

# Editorial Page

## The State Constitutional . . .

convention discussion is a really hot topic in state circles these days, and it will grow in intensity in the coming weeks.

Main reason for this is that the real issue involved is reapportionment of membership of the state legislature, to give Detroit and Wayne County control. It's a repeat of the 1952 battle when the people of Michigan spoke out against the CIO-style reapportionment. At that time the powerful UAW-CIO pulled the strings and provided the money and ammunition, and the Democratic party simply augmented its efforts.

What's that got to do with the state constitutional convention? Well, every 16 years the people of Michigan automatically have a chance to vote on the question of revision of the constitution. The constitution now provides that delegates to a constitutional convention are chosen on a basis of three to each state senatorial district should the electorate vote affirmatively on the issue.

The CIO and the Democrats have been working toward changing the method of selection of delegates, putting them on a population basis. That would end up with Walter Reuther and the CIO controlling state government.

The State Farm Bureau and the State Association of Township Officers are on record as opposing the calling of a convention. Outstate Michigan is alert to the issue, and is going to fight for a balanced representation in order to survive.

We'd like to make one point. Certainly it wouldn't be in the interest of good government to have a constitution dictated by ANY powerful self-interest group.

## That Money . . .

which was raised by the state highway department, then invested in bonds, for the North-western Highway extension, is again in the news.

This time it's because of the need for more state funds, and a desire to pump more money into our state economy by road building. This idea means \$25,000,000 in bonds for the North-western Highway extension, and \$10,000,000 in bonds for the Grand Rapids Expressway system, was pointed to this week by George M. Van Peursem, speaker of the house of representatives.

You'll recall that plans for the Northwestern extension were made under Commissioner Ziegler, then abandoned by Mackie when he was elected. He has recently said the extension would come about 1960 and that it would go across the north portion of Farmington Township, on Eleven Mile Road and connecting to the expressway in Novi.

Most local people seem to think this is a silly way to use that money. It's been ruled, however, that the money can be used only for a North-western Highway extension, and this plan seems to be Mackie's only out.

To crystallize township thinking on use of 11 Mile (there isn't even a road all the way through) the township planning board intends to start study immediately.

We, too, can think of many better ways to use that \$25,000,000 than the present contemplated construction through Farmington Township.

## WEEKLY CHUCKLE

On the Strand in London, where newspapermen are wont to congregate, a canny pub-keeper has introduced a phonograph record with astonishing success.

This record imitates the sounds of typewriters clicking and presses rolling. Every time one of the writing fellows calls up the little wife to explain that he's detained at the office, he puts on the record for background music, happily pays the pub-keeper six-pence for the service and goes back to his gin and tonic.

—Bennett Carr in Saturday Review.

In the State of Washington a man was accused of having stolen a car.

"I had to have it," the man explained, "in order to make the monthly visits to my parole officer."

The Golden Rule is a law of physics: If you try to give someone happiness, you get some back yourself. Albert Einstein.

I believe if a man is willing to surrender his will to God, he can do anything within the circle of God's will for him. — John W. Raley.

You may live through this year if you continue to drive carefully and watch out for the other fellow who doesn't drive carefully.

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What's New With  
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NEIGHBORS

**SOUTHFIELD** — Seeking permission to locate a \$4 million plant in Southfield, WXYZ and WXYZ-TV, and affiliate of the American Broadcasting Company, overcame its last hurdle last week. The Southfield township board at a special session backed up a favorable 5-4 decision previously recorded by the local zoning board.

The broadcasting firm gained its point, following earlier defeats by the township and zoning boards when it produced a revised plan designated to create a new bracket of operation in the township zoning code, purchased additional property and shifted location of its planned 1,000 foot television tower.

Initial hesitation on the part of township officials stemmed from their opinion that giving way to WXYZ-TV would mean the loss of the adjacent Ten Mile Road residential property to demands for commercial zoning.

WXYZ surmounted this opposition by agreeing to develop part of its unused acreage for residential purposes. Final permission was granted on the basis of inclusion in the zoning ordinance of a TVRSO provision. This permits construction of facilities of television, radio, studio and offices only. It is not to be interpreted as "commercial," it was pointed out.

