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That's Different

We're not the first to speculate on one of the new things injected into the Kierdorf probe—that's the unusual sight of state officials taking any interest in a crime involving some union figures.

Most people figure Attorney Paul L. Adams interceded in the arson fatality case on orders from Governor Williams. There is a good, logical reason.

Williams is trying desperately to get the Democratic nomination for president, and is learning that around the other 47 states his close ties with labor is hindering that ambition. So, this move will surely show the other Democrats that he is not dominated by labor, and that anyone who thinks so must be biased.

Those in Michigan, however, will have no trouble recalling other times when state officers looked the other way in similar circumstances. This is just one portion of the so-called "business climate" in Michigan, which does not help any in keeping industry in the state.

Other portions include the ways in which various state agencies help interpret the laws in favor of unions and union members, and against the public interest. We are thinking particularly of the Michigan Employment Security Commission, and the highway department, but you should include the other agencies which are staffed by political-minded people.

Let's give Governor Williams another chance to allow extradition of John Gunicca to Wisconsin for trial. Maybe THAT would show his critics that he just has no strings attached to hinder his presidential bid.

Just More Socialism

There's been a whopping increase in the federal budget during the Eisenhower years. Even a Republican should ask why.

"National Defense!" the spenders will cry with one voice. It's the Middle East, rockets, Sputniks, the ICBM's.

Most everyone believes the politicians when they say these are the reasons for the spending, the deficits, the constantly growing national debt.

Let's put the record straight. One voice of dissent has come from the Joint Committee for the Reduction of Non-Essential Federal Expenditures, which is headed by Virginia's Senator Harry Byrd.

The committee says everything that is scheduled to be spent for defense in the fiscal year 1959, everything that is scheduled to be spent for what the politicians call defense, comes to about the same total as the defense spending of 1954. This proves the increase was not brought about by defense needs.

The facts are, in 1954 the budget for domestic-civilian spending of all sorts came to 19 billion dollars plus. The spending for 1959, including such bookkeeping gimmicks as "trust funds," is estimated at 31 billions plus. Thus, the increase in non-military spending is more than 12 billion dollars, more than 60 per cent in five years.

Thus, the bulk of the huge increase in federal spending is not buying military strength, or national security. It is just buying more socialism.

We Americans this year are planning to take an additional overdraft of 10 to 12 billion dollars to create "programs" which people in Washington think will be good for us.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

LIVONIA—The proposed \$8½ million Civic Improvement Program was broken down for the first time by the Livonia City Council last week to provide specific figures on what the council hopes to spend on roads and streets, a new Civic Center, Camp Livonia and Parks and Recreation.

The program will be submitted to voters in the fall. 5 election in the form of a request for approval of bond issues totaling \$8,526,600.

The plan, as it stands now, includes a \$300,000 program of work surrounding the present City Hall on Five Mile Rd. east of Farmington Road. Estimated costs are \$275,000 for landscaping and development, including an eight acre lake. Other items planned are additions to the City Hall, a new ice plant, new fire department headquarters, central library, community building and swimming pool. Total cost of the Civic Center has been estimated at \$3,477,800. Another \$2,000,000 will be asked to acquire land and develop public parks throughout the city. For the improvement of secondary roads and streets and construction of an industrial road through the city's "industrial belt," \$10 million will be asked. Still another \$1 million or over item to be asked for will be \$1,286,000 with which to acquire land and develop recreational facilities for a Camp Livonia.

—The Livonian

PLYMOUTH—Township electors will be given a chance November 4 to decide if \$45,000 in additions and improvements should be spent for the Township Hall.

Proposed additions would double the floor space. Township Supervisor Roy Lindsay explained that there is not enough money in the general fund to do the job, but the board wants the public to give an opinion.

SOUTHFIELD—Irresponsible installers of outdoor swimming pools came in for a blasting at a meeting of the City of Southfield Council.

A complaint filed with the council indicated that some pools were being put in without protective fencing as required by inspection requirements.

NOVI—The township was one step nearer becoming a village this week with the announcement that its proposed charter has been approved by Governor C. Warren Williams.

If the charter is accepted, Novi will be in business as a village. Candidates for the village council were required to file prior to this Friday, August 22. Five members to serve on the council are to be selected.

BIRMINGHAM—Facts revealed by school officials revealed that the new \$4,800,000 junior-senior high school to be built at a square foot cost of \$15.50. Slightly over a quarter of a million was spent to purchase the 50 acre site and another quarter of a million site landscaping, drainage, beautification, etc. A half million will go for equipment and another sum of approximately \$200,000 for architects fees.

