

Editorial Page

Expressway Traffic . . .

Everyone driving on Grand River in Farmington City over week ends has noticed the great reduction in traffic, over last summer. It was expected, and mostly it is welcomed. Even so, to a resident living here the last few years, it still seems a little strange.

Oh, there's a fair amount, of course, and when the proposed bridge to re-connect Grand River at Kensington Park is built there will be more again.

We expect traffic will become even heavier on the new Farmington-Brighton expressway within a week or so. Reason for this is the opening after July 4 of the last portion of the expressway that bypasses Flint to the west. When this is in full use, Detroit residents heading north will find a much better route west out the local expressway to US-23 this side of Brighton, then north to Clio, where traffic will rejoin US-10. It will be some 15 or 16 miles longer, but still faster and better driving because there are few stops and access to the expressways is limited, as you know.

Thus we learn that expressways are not drive west to go north best, etc. Patterns will likely change many times in the next few years, but it appears Farmington won't get by-passed again for awhile. In fact, we may have too many expressways in our immediate area.

Sewer Problems . . .

To the east of Farmington Township the sewage problem continues to build up. Officials of 15 southeastern Oakland county communities have been told by the state health commissioner to attend a July 23 conference. A state order is likely to be issued soon, despite all the legal tangles.

Knowing this, more people should be willing to accept the plans for the Farmington interceptor sewer. Sure, some now have their own sewer systems and dislike the idea of paying for another also. But if homes (and septic tanks) keep abounding anywhere near like the last few years, in ten years a huge number of additional residents will have to pay double.

Those License Plates . . .

It's always interesting to pick up an illustration that shows exact styles and colors of auto license plates for the 48 states, pick out your own, and compare them.

Michigan this year has a fairly dark background, rather unusual for plates. There are two others with grey backgrounds, North Dakota and South Dakota, but they are quite light grey.

Michigan's slogan, Water Wonderland, has competition with 23 other states which have slogans ranging from Land of Opportunity and Sportsmen's Paradise, to two which simply plead to Drive Safely. Wonder what the accident rate per thousand is in those two states — North Carolina and Indiana.

It's interesting to note that this year 11 states are re-using last year's plates, with little year tabs added. Interesting, we say, because we understand Michigan will be doing that very thing next year. Those using plates a second year are Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Montana, Maryland, Oregon, Rhode Island, S. Dakota, and Washington. It's all right to re-use the plates — but let's hope they will buy NEW cars.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI — Home building . . .

In Novi appears to be ready for a strong summer spurt after falling off considerably over the winter.

Two subdivisions which have been on the drawing board for some time are about ready to take shape and subdivisions have reported increased prospects and sales.

The increase in building activity brightened the picture clouded two months ago by the announcement that the proposed 2,000 home Lincoln Village development would be delayed a year because of the current business recession.

Biggest announcement of the week was that the long-dormant Orchard Hills development near Willow Run Village would soon be resumed. Some 103 homes are planned for construction by next spring. In addition, the new Fox Hills development west of Beck Road is preparing for a summer boom in construction.

Other developments which are reported with more and more prospects every week include Conemara Hills near Northville, Brookland Farms off Novi Road near Nine Mile and Pioneer Meadows at 11 Mile near Beck Road.

PLYMOUTH — The Novi News

A new petition to incorporate part of Plymouth Township as the City of Plymouth Heights has been filed with the Wayne County Board of Supervisors in order to throw a roadblock in the path of a petition being circulated by a builder who wants his land annexed to the City of Plymouth.

Township Supervisor Roy Lindsay said that the Plymouth Heights incorporation petition is the township's answer to the petition being circulated by the Dearborn Development Co., which owns the area of the road along the city's eastern border annexed.

Two weeks ago when it was learned that the Dearborn Development was circulating the petition, the supervisor declared that the township "will do everything it can" to prevent the annexation. The incorporation petition carries out that promise.

As far as can be determined, the development company's petition had not been filed with the Plymouth Mail.

LIVONIA — It has been disclosed that the Sheldon Land Company has offered the City of Livonia a parcel of land between 25 and 30 acres in size behind the Sheldon Shopping Center at Farmington Road and Plymouth.

The property would be given to the city for use as a playground without any rent or lease until such time as Sheldon needs it, Councilman Jack Salvadore indicated.

It was stipulated, however, that any equipment put there would have to be semi-portable so that it could be moved when Sheldon wanted the property back.

Plans by the Council for acquiring an additional 20 acres of land at two different locations, using as parks were also revealed. Negotiations for the purchases are already underway.

Such a parcel of land parcels are adjacent to school locations. The price being asked for the property ranges from \$5,000 per acre to \$10,000.

SOUTHFIELD — City roads, population and the revenue they bring the city from state funds held the stage last week during a special meeting of the Southfield Council.

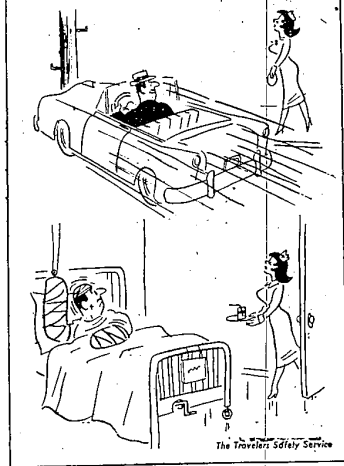
Representatives from the State Highway Dept. in Lansing indicated that the new city could expect a return next year amounting to an estimated \$200,000 from the motor vehicle fund as its share of collected gas and weight taxes.

This would mean a boost of \$75,000 in revenue as estimated in the budget.

It was revealed that Eight Mile and Telegraph roads by the State Highway Dept. Dept. Property, Set; aside as roads to be controlled and maintained by the county and tax exempt from the tax-fund formula were all of Ten Mile, Twelve Mile, Northwestern Highway, Lahser, Southfield, Greenfield and the city portion of Eleven Mile from Evergreen east to Greenfield.