The broadcasting firm is expected to disclose building plans at an early date. Southfield presently has two other television outlets.

—The Four Corners Press

**NOVI** — An all-out effort is underway to have every adult and child in Novi township inoculated with Salk polio vaccine at special polio clinics later this month. The clinics will be held February 20 and 25 at the Novi Community Building.

On either day any Novi adult or child will be able to get a first second or third inoculation of Salk vaccine for \$1. Another clinic will be held in March and still another in the fall so the full series of three inoculations will be available through the program.

Registrations are being taken in advance at the Novi school, the township hall, the Novi post office and Novi store.

—The Novi News

**PLYMOUTH** — A bill was introduced last week in the State Legislature to set up an election on the question of a hunting ban in a portion of Plymouth Township.

Rep. Sterling Elton introduced the bill to amend the act of the Plymouth Township Board.

The bill sets Sheldon Road as the dividing line. Called for is permission to hunt west of Sheldon Road but not in the district east of Sheldon. Only if the question is approved by a majority of the voters in the township will the law be put into effect.

—The Plymouth Mail

**BLOOMFIELD** — The Bloomfield Hills board of education officially named the new elementary school under construction on Long Pine Lake as Pine Lake the Pine Lake School.

The board also rectified a mistake of the 1950's and officially named the Vaughan School after the Perry Vaughan family who gave land for the site.

It was indicated by board members that Pine Lake was picked as the name for the new school because people of the community have been calling it that ever since work was started on the building.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

**SOUTH LYON** — Co-champions of the Oakland County Corn Contest, senior class, were Robert F. McCrory of Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, and Albert Kessler of Grand River, Wixom. Both had yields of 115.5 bushels of shelled corn per acre. Douglas Long of Milford, with a yield of 98.2 bushels per acre was the junior class champion.

—The South Lyon Herald

**BUCHANAN** — Boy Scouts of Buchanan were at all main intersections in the main business district of the community last Saturday selling a special Scout edition of the Berrien County Record.

The edition contained stories and pictures giving the history and telling of the activities of the White Beaver District and local Scout units.

Proceeds from the sale will go into the Scout World Fellowship Fund.

On Monday, Explorer Scouts will take over the reigns of the city as they work with city officials in learning how the community runs. They will also participate in the city commission meeting that night.

This is a part of their citizenship training program, scout officials said.

—Berrien County Record

**LIVONIA** — The Council voted Monday night in favor of an amendment to the City Charter to be placed before the voters in April which would raise the salary of councilmen elected or appointed to that office after April 4, 1960 to \$3,600. The Charter currently calls for a salary of \$650 for councilmen elected to April 14, 1958, and then an annual salary of \$1,200 for all in office after this date.

—The Livonian

### THE AMERICAN WAY

**Dirty Work Afoot**

## MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

### Gov., GOP Legislators Disagree On State School Aid Program

REPUBLICANS and Gov. Williams started the 1958 legislative session agreeing only that schools need money for new buildings and operations.

They disagreed on everything else. With a \$6,000,000 deficit in the current-year state aid fund, the legislature faces the task of raising that amount and an additional \$14,000,000 to maintain the \$190 per student formula.

"This is what we can promise the schools, but we can't do what Williams wants," said Senator Frank D. Beadle (R-St. Clair).

He scuttled his \$20,000,000 intangibles tax proposal.

Republicans, remembering troubles in the past are pushing for their own version of the school aid program.

Schoolmen for years have fretted that the decision usually is delayed until spring and they are held back in making budgets for the next year.

Most schoolmen have expressed enthusiasm for the Republican plan, banking on the promise of \$190 per student as the basis for their negotiations this spring.

Another factor in the state's economic picture this winter was the rejection by the civil service commission of pay increases for state employees.

The commission was asked to grant pay raises ranging between \$11,000,000, including fringe benefits, and \$20,000,000.

Chairman James Moses, publisher of the Marshall Chronicle, announced that a majority vote rejected pay increases because state employees, he said, are receiving pay on "a good competitive scale" with similar jobs in business and industry.

