

Editorial Page

Parking Meters

Parking facilities, both present and future, are coming in for a lot of discussion these days — particularly as they affect downtown Farmington City. Quite a few people feel the future of this area is tied directly to parking — that if a large and accessible area is provided the right kinds of retailers will come in and rejuvenate the downtown section.

It seems to us that the future parking is most important. For the present the city is surveying use of the meters, and it appears there are quite a few vacant parking stalls. Just how much two-hour limitations, and removal of the no parking signs, would help is anybody's guess. We are a little doubtful they would help business or traffic much, but are willing to go along with the idea. We've a suspicion that is also the way city officials feel.

Other communities in somewhat the same situation as Farmington are having similar problems, and making attempts to do something about it. Take Trenton, for instance. The city agreed to take out most of its meters for a five week trial period and after that period, at the recommendation of the Trenton Businessmen's Association and the Municipal Parking Authority, agreed they be kept out indefinitely. Another metropolitan community has been talking about trying the same thing.

Trenton substituted an unmetered, two-hour parking limit and so far it has worked well. The city removed 450 meters from business streets, but left 150 at two municipal off-street parking lots and at the postoffice. The order is indefinite, however, and they will be put back if too many shoppers and store employees abuse the plan. We suspect there will be abuses before long. Incidentally, Trenton previously had a rate of five cents per hour with a two-hour limit, and ten cents for a full day of off-street lots.

In Farmington any such measures can only be temporary, and they might or might not be helpful. We still feel the only real help will be development of two or three large, free parking lots, then a real push to bring in lines of retailing to supplement, and in some cases compete, with present businesses. Most business people we've talked with feel the same.

Industrial Development

Perhaps you've noticed in The Enterprise the first two of a series of advertisements designed to boost our local community and the state in industrial development. We're one of 300 Michigan newspapers joined in this campaign.

The advertising copy is directed to individual readers in an effort to arouse greater interest in industrial and community development. It is very important that each of us be a salesman for our own community and for our great state, if we are to continue to progress.

The program is a cooperative effort by the Michigan Press Association and the Michigan Economic Development Department. William M. Day, president of Michigan Bell and chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Commission, recently said: "Michigan newspapers are performing a great service in presenting this program. They are taking the lead in developing an understanding that people of every community need to have, and they are showing a significant example of statewide cooperation that will mean much to Michigan."

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

BIRMINGHAM—Almost 14,000 students are expected to show up opening class days at Birmingham and Bloomfield public schools, with another 2,000 expected to enroll in the area six parochial schools.

Bloomfield district, with a new junior high, grade school and grade school addition, is looking forward to reduced class sizes despite an increase in total enrollment.

Most of the parochial schools' increase in enrollment will be brought about by the new St. Columbian school and addition and three grades at St. Bedes.

—The Birmingham Eclectic

WAYNE—More than a mill was sliced from the total millage levied by the Wayne Community School District at a regular meeting of the School Board Monday evening.

The school millage for the 1938-39 year has been set at 27.95 mills. This compares with a total of 29.27 levied last year.

This is the third year in a row that the Board of Education has acted to reduce the school's percentage of the total tax bill.

The reduction is possible primarily because of a lesser amount needed in the debt, building and site budgets.

Under the new millage rate, 11 mills will be for the building and site and the remaining 16.85 mills for operation.

Last year the debt, building and site division needed 12 mills and the operation budget required a 17.27 mill levy.

The millage rate is based on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation in Wayne.

—Wayne Dispatch

LIVONIA—Livonia should have an 18-hole municipal golf course and six swimming pools, a committee of experts declared last week.

Also called for was a stadium, 20 tennis courts, three artificial ice skating rinks, 20 more baseball diamonds, three band shells or amphitheaters and a number of tot-les, the report said.

They were listed as the basic requirements to meet the recreational needs of Livonia residents.

The Joint City-School Board Committee, headed by Dr. Lloyd Olds of Eastern Michigan College, has studied what the city could do to bring up with these recommendations for what it feels the city should have for its size at this time.