The new millage rate will produce \$20,000 less than last year formally but it was indicated that no cuts in services or personnel is foreseen by the Council.

The Road Toll



122,610 paid the toll when their cars left the road.

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Legislators Trap Themselves Into Unwanted Compromise

POLITICAL LEADERS in the legislature trapped themselves into a fight neither party wanted and ended with a compromise nobody wanted.

The battle ended with the Michigan State Police getting \$11,700,000 and a reduced budget for 1958-59.

It stirred personal bitterness and gave both parties new issues for the fall campaign. Joseph A. Childs, commissioner of the state police, wanted to become a political issue least of all, but he was caught squarely in the middle of the hassle.

Republicans, recognizing the state was close to a barren treasury, decided to impose a formula budget cut to all state agencies.

There were objections in all fields: corrections, mental health, public health, general government, regulatory agencies and public safety and defense.

In the pull and tug of legislative maneuver the differences were settled — all but the State Police budget and lesser items in the \$21,500,000 public safety and defense bill.

Concession and compromise moves failed during the regular session. The House insisted on \$11,800,000. The Senate was willing to appropriate only \$11,300,000 at first, but later held to the figure \$11,700,000.

That is the way the regular 1958 session ended. Gov. Williams could make a little political hay by calling the legislature back into special session. The State Police, famous for its excellence throughout the nation, faced a crisis.

Sensors reasoned that a good administrator could absorb a budget cut of less than one per cent. House Democrats backed Republican arguments that a cut of children should not be forced to lay off troopers.

Children walked a figurative tightrope. He was finally called upon to make an official analysis of his position. He said he could not guarantee that no lay offs would be required, but he would try to make ends meet.

Children, a friendly soft-spoken career man, lost friends because he refused to take sides and fight.

As the session ended, an investigation already was underway by a senate committee into operations of all government agencies. They vowed if any waste existed, they would find it.

The decision by the state Supreme Court set a precedent which overthrew an ancient English dictum adopted in America when the country was young, but both acknowledged that the Senate had won a major victory over the House.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 29, 1933
Fruit Growers
A meeting of the leading fruit growers in the state was held at the home of Don Buton on 12 Mile last Friday. More than 200 growers were in attendance.

The Federal government's objection to the use of arsenate of lead for fruit spraying was the principal topic of discussion. The growers were told that its use is considered as dangerous as poison by Federal authorities since it can not be removed from the fruit.

A different method of controlling the codling moth than the use of lead arsenate was pointed out. It was indicated that the government preferred the use of spray oil and nicotine, but that this is too costly for the average farmer. Calcium arsenate and lime were recommended as an alternate.

Price Rise
A sharp rise in the prices of art and goods is due within the next few weeks, leading Farmington merchants indicated.

Among the causes given were: 1. A general pickup in business. 2. Federal and state taxes on particular commodities. 3. Michigan's general sales tax, going into effect Saturday. 4. Injury done by weather conditions to crops. 5. Inflationary measures taken by the government.

TEN YEARS AGO

July 1, 1948
Legion Home
The new American Legion Memorial Home will be opened officially on Saturday, July 24, with a community dance in conjunction with the 25th annual and Homecoming sponsored by the Gables Walker Post.

Bill Conroy's orchestra will furnish the music for the celebration will run from July 19 through July 25. There will be the usual midway on the grounds just west of the Memorial Home, horseshoe pitching contests, a band concert, contests for ladies and children and the annual Pet and Doll Parade.

Three Farmington pitchers used in 1947 to set a sound 1-42 drubbing at the hands of Rosedale Park last Sunday.

Although a large crowd of Rosedale fans turned out at Rosedale Park to cheer for their team only a few Farmington fans showed up.

FOUR-IN-ONE SHOT FOR CHILDREN TESTED

A four-in-one shot designed to immunize children against polio, measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus has been tested successfully in approximately 300 Detroit children, according to the American Medical Association.

The children who participated in the study ranged in age from 2½ months to 5 years. Seventy-five per cent, or 224 of them, completed the series of three monthly inoculations, and comparisons of blood obtained before and after the inoculations showed favorable response, it was indicated.

Literature is a great staff, but a sorry scratch. —Walter Scott
The writer does the most who gives his reader the least knowledge, and takes from him the least time. —Sydney Smith

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

A special election having been called to be held in said school district on the 14th day of July, 1958.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Monday, the 7th day of July, 1958, up to 5:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, is the last day upon which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said special election.

Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides.

Persons already registered upon the registration books of such city or township clerk need not re-register.

PATRICIA DATES
Secretary of the Board of Education
Dated June 10, 1958 June 26, July 3, 1958

NOVI NEWS

By MRS. GEORGE WAITE
Fl. 9-2089
The Methodist Church Sunday School held their annual picnic at Kent Lake recently with a goodly number in attendance but broke up early because of a heavy rainfall.

Jay and Kris Hansor, young children of the Bobby Hansors, were stricken recently with serious cases of the measles.

Mrs. Ann Zessen of Tempe, Arizona, arrived recently in Farmington and has been visiting relatives and friends there and in Ypsilanti, Grand Rapids and Novi.

The George Waite's were recent Fenton visitors at the home of the Al Schroders.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. Hildred Hunt, are now on a two weeks tour to Camp Lake Louise and several other places of interest.

The Danny Latchfords entertained three of their grandchildren recently.

A family reunion was held at the William Barbers home on Nine Mile Road a week ago Sunday. A total of 17 attended. Among those present was William Barber, Jr., and his wife, Mr. Barber graduated from Michigan State University this June. He and his wife left last Tuesday for Pickford.

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