

Editorial Page

May Block Upswing

Over the nation there are many hopeful signs that an upturn in the economy is starting. There are even some signs in our area.

Despite this, we have to wonder just how much Michigan is going to be helped? Here's why.

Michigan was hit harder than most states by the recession, largely because the manufacture of automobiles is such a big part of Michigan's economy. The chances of this upswing in the economy having full effect on Michigan may be dimmed greatly by the protracted negotiations between the auto companies and Walter Reuther, boss of the UAW-CIO and political king-maker.

Receipt of the additional unemployment compensation helped Reuther delay settlement. Now when the new model cars are ready to go, he expects to pull the strike trigger and bring Michigan's economy to a standstill — just when Michigan people are hoping desperately the new car sales will mean a shot in the arm for our economy.

The Big Three can probably take care of themselves, despite the greatly reduced earnings recently reported. So who is really hurting? It's the little people — the many small businesses which sell things to the automotive industry, and the retailers who are having tough sledding. The unsettled situation has left people sitting tight and waiting to see what will happen. Savings accounts are soaring to new highs because Michigan people have "holed in" until the unsettled economic weather passes.

So Michigan's economy stays mired while the rest of the nation shows signs of improvement — and the little fellow is the one really caught in the squeeze.

Cloverleaf Needed

Last Sunday night at the intersection of highways US-16 and US-23 just east of Brighton traffic was being slowed early in the evening for five minutes up because state police had to manually direct the multitude of autos. They were doing a good job, and no one was complaining apparently. We don't know what it was like later that evening.

It just points up the fact that there are troubles at the other end of the Farmington-Brighton expressway, too. Highways cost a lot of money, we are well aware. Nevertheless, it appears to us that a cloverleaf at this intersection will be a necessity.

At this end it appears that state police might well also manually direct traffic at the Middlebelt light on Grand River, and likely also at 8 Mile. If the heavy inflow of cars could get through the first two lights without too much hindrance, enough might drain off before the next light so that cars would not back up so far on the expressway.

Now the Fall Election

To all who voted Tuesday, congratulations. To those and all who didn't vote — a lot of people are already thinking about the general election Nov. 4. The statewide tempo will resume in about a month.

Both parties are shorter of cash than in recent years. We'd like to suggest to followers of each party that it increases your interest and your fun if you contribute a little financially to back up your convictions. Just a few dollars will be appreciated. It's needed NOW.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD—The Southfield police department will be moving soon from its inadequate quarters at the rear of 10 Mile and Evergreen.

The City Council has approved the leasing of a house on Evergreen Road approximately two blocks north of the present location from Mary E. Thompson. The lease is for a period of 18 months with the option to renew for six month periods until June of 1961.

Rent is to be \$150 a month with the first two months rent to go toward the addition of a toilet, lavatory, minor repairs and decorating. During occupancy, the city will pay for all utility bills but the owner will be responsible for any needed major repairs.

A proposal to lease an unfinished building at 23500 Telegraph for the building department was held in abeyance when parts of the lease were questioned.

NOVI—An early trial date has been promised for a hearing before Oakland County Circuit Judge Clark Adams concerning the issuance of building permits by the City of Wixom.

An injunction was brought against Wixom by John Weiss when a stop-work order was handed him by the Wixom building inspector.

Wixom officials maintain that the building department wishes to allow the remodeling of a barn for living quarters. The city now maintains that Weiss is building a trailer park.

Weiss claims that the city was aware of his building plans when the permit was issued.

BIRMINGHAM—"Information, but not very helpful" was Birmingham Mayor Carl Ingraham's comment on a state health department hearing on a proposed order to force speeded construction of the \$50 million 12-lane drain in southeastern Oakland County.

Reporting to the City Commission, Ingraham said that he told the health department that after eight years of municipal driveway and drainage program he could see no reason why the state should intervene.

The health department, endorsed the right to take further action at less firm in maintaining adequate sewer systems, has labeled the South Oakland Communities condition "unfit for habitation" and ordered to hasten action. Indications are that the mandate will be sent to the cities involved in the near future.

