

# Editorial Page

## Help The Blind

The Farmington Lions Club has again mailed out letters to all area residents asking everyone to help them help the blind. Because even more letters were mailed than a year ago, we're sure you have received yours. You were asked not to return the Blind Aid Seals, but to use the envelope for returning any contribution you might wish to make.

There may be a few people in the community who don't know about this yearly fund raising program, or the work which goes on through the remainder of the year. It's a project the Lions have really taken to their heart, and worked hard at. It has been authorized by the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce, and has the moral support of other groups.

The drive raises funds for leader dogs for the blind, and it also assures that no needy child in any school, either public or parochial, will fall behind in his school work because of a vision handicap which can be remedied. Every cent taken in for this drive goes for such work—not a cent goes for administrative costs, which are borne by the club.

Actually, the need is very great this year. The Lions in the past have sometimes spent more than the funds received. So if you have put aside the letter which you received about a week ago, this might be a good time to reconsider, and open your heart at this holiday season.

## Spider In The Paper

We recall the famous answer made by Mark Twain when he was asked if finding a spider in the newspaper meant good luck.

Twain said, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over the paper to see which merchant was not advertising so he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace thereafter."

It's even more true today. People are buying and reading more newspapers than ever before in history. Population in Farmington city and township has increased almost four-fold since 1940. Circulation of The Enterprise has done even better than that.

Almost everybody reads The Enterprise. It's the only medium in the area which gives all the news of local concern—and there's a lot going on in our community these days.

Wise producers and sellers of goods and services of all kinds know that newspaper advertising is the best way to keep the spider and his web away.

## Yule Decorations

Christmas decorations are going up in the downtown business area, as elsewhere in Michigan. We wish some other areas, particularly the district around the Orchard Lake-10 Mile Road intersection, could work out a common decorating program.

Quite a large percentage of the business men in the downtown area contributed readily to this year's program, and the others are being asked again.

We particularly like the fact that this year, although the decorations may not be as widespread as we'd all like, they are permanent and will be added to next year.

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

**NOVI**—The Novi board of education has taken steps to comply with several recommendations of the Novi Study Group. Study committee reports were presented at a public meeting of the organization which seeks to improve existing school policies and to weed out those it deems unnecessary.

Of the seven recommendations submitted to the board, three were either adopted or approved, three were tabled pending further study by the board and the seventh is being considered.

Study group members based many of their suggestions on the result of questionnaires sent out to parents early this year. Nearly 80 percent of the parents reported that they were in favor of the recommendations and action taken are:

- 1. Limit class sizes to 30 students per room (Approved)
- 2. The students who complete a grade work on a subject before the end of a school year be encouraged to tackle a different subject (Approved)
- 3. That a policy be established regarding homework, and that teachers explain to parents what kind of help should be given students with homework (Tabled)
- 4. That all written work by students should be thoroughly corrected and graded (Tabled)
- 5. That a policy be established for obtaining outside help to relieve teachers and supervisors of lunch and recreation periods work (Tabled)
- 6. That a system of semi-annual conferences for parents and teachers be set up. (Approved)
- 7. That land be purchased for a site for the proposed high school. (Being Considered)

## SOUTHFIELD—Need of the proposed 8-mile storm drain is not questioned by the City of Southfield.

Asked by the Oakland County department of public works to pledge its full faith and credit behind Southfield's share of the cost, as determined by the DPW, the council has, by refusal to approve the resolution, clearly stated its position.

That's why, with a radio transmitter installed Thursday at the Westwood Public Safety department offices at 16300. Thirteen miles from the city center, the station is operating at greater efficiency than ever.

Police cars can now be contacted directly from the office any time of the day or night. Emergency police calls are now being accepted directly at the Westwood office. Fifteen emergency calls are transmitted through the City of Southfield Fire department's telephone.

## LIVONIA—Five bond proposals totaling \$2,447,600 and two proposed half-mill tax increases will come up for the voters' decision in the February election.

The purpose and sizes of the five bond proposals are: (1) Civic Center land acquisition adjacent to City Hall—\$348,000. (2) City Hall addition and alterations—\$760,000. (3) Master police station—\$480,000. (4) Fire station—\$498,600. (5) Department of public works garage and storage building—\$361,000.

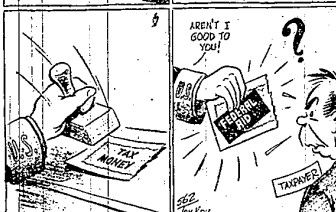
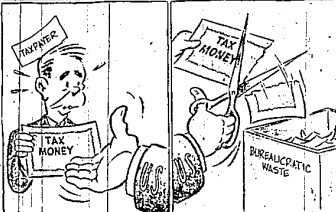
Total cost to tax payers for the bond proposals has been estimated at 92 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

In a completely different approach, the council has decided to ask the voters to approve two city charter amendments which allow the council to allow one half mill each for playground and for road improvement.

Estimated cost for the total program is \$2,447,600 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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### Fear Bickering Will Prevent Passage of Needed Legislation

**SPECIAL SESSION JITTERS** have attacked the Michigan politicians who fear chaos in 1959. When the 1958 evenly-divided legislature, Republicans and Democrats, 55 to 55, groups with immediate problems are predicting a squabble that will last until spring. They worry that an unbridled instability will prevent constructive legislation which can solve their problems.

Technically, the legislature for 1959 will convene at 12 noon January 14. If tradition holds, most of the important and important bills will be introduced in the first few days of the session.

