

# Editorial Page

## A New Hospital . . .

to serve Farmington and other nearby areas was started Monday—the culmination of much work by quite a few local people joining with those from Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Redford township.

One day we are really going to be thankful for the interest shown as long ago as a couple of years. One day the people who pledged contributions are going to see concrete evidence of the faith they backed with money.

When the hospital is completed in perhaps two years, it will be quite a change not only for local patients and physicians, but their families and friends. We're talking of mileage. From the City of Farmington it is between five and six miles to the site at Five Mile and Levan, Levan is about one and a half miles west of Farmington Road. After the long jaunts to hospitals we've made for many years, that will seem like a breeze.

Here we are preoccupied with many important problems—roads, zoning, rapid changes in population. But make no mistake about it—the start of this new hospital in our area is one of the most important happenings for all of us, although it may take awhile to realize this.

## Higher Education . . .

in our great state is getting some very close scrutiny the last few weeks from some very economy-minded legislators. Some of the legislators are not, and haven't been for some years, happy about some of the facts withheld from them. We're thinking particularly of salaries paid by our two universities, and suggesting that they should really be more cooperation between the university officials and the lawmakers, or we'll all suffer.

Two great University presidents, Harlan Hatcher of the University of Michigan, and John Hannah of Michigan State, were appearing recently before some senators. The matter of golf courses was brought up.

"Why are you building a \$300,000 golf course at Michigan State?" Dr Hannah was asked.

"That won't cost the taxpayers anything," said the doctor blandly. "Football receipts will pay for it."

Later to Dr. Hatcher the senators suggested if he needed money so badly, why didn't he sell the golf course at Ann Arbor? Maybe it would solve everything if the U. of M. sold its golf course to Michigan State. They could use the money at Ann Arbor and as Dr. Hannah explains, it won't cost MSU anything.

Some people might be so backward they'd even suggest cutting out golf and trying some book-larnin'.

## Don't Be A Cluck . . .

is good advice to people owning or using small boats. There are many owners in this area, more beginners each year, and many who ride in boats. Either in this area or elsewhere in the state some of them are needlessly drowned every summer. Almost all of these accidents are caused by one or both of these reasons:

- (1) The victim couldn't swim.
- (2) He failed to hang on to the boat.

Many people unable to swim get in small boats, although any experienced boatman will agree that only a fool will get near small boats unless he knows at least the rudiments of swimming.

Nearly all small boats will float after capsizing. Unless a man is a good swimmer, he should never risk swimming to shore. The first rule of small boating is: Hang on to the boat.

Boats are fun but, like automobiles, they're not for fools.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

LIVONIA — Plans for storm sewer construction in southern Livonia and Redford Township took another sharp 180 degree turn this week when Circuit Judge Horace Gilmore ruled: "The original petition for the Asherton-Livonia drain is valid."

That means technically that the calendar has been flipped back a full year, when the County Drain Commission attempted to start work on a storm drain originating midway in Livonia and flowing southeasterly through Redford Township. It was to have been paid for by varying assessments depending on the degree of "benefit" received by individual parcels in the "drain district."

This was challenged in court a year ago by a group of Redford citizens on the basis that the assessments were unfair and notice hadn't been properly given. At one point, about three months ago, nearly every party involved seemed to agree that the whole thing should be called off. Livonia even proceeded to draw up plans for a new storm drain through Redford Township also sought to have mileage approved for a new plan of its own but it was defeated at the polls.

As a result of the judges ruling, Livonia officials will probably attempt to prove that the need for the Asherton-Livonia drain no longer exists. Redford Township officials, however, are probably hoping that the original drain plan goes through.

As the battle continues anew, southern Livonia residents are building shelves in the basements, about six feet off the floor. Their annual mud bath is almost assured.

SOUTHFIELD — An appointed board of determination consisting of three "disinterested" persons will meet April 11 on the north-east corner of Eight Mile and Southfield Roads in Southfield to decide the necessary retaining wall for Eight Mile Drain which has been petitioned.

Petitioning for the project has, at this time, progressed to the stage where a positive decision by the board will set the wheels in motion to negotiate for the sale of bonds and obtain construction contracts.

The drain was called for last September when an application for the setting up of a special drainage district was called for by the County Board.

The drain will not be financed by the township at large but will be paid for by a bond issue over a long period of time over the 1,150 acres in Southfield Township and 80 acres in Oak Park to the east. The proposed drain costing \$1,600,000 will run eight miles between Oak Park and the Rouge River immediately west of Berg Road.

NOVI — If disaster strikes the Northville or Novi area this year, help will be available within an hour. The University of Michigan announced this week that its disaster plan for southeastern Michigan is now being reviewed and will again be ready for the upcoming tornado season.

The plan, devised two years ago, will mobilize the resources of the university's medical center to meet any disaster, such as fire, tornado, or explosion, which causes more than 50 casualties.

When the emergency arises, hospital employees will begin a disaster system telephone call. More than 400 doctors will be notified to report to emergency stations. In Ann Arbor, civil defense workers and state police will erect barricades and check points along the route to University hospital to speed the flow of injury cases.

At the medical center, the injured will be checked and hurried for treatment depending on the nature and extent of their injuries.

FRANKLIN — Urging the Franklin council to consider hiring paid, full time police because of the steady growth of "the town in time forgot", L. Richard Ford resigned as village marshal last Monday night. The council immediately accepted Ford's recommendation of Richard Diederich for the post.

