in 1919 and has remained largely socialistic through all her trials and tribulations. The Government today is a coalition dominated by the Socialists. President Theodore Koerner is a Socialist. My contact inside the Austrian government has been Dr. Paul Fenz, chief assistant to the Bundespressesstellen. He, too, is a Socialist.

The Insudries Held The key industries are socialistic: the salt mines, which are one of the country's biggest assets; the railways; much of the extensive forestry industry; the big iron and steel works; most of the coal mining, postal service, oil, banking, electric power, communications, etc. And like all the other European Socialist countries, Austria has an all-embracing and complicated cradle-to-grave welfare State program. The labor unions, through their political instrument, the Socialist Party, have gained a powerful voice in running the country. In the industries not operated by their Socialist ministers in the Government, the unions share in the management.

Every piece of legislation which in any way affects the Austrian economy is first submitted to three non-governmental agencies before being introduced in Parliament. These are: The Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Agriculture, and the Chamber of Labor. The Chamber of Commerce has scarcely any alternative but to go along with the Chamber of Labor since its political power is overpowering. The Agrarians lean toward socialist practices. This kind of Socialism has been in operation here, with only brief interruptions, for 35 years.

The Socialist Payoff And what has it delivered to the wage earners? The income of the (Continued on Page 3B)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 5, 1933) Police Work

The plan of co-ordinating police work in Farmington City and Township apparently has struck a snag and it is the feeling now that the co-operative effort will not be undertaken. Indications are that Township officials are not in accord with the plan and city officials are in doubt as to how they could arrange their part of the program. Sheriff Roy Reynolds said that the county would supply a car for Farmington officers providing local officials would stand the cost of maintenance. Under this plan both the township and city would be patrolled both day and night, with two men on duty at all times. Under the plan the deputy sheriff would serve as one officer and be paid for by the County, two city officers would be used and the fourth officer would be the constable who would be paid out of funds collected from arrest by the township.

School Taxes The city treasurer has made an urgent plea to all taxpayers to pay their school taxes now so the city schools may be kept open. The treasurer said that if taxpayers do not feel they can pay all their taxes now, the city will be glad to accept any portion taxpayers feel they can afford at this time.

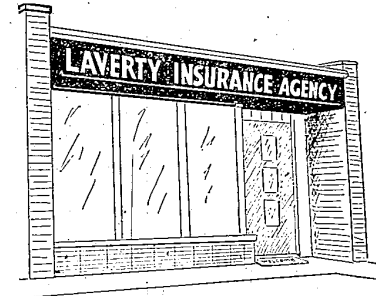
TEN YEARS AGO (January 8, 1948) Phone Exchange

Cutover of telephones in the North Farmington area from the Farmington exchange to the newly created Longacre zone will begin next week. Costing approximately one-half million dollars, the new dial-operated exchange located in the West Bloomfield area is an entirely new one created out of portions of the Birmingham, Pontiac and Farmington exchanges. The exchange consists of a specially designed one-story brick building, 1,100 telephones and a small dial switch unit. In-zone and long distance calls will be handled by toll operators at Royal Oak.

First Baby The first baby of 1948 to be born was Thomas William Cousineau, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cousineau of 21723 Oxford Street. He entered the world on January 2 at 9:23 a.m. As a gift to the first baby of 1948, Little Infant Wear Shop presented his parents with a beautiful layette.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 8, 1953) New Fire Truck

Farmington Township has now received its new fire truck which is being housed in the new Clareville Fire Hall. The new La-France equipment, mounted on a Ford chassis, was delivered to the township Tuesday. Officials indicated, however, that the new truck will not be put into use for several months since all equipment must be thoroughly inspected and a complete training course in its use must be given to volunteer fire fighters.



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