There are problems that need immediate action; some of them urgent. Private judges want something done quickly about the juveniles in trouble because of mental illnesses and who cannot receive treatment because state institutions are overcrowded. Schoolmen are worried that the education provided by financially distressed local schools will fall far below minimum standards. They want money problems settled now.

There is pressure to get started early on projects to obtain new sources of revenue, possibly a state income tax. With the state heading for a deficit estimated up to \$100,000,000 and state agencies running into new pools of red ink every day, it is understandable that the worried ones want early action.

The most recent request for a special session in December came from Rep. James Goulette (R-Detroit), who was defeated and will not be back for the regular session starting January 14.

He wants the \$5,000 pay of legislators raised to \$7,500. Gov. Williams has informally rejected all attempts to get the legislature back before 1959. Most of the items suggested were before the 1958 legislature and he can see little gain in a repeat performance in which voters meet who fail to act in three or four months will be asked to settle everything in three or four days.

Then too, a special session would bring back the Republican majority in the House; the 1959 session will give him a better chance to get the Democratic version of the legislation.

Another factor is that at least 15 members of the 1958 legislature will not be in the same state at the opening session of the Sixty-Sixth Legislature. House members will not be back in 1959, five Senators will have retired or moved to other areas.

ONE QUESTION IN Williams' political future is already settled. The governor, whose vote was third in the Democratic races this year, was considered an enemy by the voters of the U.S. Senate seat now held by Patrick V. McNamara in 1960.

It was assumed by observers that his relatively poor showing would bring his chances for the presidential nomination. But Williams announced he would support McNamara in the 1960 primary. This leaves the same observers puzzled as to what he does plan. When they recall the background picture, they can find no real indication what the governor has in his mind. McNamara was elected vice president in 1952 when he entered the primary against Blair, Moo-

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**Poll Tax**  
Canvassing of Farmington city preparation for the levying of the new state poll tax to support the old-age pension program has been completed. The census for Farmington township is also nearly finished.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb, who conducted the canvass in the city, reported 803 names of persons residing in the city over the age of 21. They are the residents up on whom the head tax of \$2 each will be levied.

Mrs. Helen Geers, doing the canvass in the township, has turned in 1700 names and has indicated that the township total should reach around 2500 persons over 21. All of the subdivisions have been canvassed, she said. Only sections remaining are the farming areas to the north and east.

The work is being done under Lynn D. Allen, first county clerk in the state to undertake the task.

### HEAT BUYS

Here's some real buys advertised in this week's issue of The Enterprise.—Furd V-8 Motor, only \$80 installed; Jimmy quart milk pails, 25¢; Ford 15 plate battery, \$7.00; Quart milk pails, 25¢.

### TEN YEARS AGO

**Speed Control**  
Kenneth R. Loomis, police commissioner for the City of Farmington, announced this afternoon that a letter has been sent to Charles M. Jendler, State Highway Commissioner, seeking action on a speed control zone for the Grand River Cut-Off.

A resolution was passed by the city commission recently directing to police commissioner to request a speed limit on the Cut-Off from Nine Mile to Gill Road. The limit requested was 45 miles per hour with the exception of the approach to the intersection of Farmington Road where a 25 mile per hour speed was asked for.

Hopes are that the large number of accidents of this portion of the highway can be reduced by the establishment of speed limits.

### THEATRE PARTY

A theatre party for younger citizens of Farmington will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Civic Theatre. The price of admission will be an item of packaged food or canned goods to be distributed to the needy during the Christmas holidays. The affair is part of the Goodwill program in behalf of needy children each year.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

**Health Ordinance**  
A special meeting of the Farmington township board has been called for the purpose of discussing possible changes in the township health ordinance. Township health officers, Dr. Joseph Gadbaw and Dr. Theodore Ling, and Melvin Goldman, representing the county health department, have been invited to attend the meeting.

Both the legal and sanitation aspects of the ordinance will be discussed. It is hoped to determine how far the township can go in enforcing sanitation regulations as well as affecting any changes in the ordinance for the benefit of township residents.

### PARKING LOT

An attempt will be made by the city manager within the next ten days to complete bonding procedure for the interest of the proposed public parking lot to be established south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road.

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## Home from West Pacific Waters

Joseph J. Zink, Jr., seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schuler of 34731 Rhinewood, Farmington graduated in November weeks leave, completes the basic Marine Corps training. He is then assigned to a permanent duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

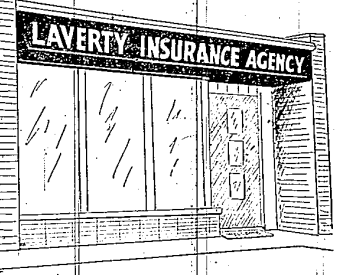
The Mansfield took part in "Operation Hardack" in July at the Atomic Proving Grounds surrounding the Marshall Island of Eniwetok and Bikini, thus giving the crew's first hand insight into atomic warfare. The ship later operated out of Yokosuka, Japan, providing an escort for the attack aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La, and on Aug. 25, escorted a pilot from that carrier who went down at sea.

On Sept. 7 the Mansfield participated in Task Force 72 off Formosa and provided convoy escort duties for ships relieving damaged Matsushima. The destroyer later joined another task group for more air operations with the Shangri-La.

The Mansfield departed Japan for the U.S. on Nov. 5.

## Completes Marine Basic in November

Marine Pfc. David R. Schuler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schuler of 34731 Rhinewood, Farmington graduated in November weeks leave, completes the basic Marine Corps training. He is then assigned to a permanent duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.



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