

Editorial Page

Newspaper Week

With the advent of National Newspaper Week October 1-8, we are reminded of a phrase we feel very misleading. It is "freedom of the press." All too many people think this simply means newspapers can write anything they want to about anyone.

What is really meant is—the public's right to know. Fortunately, a large segment of the population is still interested in knowing the truth of things, the reasons behind things, whether a man or a movement is good for their general welfare. We say fortunately, because there are some who just don't seem to care or realize the terrible importance. When you hear that the press is in conflict with the government on the issue of the right to gather and print the news, you may think this is just a "newspaper fight." Such conflict is not a newspaper fight, it is your fight!

In Farmington it seems such things are far away! Detroit may have some problems, but Farmington public, school and organization officials have all been most cooperative. Like The Enterprise, nearly all have a sincere desire to see that the readers are properly informed. Both the township and city governing bodies would like to have more people come to their meetings, to participate in government and work on various bodies.

In the year ahead The Enterprise pledges to continue bringing you not only the news of happenings that affect you, but to try to make citizens aware of what is going to happen, so that you may take more informed actions.

State Constitution

In the general election about a month from now there is at least one clear cut issue on which the Democrats and Republicans take opposite sides. A decision is called for this year by the state constitution about the state constitution. The voters must decide this, in addition to the various contests.

Governor Williams and the Democrats don't want a constitutional revision now. The law provides that equal representation for the constitutional planners be from each senatorial district. Democrats feel this gives the Republicans an advantage. They want to wait until they can get control of the state legislature, when laws could be passed so revision would be made on the basis of population. This would give two counties in the state complete domination in the writing of constitutional changes. It would also mean that labor would completely dominate the state.

Paul Bagwell and his team hope the vote will be favorable Nov. 4 so revision can be made now, with every part of the state having equal representation. They have some powerful and reasonable arguments. Unfortunately the issue is going to be settled on a strictly political basis.

Many another state in the last decade has been going through similar fights. In most, however, the fight is between the big cities and the rural areas. Politics usually counts little in other states when constitutional changes are voted on.

Michigan has to be different. Here the city-rural and the Democratic-Republican groups are joined. The constitution is more important than most people realize, and we'll have to admit we're quite concerned about its fate.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD—Results of a traffic survey in local school areas being conducted by AAA is expected to be in the hands of the City of Southfield within two weeks.

Resistance from AAA was sought because of insistent requests from parents in the Greenfield and other school areas that the city work out some method of protecting children at crossings.

The township repeatedly stated it was unable to provide protection as requested because of its inadequate police force. Council now feels that prospects of providing protection are bright if police force and availability of more patrol cars.

Going into the AAA survey will be a check of signs and lights in the vicinity of schools plus a study of traffic in relation to children enroute to school or home.

Parents in the Greenfield school area have been passing the hat to get enough money to hire a private guard at \$4 per day in the past. **The Southfield News**

NOVI—Novi voters cast their lots for incorporation Monday, creating the state's largest village, nearly all have a sincere desire to see that the readers are properly informed. Both the township and city governing bodies would like to have more people come to their meetings, to participate in government and work on various bodies.

At the same time they gave a vote of confidence to the five men who wrote the charter by naming them to Novi's village council.

The election ends three years of discussion, speculation and hard work and gives Novi a centralized government, specifically tailored to meet its needs. It also secures Novi boundaries against future annexations and incorporates Novi into the state.

Although the question carried by a substantial margin, the largely rural southern precinct defeated the charter by 34 votes. The total vote was 14 out of 1,350 persons who had registered to vote in the special election.

Comprising 32 square miles, Novi is the largest municipality in the state. Only the cities of Detroit, Livonia and Warren are larger in area.

PLYMOUTH—Another step toward the eventual construction of a sanitary sewer system in Plymouth Township has been taken with the approval of the bonding ordinance by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

The action makes possible the construction of the \$790,000 worth of sanitary sewers in the two southern sections of the township.

The bond agreement is now being studied by the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission. Financing of the project and sell the bonds.

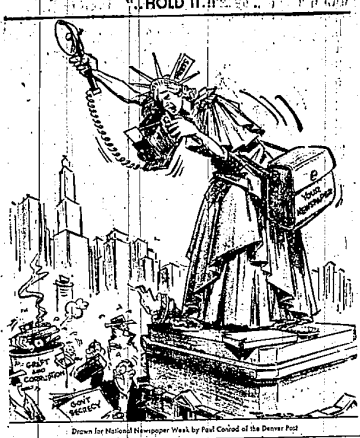
At this time without a hitch, it is possible that construction of the sewer system can be started this winter, the township saving the cost.

The proposed sewer will empty into the Rouge Interceptor Sewer at the western end of Newburg Lake.

FOXROCK—A group of residents here are pooling their efforts in hoping for a bond issue for construction next spring on a Foxrock community swimming pool.

It is hoped that all details can be worked out this winter so that construction can be started early in the spring.

A 25 by 60 foot pool north of the playground area in the subdivision is proposed. The owner of the property is donating the land for the pool.



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Whole State Political Picture Centers Around Gov. Williams

MOST VOTERS going to the polls for the first time Nov. 4, have had only Gov. Williams as their symbol of political supremacy in Michigan since they were in the sixth grade.

They must learn from their elders, if at all, about former Gov. Kim Sigler, the last Republican in the executive office.

Republicans this year are heading down appropriately on the ancient political theme: successful in other places and other elections: "It's Time for a Change."

Their top elected official now is Senator Charles E. Potter, running hard for his second year term again in 1960, assuming A. Hart was once Williams' heir-designate.