It was recommended by the committee that a small playground should be located within a half mile of every area where there are enough homes grouped together to warrant it.

It was recommended that these playgrounds be adjacent to elementary schools whenever possible.

It was also felt by the committee that every junior and senior high school should have a swimming pool.

—The Livonian

SOUTHFIELD—Students attending Southfield High will get a break this year, but it will be short lived lasting only two or three weeks. They will be attending school only half a day during this period.

Classes will start at 8 a.m. and be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

The reduced sessions are necessary because of the fact that construction work on an addition at the school will not be completed in time for the start of classes.

There will be no lunch period during this time, it was pointed out. All children will be home by 1 p.m., however, and can eat at this time school officials said.

—The Four Corners Press

NOVI—Ten candidates will vie for five seats on the proposed village council in Novi's special charter election set for September 22.

With but one exception, every member of the charter commission, elected last March to draw up the proposed village charter, filed as a candidate for the council.

In addition to selecting a five man council, Novi voters must also decide whether or not to approve the proposed charter. Re-futal of the charter would eliminate the council election.

Slow registration rate for the coming election was cause for some concern by charter commission officials. With registration deadline just two weeks away, it was reported that only 140 of Novi's estimated 2,500 qualified electors had thus far been registered.

It was indicated that if a definite pickup in registration was not forthcoming soon, plans are already being made to call on residents directly, reminding them to register.

—The Novi News

On Aug. 7, 1942, units of the 1st Marine Division landed at Iwo Jima, opening the way for U.S. offensive of World War II.

THE AMERICAN WAY



"Giveaway" Myth Exposed

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State Mental Health Program Getting Thorough Investigation

INVESTIGATORS from every corner of state government are taking another look at the result taxpayers are getting for the \$20,000,000 spent on mental health.

The field, its importance to humanity and its financial needs are rarely completely understood.

House members have a promising project ready for action next January when Rep. Harry J. Phillips (R-Port Huron) will ask for a "complete medical audit of the system."

Chairman of special committee investigating the operation and policies of the mental health system, Phillips wants answers to these questions:

1. How many children in facilities for the retarded have lost contact with their families and can be moved to other hospitals in the state where space is more readily available?
2. How many patients of each type — mentally ill and psychotic, retarded and deficient — occupy which space in the hospitals and what are the different kinds in treatment of each?
3. What are the different kinds of treatment, how much does each cost, what size staff is required, and what training and skills to treat each type is needed.
4. What facilities now are devoted to each type of illness?

Funds to bring in a team of qualified experts outside of state government to make the survey will be requested by Phillips.

When it is completed, the committee hopes to have clearer answers.

The committee already believes that the state built 112 too many beds at Coldwater Home and Training School; that excess space exists for each type of mental illness treatment and too little for other types of patients.

While some vacant beds are reported in hospitals for retarded children, private judges are unable to commit and get treatment for mentally ill youngsters.

Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, of Oakland County, has estimated the figure of emergency cases at 205 and asked for quick action, in a special session of the legislature, if necessary.

Another committee, chaired by Rep. Ben Lohman, a Hamilton Republican, is studying mental patient commitment procedures with the idea of providing "civil rights for these unfortunate."

The committee suggests that a mental patient's civil rights be suspended rather than revoked, conditioned only on whether a court believes the patient has recovered.

Present law prohibits a former patient from exercising his civil rights until he has been discharged in three years. Suggestions have been heard to abolish or reduce the waiting period.

During that period, the patient is not allowed to marry or drive a car. Highway safety leaders said there is little reason to deprive a former patient of his driving privileges if he is cured.

Another project of the committee is to study the problem of sending patients to mental hospitals is possible to erase the stigma of formal commitment.

Looking Back

Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO August 31, 1913

Wine Plant
The plant of the wine company known in the United States as LaSalle Wines and Champagne, Inc., and in Canada as the Windsor Company, Ltd., to locate here will be the main plant of the company, it was disclosed this week.