The commission, however, said it would continue studying a proposed "out." He quietly but quickly

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### LOOKING AHEAD

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## A FARM LEADER'S WARNING

A vital ingredient of leadership is the courage to block the stream, a willingness to face unpopularity, if sound logic requires it. Most of the worthwhile advances in America have come as a result of the exercise of sound and courageous leadership. Charles B. Shuman, a farmer who has just completed a year as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, demonstrates some of the high qualities of leadership. At a time when a further veering toward Socialism in America could be disastrous, Charles Shuman has written an editorial in "The Nation's Agriculture" saying some things we should all think upon. Here it is:

"Which way does the wind blow? There are economic and political winds that determine the kind of government we will have in the future. No one can see the wind — few can see which way our nation is going. We are so involved in current issues that it is difficult to tell whether our free enterprise system will continue or whether it is in danger of being replaced by a Socialist dictatorship. Fortunately, there are some straws in the wind by which we can measure the speed and direction we are moving.

Toward Socialism  
"In what ways do we move toward Socialism? There are five major areas of conflict between our successful free choice Capitalism and the government-directed systems of Sweden, Russia, and other nations.

"First, Socialism is based on government ownership or control of the capital and property used in production. For example, the advocates of state Socialism favor all proposals for federal electric power projects, regardless of their merit. They use the light money issue to boost sentiment for higher rates set by Congress, at such low levels as to discourage private saving and to force the substitution of government capital in major industries. Farmers have already accepted a considerable degree of bureaucratic control over the use of their property under the acreage quota program. More, rather than fewer, controls are being proposed.

Dangerous Ways

"Second, Socialism cannot tolerate a free market for goods and services. In fact, a price system which reflects changes in supply and demand is our greatest assurance of freedom. Wage and price controls, whether in war or peacetime, are a real threat to the free market. The Commodity Credit Corporation which holds \$7 billion (Continued on Page 3B)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (February 9, 1933)**  
Hits 15 Below  
Farmington froze Thursday morning in what is believed to be the coldest weather here in over 50 years, perhaps in the entire history. It hit 15 degrees below zero. One Farmington resident was reported close to freezing to death. Bill Shaupeter was discovered in a near frozen condition on Grand River Avenue in front of the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company. He was so numb he could scarcely walk. Notified by Carl Hogle at the lumber yard, he was taken in and thawed out.

**To Show New Ford**  
The first of the new Ford V-8 cylinder, 112 wheel base motor cars will be on display here Saturday at Olin Russell Inc., Ford Dealers. With its 76-horsepower V-8 engine, the new Ford is capable of a sustained speed of 80 miles an hour. The new all-steel bodies are materially wider and almost a foot longer, giving the car more roominess. The new V-8 engine is fitted with all aluminum cylinder heads. Another feature is the extremely rigid double channel, double drop X frame.

**TEN YEARS AGO (February 12, 1948)**  
Building Department  
A building inspection department for the City of Farmington was authorized by the city commissioners and Col. Sam Smith named to head the department. A suggestion by Col. Smith that the Zoning and Building Codes of the city be revised and brought up to date with amendments was agreed to by the commissioners. A committee was appointed, however, to check both ordinances before any action was taken. Named as a legal counsel to work with the committee was Glenn H. Leland. Commissioner Fred Bagnall, Bayard Tupper of the Board of Appeals and Col. Smith were appointed to serve on this committee.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (February 12, 1953)**  
New High School  
According to a report made to the School Board Monday night, work on the new Farmington Senior High School is now 60 percent complete and running slightly ahead of the construction schedule. Following this report the board took action in the matter of advertising for bids for furnishing laboratory equipment for the school and set a delivery deadline clause calling for all these materials to be delivered not later than July 15. In other action the School Board formally adopted a new pay schedule for school personnel calling for a \$300.00 a year increase in the annual income of beginning teachers with four years of training.

Planning Commission  
An organizational meeting of the newly appointed Farmington City Planning Commission is expected within the next two weeks. An ordinance establishing the new planning commission became effective February 2.

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