Based on an enrollment of 530 students the per student cost of the entire junior-senior high school project amounts to an estimated \$2,200. To provide for an additional 50 students for an expected 1961 enrollment of 2,000, it has been estimated that ten rooms can be added at a cost of \$180,000. This would reduce the per student cost to \$2,701.

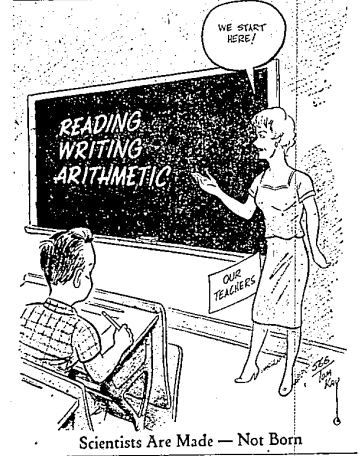
The previously constructed Birmingham High, at a cost of \$1,850,000 was erected in 1950 with house lots in 1953, 54 and 55.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

SOUTH LYON—Businessmen in South Lyon have teamed with 2½ million others throughout the nation to work for good citizenship, good government and good business.

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State Government Administrative Reorganization Plans Underway

EXPERTS IN HALF A DOZEN different fields are preparing state government for its biggest reorganization challenge in years.

Just how far Gov. Williams wants to exert his need and historic power, or indeed, whether he can at all, is still in doubt.

The history of the executive reorganization plan is riddled with paradoxes and contradictions: its fate with restrictions and perils.

It works this way: Under the law passed last winter by the legislature, surprising everybody, the governor can propose reorganization plans for administrative agencies.

He must present them to the legislature within 30 days after the start of its next session. If the legislature or either house fails to vote them within another 60 days, they become law.

Williams promised at the outset, observers noted, that he would ask for help in planning his proposals from Republicans, Democrats, educators and anyone else with power or skill.

He appointed a special committee headed by Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams, of Pontiac. Other members are from Williams' present or former staff, chosen friendly to his administration or steadfastly non-partisan.

The uncertainty whether to start with a major change or gradually has already been eliminated.

The Adams group first recommended that proposals be studied to:

- Place all tax collections in one agency
- Merge or consolidate health agencies
- Create an overall retirement board
- Consolidate agriculture activities
- Let the department of administration write checks to pay state bills rather than the auditor general.

All of these, in one form or another, have been before the legislature at least once, and all have been defeated.

Republicans feel it is a trifle presumptuous to bring them up again as Williams' ideas after members of their own party failed to support them in previous legislative sessions.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Location in Farmington of a new industry which will employ 30 men for several months out of the year and at least 10 the year around, appeared virtually assured Thursday, following a report from an architect on plans for remodeling of the old D.U.R. power building at Farmington Junction.

It was indicated that the winery would start making huge quantities of wine here within the next few months.

Possibilities for farmers and others of this area of growing grapes and in serving other needs of the winery are visualized. From 1,200 to 1,500 tons of grapes are expected to be required by the winery each year, representing a cost of around \$50,000.

Co-operation of all Farmington business plans in uniform opening and closing hours is advisory.

Monday. The rule governs nearly all classes of business including food stores. Somewhat longer hours are provided for in a uniform hour.

TEN YEARS AGO
Find School Space

The Board of Education has secured the five classroom school building formerly used by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Grand River for much needed space.

Our Lady of Sorrows students formerly housed there will be eliminated in the new church grade school this fall.

Use of the five classroom building for elementary grades will eliminate the necessity of double sessions. Duncel said. The building will house one section of each grade from the second through the sixth grades, he added. It will be attempted, as far as possible, to house students living nearest the building there, the superintendent added.

FIVE YEARS AGO
Dir Street Parking

Initial steps were taken by the City Council Monday evening to draft an ordinance setting up requirements for off-street parking in commercial and industrial areas.

A detailed proposal presented by Councilman James Cavanaugh at the last regular meeting of the Council will form the basis for a proposed ordinance. The Council unanimously agreed that such an ordinance should be passed.

Hunting Election

The special Farmington Township hunting ban election has been set for Monday, October 5, with the final date for registering to vote to be September 4.

Electric water heaters need not be near a chimney, can be safely placed anywhere in the home.

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Mr. Russell Hill Teaches Course

M. Russell Hill, of 30436 Rochelle, will teach a course in technical writing at Wayne State University's Materials Management Center this year. Hill is an engineering writer for the LaDriere Studios.

Established at the request of industry in the spring of 1952, the Center provides a practical blend of education and training in the fields of management, science and technology for men and women who are called on to assume important responsibilities in commerce and industry.

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