Work on the conversion of the old powerhouse building at Farmington Junction into a winery will be started as soon as permission is given to sell stock in the company by the Michigan State Securities Commission.

The firm hopes to have the plant ready for operation by the time of the grape pressing season so that it will not be necessary to store them. Thirty men will be employed during the pressing season.

Real Buys
An advertisement appearing in the paper for the A & P store offered some real buys. Some of the items and their prices were: oranges — 2 dozen for 35 cents; butter — 22 cents a pound; peanut butter — 2 lb. jar for 25 cents; coffee — 2 lb. bag for 55 cents; beer — three bottles for 25 cents and cigarettes — 99 cents a carton.

TEEN YEARS AGO September 2, 1918

Horse Show

Plans have been completed for the Third Annual Farmington Horse Show to be held Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, members of the show committee announced this week.

About 200 horses have already been entered in this year's show, it was indicated.

The entire show will be held at the Middle Creek grounds between Nine Mile and the Grand River Cut-off west of Farmington Road. Saturday night events will be held under lights.

Annexation

Petitions for the annexation of Floral Park Subdivision to the City of Farmington were filed Tuesday with the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Two sets of petitions were filed, one with signatures of Floral Park residents and the other with signatures of persons living in the city favoring annexation.

It is expected that the matter will be ready to be brought to the vote of the people by the general election in November.

Although the idea of annexation of Floral Park has been discussed and studied for some time no attempt had been made up till now to bring the question to a vote.

FIVE YEARS AGO September 3, 1933

New High School

Next Thursday students will move into one of the newest and modern high schools in this section of the state when classes for the Farmington Public Schools begin.

The new 27-room school is located on Van Ness Road between Prospect and Lakeway. Junior high students will occupy the former high school on Thomas Street.

The cafeteria at the high school will reportedly handle 200 students at a time. For the present time, high school students will use the junior high gymnasium and athletic field in the City Park.

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Offer Fall Color Tour Service

Guess-work in planning Michigan fall color tours is a thing of the past.

The Michigan Tourist Council announced this week that for the fourth successive year it will offer prospective fall travelers a personalized service to let them know, by individually addressed cards, when the state's autumn color is at its best.

The Council's color information plan is the only one of its kind in the nation, according to executive secretary Robert J. Farling. "It alerts travelers to the first showing of color in Michigan, and later announces the peak of the autumn display as it marches across the upper and into the lower peninsula," he said.

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Newsman to Get State Political Race Preview

Michigan newspaper editors will get a preview of the 1938 state political races at the seventh annual Community Newspaper Editorial Conference at Michigan State University Sept. 26-27.

Discussing this election topic at the opening session Friday morning, Sept. 26, will be Arnold I. Levin, public relations director, Republican State Central Committee, and John Murray, special assistant to Governor Williams and former public relations director, Democratic State Central Committee.

Also on the Kellogg Center program will be a report on ways in which "A Psychiatrist Looks at Your Readers," by Dr. Byron Casey, M.S.U. consulting psychiatrist; a panel discussion on "Your Newspaper as a Life-saver in Your Community," by Gordon Sheehy, director of the M.S.U. Highway Traffic Safety Center; Joseph A. Childs, commissioner, Michigan State Police; James M. Haro, secretary of state, and John C. Mackie, state highway engineer, and informal weekly and daily shop-talk sessions.

Other conference highlights include a unique "News and Humor Clinic," by Dr. Fred Alexander, of the M.S.U. department of speech, and comments by Hugh Duffy, football coach, M.S.U. head football coach.

At the conclusion of the event, the newsmen will be guests of M.S.U. at the Michigan State-California football game at Spartan Stadium Saturday, Sept. 27.

The Michigan Press Association and both the M.S.U. Department of Information Services and the School of Journalism are joining to present this continuing education activity.

At Norfolk, Virginia

Richard J. Kuepfer, Airman Apprentice, U.S. Navy, is now serving at the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Virginia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kuepfer of 23250 Greahrd Lake Road, Farmington.

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