Ford indicated in his letter of resignation that he felt 24-hour protection was needed in the growing village and that it was unreasonable to expect this men on a volunteer basis.

"To date, Franklin has only volunteer, part-time protection and its police have used their own cars for patrolling the 22 miles of village roads nightly."

Diederich appeared at Monday's special council meeting for the study of budget problems and submitted a request for an allotment of \$3,000 for police needs. The council shaved the request to \$2,350. The allotment for the last for the current fiscal year is \$1,200 to cover operating costs and purchase of equipment.

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### Michigan Week Will Take on An Added Seriousness This Year

MICHIGAN WILL SING its own praises to the rest of the world May 3-10.

This year Michigan Week takes on an added seriousness in the quest for new industry and new jobs to counter an economic situation which hit with harder impact here than in other states.

It is the week each year set aside for the state to assess its progress in all phases of life.

Working committees have been appointed in industry, business, the arts, education and government among many others.

On May 5, the mayors and village presidents of more than 300 municipalities will change places for a day, to pick up new ideas and observe how the other fellow lives.

The program was started five years ago by the state Department of Economic Development with the slogan, "Michigan is a Great Place to Live."

The department has figured prominently in the controversy over whether taxes are driving industry out of Michigan and expanding existing firms from the state.

But once a year, the department organizes the week-long service on the theory that it is hard to ignore a place where everyone is so proud.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS of the more conservative bent are trying to disprove the old theory that "Nothing Succeeds Like Success."

For 10 years, Democrats have held the governor's office and have later gained control of all other executive posts.

Republicans have brought themselves up short, charging that their party has been trying to emulate the formula of success of Gov. William and the Democrats.

REPUBLICAN PASSENGERS cannot demand that the pilot stop and let them out at the next corner. That's why Michigan, in its "Guest Passenger Act" imposed severe liabilities on the pilot—until the 1958 legislature made the changes.

The bill, which legislators considered a mistake after any chance of reserving themselves was gone, (Continued on Page 4B)

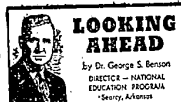
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PROBLEM: TOO MUCH PRODUCTION  
Nearly every non-political plan for solving the farm problem calls for a reduction in the number of people on the farms and in the number of acres being farmed. The Committee for Economic Development, a non-partisan organization doing research on national problems, offers a plan for accomplishing these reductions in the field of agricultural production.

"Our first recommendation," a special CED report says, "is that the Soil Bank be freed of all embankments, and be redirected to take resources out of crop production, thus reducing output. A good place to start is to repeal the \$3,000 limitation on payments, so as to get the emphasis off income support and on land retirement. The overriding guide in the use of public funds for this purpose always be: Is the public receiving 100 cents of production adjustment for every dollar of its money?"

Land And People  
"The new program should direct the administration to concentrate its efforts over-whelmingly on the retirement of whole farms. This is being increasingly encouraged in the conservation reserve program, and properly so. Out of 82,538 conservation reserve contracts signed for the 1957 crop year, 12,163 call for the retirement of whole farms. . . ."

"We have made repeated references to the human factor in the program of resource reduction. People are involved, not just land. A survey taken for the Department of Agriculture indicates that, among the 157 million acres in farms in the conservation reserve, the known availability of a job in town is one of the most frequently cited reasons. Farm people who have better earning potentials in other lines should be offered special training opportunities, as part of the resources adjustment program."

Family Farm Assured  
"There is no danger that we would thus be contributing to the disappearance of the family farm. We have already noted that the family farm is successfully holding its own. Offering farmers new ways of making a living from the good soil a chance to establish themselves in other callings is actually a method of strengthening the family farm as an institution, for it would retire the weakest and most vulnerable units."

The fact is that a 160 acre farm, operated with tools and techniques of years gone by, can no longer satisfy the living standard desires (Continued on Page 4B)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 6, 1933) Bargale Days

April 14 and 15 will see the first event of its kind ever held in Farmington designed to increase business and promote Farmington as a trading center for the farming areas nearby. The event will be a two-day offering on the part of Farmington merchants coinciding with the distribution of monthly checks totaling many thousands of dollars to hundreds of farmers in this vicinity. On these two days over 400 dairy farmers and their families will be coming to Farmington to cash checks for their March shipments. Through a change made recently in the method of payment by both Farmington Dairy and the Weiner Dairy Co., they get their checks in the middle of the month and more than likely will cash them right here. Merchants in every line of business are joining in offering exceptional bargains on these two days.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 8, 1948) Recreation Group

Action was taken by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission Saturday to speed up completion of the organization of the group and to get a summer recreation program started in the area. A committee was formed to draft a resolution to be presented to the Farmington Township School Board, the City Commission and the Farmington Township Board seeking legal recognition. This committee will present the proposal at the April meetings of the various governmental units. The FARC, following the suggestion of the National Recreation Commission, seeks this official status so that funds may be accepted wherever and whenever available for recreational purposes. The group also is created for the purpose of co-ordinating leisure-time activities and facilities within the Farmington area. The primary objective of the group is to establish a recreation program this summer for both boys and girls. Under such a program a full-time director would be employed and a complete all-around program planned.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 9, 1953) Township Hall

A motion directing the Township Board to appoint a committee to study ways of improving the present Town Hall or constructing a new Township Building was approved at the Annual Township Meeting held Monday afternoon at the Town Hall. The motion provided for the appointment of not less than two nor more than four citizens members, who must be registered voters of the township, plus one member of the Township Board.

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