And many Democrats are wondering about the future in Michigan since while they are confident of victory Nov. 4.

Party guessers in both camps are trying to figure what Williams will do in 1960, assuming he gets by Paul D. Bagwell, a Michigan S. A. T. University speech professor and the strongest Republican campaigner in years.

They are guessing that Williams will try for the nomination for president in 1960.

If all this came to pass, Michiganians would have the Democratic party in Michigan without the leader who has brought it back from biennial defeat to denouement in 1960.

Nevertheless, Williams would be leaving a party with leaders groomed to take his place. There could be a race for first time in years.

What are Williams' chances in 1960?

The five-time governor of Michigan has been mentioned only as a possibility when Democrats get together nationally. The polls list twice-defeated Adlai Stevenson, Senators Kefauver and Kennedy, Governors Harriman, of New York, and Meyer, of New Jersey.

On Williams' side, one of the things standing in the way of a popular appeal at this early stage of the game.

Williams has been busy making political friends with the nation and trying to live down the civil rights row in the 1952 convention which created new enemies for him in the eyes of Democrats and Republicans in talent now whereas in 1948 they had trouble finding candidates to fill out the slate.

That year, Mrs. Margaret Price, of Ann Arbor, an active labor party leader since the early days of Williams' career, was the candidate for auditor general.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
September 28, 1933

Two new officers are occupying places on the Board of Education of School District No. 6, known as the Noble District, at a meeting of the board in close succession. New members appointed to fill the vacancies left by the resignations of Fred Wilkinson and Mrs. M. J. McCullough were Mrs. Elsie F. McCullough and Michael Hoffman.

The terms of Wilkinson and Mrs. Schenberger will run until next July.

Disagreement over policies to be pursued by the Board are understood to be the cause of the resignations. The Board has been consistently divided on many important matters during the past few years.

Standard Rates
Uniform rates for automobile repair work and uniform allowances for all used car trades-ins is likely to come through formation of an automobile trade groups, speakers stated at a meeting of the Oakland County Association of Garage Owners at the Old-Garage Garage here this week.

TEN YEARS AGO
September 20, 1948
School Sale
Sale of the West Farmington school site was completed Monday night with the opening of sealed bids by the Board of Education. Mr. and Mrs. Avery Avichouser were awarded the property as the highest bidder. The site is located at 12 Mile and Halsted Road.

It was reported by Supt. O. E. Dunckel that work is expected to start this week on the laying of foundation blocks in the Noble-Wilkinson, Grace area. The steel work for the roof of the Farmington school, being built adjacent to the site is also expected to get underway this week.

Temporary School
Work has been started on the temporary buildings at Central School, Supt. Louis Schmidt stated. Modern lavatory facilities are being installed and rearranged. The new floor is also being done. It is also revealed that a new boiler had been installed at the Edgewood School and that some redecorating had been done.

FIVE YEARS AGO
October 1, 1953
Garbage Pickups
City officials announced Monday that the weekly garbage pickups have been discontinued now that the normal canning season is over.

Twice weekly collections were made during the latter part of August and all of September. Collections were made on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Officials stated that the Saturday pickups would be continued as usual.

Regular rubbish pickups on Friday will also be maintained on the present schedule.

Community House
George Wehling, Jr., was elected president of the Farmington Community House at a meeting of the group the first of this week.

Considerable discussion was held concerning the type of facilities to be secured and the kind of program to be initiated.

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Polio Epidemic
The current polio epidemic throughout the State of Michigan, with 499 cases in Detroit alone, is a black mark against the people of the State of Michigan that time cannot erase, when we have, in vaccination, an almost positive prevention for this disease.

I do not recommend specialized medicine, nor do I condone those irresponsible parents who, in most cases, should have somehow managed to have their children inoculated. It will be a small consolation for you, the people of the State of Michigan, to tell a crippled child that he is afflicted for life because his parents were unable or unwilling to prevent it by a few polio dollars.

If I am elected to the State Senate by the people of Oakland County, one of my primary objectives will be to urge legislation making it mandatory for all children entering the kindergarten grade to be inoculated with Salk vaccine. If, in rare cases, the parents cannot afford the cost of the vaccine, then the State should be prepared to meet this responsibility.

As a licensed pharmacist who has worked closely with the sick for over 20 years of my life, public health matters are of primary concern to me.

Leo B. Meagher
Candidate for the State Senate 12th Senatorial District

Polio Care
Dear Editor:
A polio epidemic is raging and yet the only hospital in Oakland County fully equipped to care for all age groups of Polio for continuous care, namely the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital in Farmington, was closed September 15, 1958, because of inadequate funds.

In Oakland County, if our family contacts polio, where can we go? Oakland County takes care for continuous treatment, now that this accredited hospital and completely trained polio staff have been dispersed?

Should we leave the people of this community sit back and let this situation continue?

M. Griffin, R.N.
EDITOR'S NOTE: It is our understanding the Sister Kenny Foundation has funds available to continue to operate the Farmington Children's Hospital. However, it was not used fully the last couple of years, and the state needed the beds for expansion of facilities for mental patients being moved to a new hospital in Detroit.

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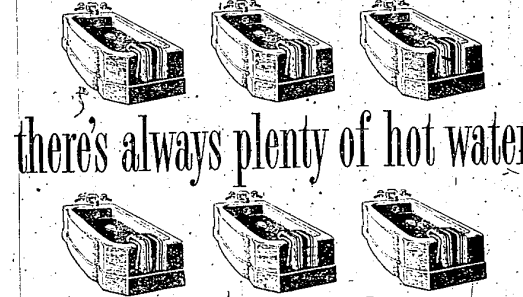
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