Under the proposed schedule, the entire system would be completed by July 1, 1961. Many of the affected communities have filed this complaint with the health department "Unrealistic."

PLYMOUTH—The summer Education and Recreation program being conducted in Plymouth was discussed Sunday on the "This Week's TV" program, seen over Channel 2 at 4:30 p.m.

WJBK-TV newscaster Jack Letoff discussed the many advantages of such an extended educational program with Supt. of Schools Russell Ibsister, Recreation Director Herbert Woolverton and Mrs. Elizabeth Donnelly.

The Plymouth Community School District has had widespread recognition on its summer program. In 1957 it was featured in Detroit News radio section. Earlier this year it was discussed at some length on radio station WRB.

SOUTHFIELD—Along with floods of other city business often necessitating two meetings a week, the Southfield City Council is finding more and more that it must make daring forays into the real estate business.

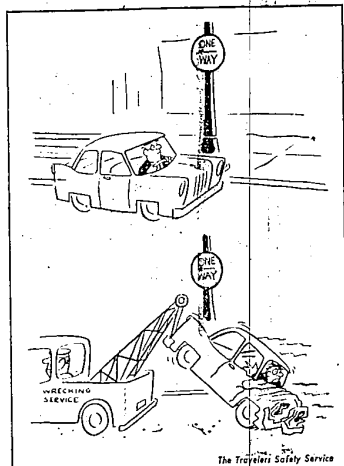
Council members were told that the city planning commission will continue to hold regular weekly meetings until some has the backlog of business is cleaned up.

Among the problems facing the commission is a possible site for a future city hall. One of the councilmen has asked if it would be possible for a council team to investigate sites to help the planning commission.

Three possible sites for a hall were offered to township officials before Southfield became a city. They must be investigated. Since incorporation, other sites have been made available. They also must be investigated.

The Road Toll

by Jerry Marcus



Accidents involving traffic violations killed or injured 2,079,500 persons.

MICHIGAN MIRROR • by ELMER WHITE

Will Continue Battle to Stop Diversion of Great Lakes Water

MICHIGAN WILL FIGHT to stop the last drop of Chicago's plan to divert more water from Lake Michigan.

"In view of the exceedingly low levels of the Great Lakes at the present time, it is his basic need every drop of water that belongs to it," Attorney General Paul L. Adams said.

Adams became the rallying point for Michigan's fight shortly after he was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Thomas Kavanagh was elevated to the Supreme Court.

The latest battle centers on Chicago's proposal to increase its diversion of Lake Michigan water by 1,000 cubic feet per second.

But Adams fears other governmental units will be encouraged to increase their diversion if Chicago is allowed to take more water out of Lake Michigan without returning it.

Adams said the "future prosperity of the Great Lakes Basin is in grave danger of deterioration" unless the Great Lakes states insist upon adherence to a firm principle against diversion.

Already, Illinois' DuPage county water commission has given indications it intends to take water from Lake Michigan and divert it to several communities, said Adams. And then, instead of returning the water to Lake Michigan, it would discharge the water into the Illinois Waterway.

Several years ago there were rumblings that some communities in Ohio were planning to dig canals or pipelines from Lake Erie to get water for industrial and agricultural uses. But Adams said he has been assured by Ohio officials they will not "contemplate any such diversion."

Adams said the day may come when it will be impossible to halt all of the demands on Great Lakes' water — "unless the Great Lakes states insist at all stages that there be no invasion of the Great Lakes Basin by areas and by persons who form no part of that basin."

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ANOTHER MICHIGAN WATERWAYS problem has been occupying Adams' attention lately.

The specific problem is centered along the Huron river between Ann Arbor and Rockwood but it has a wide regional solution.

The health commissioner said it is "generally impracticable and perhaps even unlawful" for communities to seek independent solutions in the face of the multiple use being made of the river for sewage treatment, water supply and industrial wastes.

Leave for 2-Wks. AF Training

Three men from Farmington were among nearly 800 from Michigan beginning two weeks of active duty Air Force Reserve flying training.

Arriving at Selfridge Field Saturday they were flown immediately to Bakalar AFB near Columbus, Indiana.

