

Editorial Page

Cement vs. Asphalt

Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie has made a lot of progress in the months since he was elected. Frankly, he has done much more than his predecessor, Ziegler, and any unbiased observer will have to admit it.

Naturally, he has made a few mistakes. Anyone who gets things done is going to have some minor errors chalked up against him. Most people in Farmington Township seem to think that if he pushes the 11 1/2 Mile expressway through this will be one of his worst errors. What it really seems like is that many people will admit we need the extra roadways into the city, but they only want these put in someone else's community, not ours.

We are dubious about an announcement Mr. Mackie just made, and which seems to have stirred up some controversy. He said that 192 miles of new arterial highway will be built with asphalt concrete. As we understand it, highway engineers think asphalt will stand up properly on the sandy soil on which this road, north will be placed.

We know asphalt does NOT stand up properly most places in Michigan, so we have to wonder about the advisability of building a stretch of 192 miles. If it doesn't stand up, that's going to make a lot of expense to keep in repair. We'd have liked to had results of actual tests announced, and then had stretch of ten miles or so built for longer testing before building so much permanent roads. If there is real proof in such a manner that asphalt is now okay, then we think the public might support more of this kind of roadway.

Without such a procedure, we think a great many people are going to be very, very skeptical. We are.

Careful of This Racket

The stock market these days has some unusual goings on, and one of the worst is a tendency of small investors who really don't know anything about securities buying with little rhyme or reason, hoping to make some fast money. If you insist on playing the market now, there are a few things you should take into consideration.

Stock Exchanges, reputable brokerage houses, and various federal and state commissions all war unceasingly against the high-pressure salesmen of valueless securities. But they are still very much in business.

There is no need for this to be the case. A 10-point guide produced by the New York State Attorney General and the Securities and Exchange Commission, if followed, will end the fraudulent securities racket.

Here it is: Think before buying. Deal only with a securities firm which you know. Be skeptical of telephone offerings made to you by unknown salesmen. Guard against all high-pressure sales. Beware of promises of spectacular price rises. Be sure you understand the risk of loss as well as the prospect of gain.

Get facts—never buy on tips or rumors. Request the person offering securities over the phone to mail you complete written information. If you don't understand that information, consult a person who does. Give as much thought when acquiring any valuable property. This is proven advice, and if followed will help avoid pitfalls which have robbed many of their life's savings.

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What's New With Our Neighbors

WIXOM—A re-appraisal of all property in Wixom was approved last week by the city council. The mayor called for the measure after pointing out that different standards for establishing assessments in the Novi and Commerce township sections of the city had been used before incorporation.

Real property in the former Commerce township section of the city was assessed at 22 to 25 percent of its actual value, while in the Novi section 22 percent was used, the mayor stated.

Morally and legally sound assessment practices dictate that the tax burden should be equitable, he said. He pointed out that county and state equalization applied against assessments to determine the school tax further compounded the inequities.

Because the re-appraisal should lower the equalization factor, the mayor added, it is not meant the tax payments would be increased.

The council moved to retain Kenneth Warren to conduct the re-appraisal program.

—The Novi News

SOUTHFIELD—Approval of a \$15,000 bond issue, which will not cost one extra cent in extra taxes, is being asked of Southfield voters in the November election. The measure to place the matter on the ballot was made by the city council at a special Saturday session.

Included in the charter adopted by Southfield residents last spring was a provision that 3/10ths of one mill for 30 years of the \$15,000 (plus interest on all of it) would go into a parks and recreation fund.

This is, therefore, part of the 5-mill city tax rate and not an extra, tacked-on amount.

We would like the funds to purchase land for the park, which is still available, an official spokesman said. It is authorized money which would be coming eventually anyway.

—The Southfield News

LIVONIA—The long and arduous battle over improving Mayfield and Fairfield Aves. appeared headed for a final division within the next few weeks after last Monday night's City Council meeting.

At a public meeting September 25 residents of the area will be able to give their reactions to a proposed 100 percent assessment for the improvements. The reactions, in at least some cases, are expected to be brutally negative, the idea being very well up by the controversy over bonds.

Mullivan, who agrees that not all officials who work with youths share his views, said part of the blame is the attitude of leniency toward youngsters now.

"A social worker, a veteran in the field, told me a boy should not be treated harshly because he only stole a car," he said. "This worries me and I believe it would worry the state."

Dr. James M. Mullan, the Michigan State University Police Administration department and a former New York City police veteran, has views similar to Judge Mullivan's.

Four major factors in the upbringing of a child share the blame as he goes wrong, Breman said.

These are the family — the basic unit of society — the church, the schools and the community.

If all four are working together and approach their top effort, juvenile delinquency is unlikely to occur.

"Families have the first responsibility. From the day a child is born, there is the influence of the home to protect and guide him. Those with happy families rarely get in trouble," Breman said.

Schools have the child in a captive audience for at least 12 years.

Churches have the responsibility for the moral tone of every child's character.

Those are recognized as points in the process of growing up. Dr. Breman proposes the community which can — if it will — control the vice, the type of magazines on the newsstands.

Another judge, Vallee W. Dusica, said the community can — if it will — control the cost of living.

This would be aimed at separating youngsters in trouble from their environment and the influences that created their problems; give them constructive work to do.

Judge Dusica said he would appoint a special committee of juvenile judges to study the problem and come up with recommendations for such a program.

This proposal brought up another problem — the state law which bars youngsters between 14 and 18 from working unless they get special permits from the state labor department.

Under 14 and 18 year old children work from 3 p.m. before 7 a.m. and 16 and 17 year olds cannot work after 10 p.m. or before 6 a.m. Work in certain jobs is banned before 18.

The Plymouth Mail

Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that some thing inside them was superior to circumstances — Bruce Bar-

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"Poverty is not a disgrace — and that's about all that can be said in its favor." — R. M. Fuer-

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The really tough juvenile de-

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