The three Farmington men are Captain August K. Boehmke of 31745 Belmont, Frederick E. Nickel of 28035 Kendallwood and Lt. Lawrence J. Bomcher of 27015 Teal Mile.

All are members of the Selfridge-based 403rd Troop Carrier "Boxer" Wing, Michigan's only volunteer Air Reserve flying unit.

To feel much for others, and little for ourselves; to restrain our selfish, and exercise our benevolent affections, constitutes the perfection of human nature.

—Adam Smith

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO August 3, 1933 County Taxes

A reduction of more than \$20,000 in the amount of county taxes assessed against Farmington Township by the State Tax Commission approved the figures set by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting last week.

Appeals against the valuations and rates made by Bloomfield and Birmingham to the State Commission prompted a decision to review the entire state of valuations set by the county. Rates set by Farmington Township may therefore be changed by the State Tax Commission.

The valuation set for Farmington Township by the Board of Supervisors is \$4,979,415. This is \$462,160 higher than the valuation set by the township board of review. It is, however, \$278,690 lower than the original figure of \$5,257,505 prepared by Supervisor Arthur P. Coe.

George E. Chubbarts has vacated the rear section of the building formerly occupied by his service shop at the corner of Farmington and State St. to make way for a Ford machine shop. Proprietors of the shop are expected to move their apparatus into the building during the coming week.

TEN YEARS AGO August 5, 1948 Classroom Space

Supt. O. E. Dunckel announced Wednesday that efforts are now being made to secure additional classroom space outside of the present school buildings prior to the opening of school in September.

The superintendent indicated that if it can be done it may be possible to eliminate some of the split sessions for youngsters presently being called for until building up under construction can be completed.

Several possible places for additional classroom space have recently been brought to the attention of the School Board. They have been investigated. In the meantime, Dunckel stated, plans are being worked out for the double sessions with little reduction in time children would normally spend in school on a full day program.

FIVE YEARS AGO August 6, 1953 Traffic Lights

New traffic lights were erected at the intersection of Middlebelt Road and Grand River last week.

A total of four lights were erected: two on the north lane and two on the south. They have been placed in the middle of the intersection with signals facing both Grand River and Middlebelt Road. Two additional lights have been erected in the extreme right hand lanes with signals facing on Grand River.

School equipment and furniture for the new Farmington High School is expected to be delivered this week. As soon as the shipments are received installation will begin, school officials said.

The balance of new equipment is expected in plenty of time for installation prior to the opening of school on September 8.

Fortune says that the upturn in the American economy is underway, and forecasts that within a year's time we will establish new records both in total output and industrial production. It expects the gross national product to rise about \$20 billion in the next six months, followed by a further rise of nearly \$30 billion during 1959.

WWI Vets Form Barracks Here

Farmington Barracks No. 1152, Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. Inc., closed its charter June 12th with twenty six charter members.

This is a unit of a national organization with a determined program to secure for veterans of World War I the same policy of treatment by government that is accorded to Civil War Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of World War II.

They are striving to throw off the infamous expressions of "The Apple Sellers" and "America's Forgotten Men" and become a recognized unit under a National Charter. At present there are 1342 Barracks active in the United States, 48 of which are located in Michigan.

Farmington Barracks No. 1152 was instituted Jan. 9, 1958 with the following officers having been installed by Department Commander Charles Cooper: Fordon Niles, commander; Fred Schaeper, vice commander; Charles Willard, jr. commander; Wm. C. Carpenter, adjutant; James Nourjian, quartermaster; George T. Crook, chaplain; Joseph G. DeFrendt, judge advocate; Carl A. Goers, legislative officer; Lester Hanson, sergeant-at-arms; Gilbert Crook, service officer; and Thomas Tardly, Trustee.

Meetings are held on the second and Thursday of each month in the Legion Memorial Home. All World War I Veterans are earnestly urged to attend.

Now Attending Navy Radioman School

James L. Healy, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Healy of 20832 Tuck Road, Farmington, is attending the Radioman School, at the Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

Students at the school are trained to operate transmitters, radio direction finders, teletype-writers and radio receiving equipment. They also are taught to transmit and receive messages by international Morse Code and type incoming messages, and type incoming messages.

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