

Editorial Page

Year of Growth

Now that things have started to pick up again in our area, we have to wonder what might have happened here if there hadn't been a "recession" and auto plant layoffs during the past year.

Just making a mental list of some of the things that DID happen here during 1958 gives a person quite a lift. Contemplate these, please.

Several more school buildings were erected and put in use; and another bond issue voted to continue meeting our most pressing needs. We have a new post-office, and the new township-city library will soon be in use. We have another bank ready to open—Manufacturers National. The telephone company had to enlarge its building on Grand River to take care of growing installations. The number and quality of new church buildings, during the year is only the outward shell of spiritual growth.

There are new retail buildings in use and going up; and the city purchased land in the downtown area as a start on a needed and ambitious free parking program. In the township the vital interceptor sewer was approved, engineered, and work will start soon if bids are favorable. Opposition to a township area zoned to light industry faded greatly, and it became a reality. In both city and township paving programs added some welcome links to our travel. After some years of preparation, a new hospital is under way several miles southwest of the city, to fulfill the dreams of many people for better medical facilities.

From day to day it sometimes seems like little things. We've probably missed a number of other important changes. But there has been some very real progress here in a year, and we do give thanks.

Copper Lease Good

It is apparent that the vocal portion of lower peninsula "nature lovers" have succeeded in dimming chances of the exploration and possible mining of copper in the Porcupine Mountains State Park.

We wonder what the people of Detroit would think if Gogebic and Ontonagon counties refused to pay any taxes because part of them would be used to build expressways in Wayne county. We realize those taxes wouldn't amount to much, but the point is it doesn't seem right that lower Michigan can stop industry in the upper peninsula just because we want a beautiful scene to drive through during a few short summer months. Upper peninsula residents want and need some industry. They want a little more chance to build an area where they can earn a living—where, when times are tough, they don't have to depend on handouts from the rest of the state.

The various arguments of those opposed to the copper exploration in Porcupine haven't held much water when examined closely. But the State Conservation Commission appears very willing to listen to the sentimentalists. In this particular instance, the possible development of a copper mining and smelting industry is not incompatible with the preservation of the true wilderness of the Porcupine Mountains.

We suspect the trouble in the lower peninsula is that the development is so far away, in miles, that a great many people are not very interested, and those who are make a big noise.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

SOUTHFIELD—Santa was in Southfield—in spirit at least—last Friday when city employees received their pre-Christmas checks.

Acting on civil service board recommendations two days earlier, the city council approved relative pay and pay hikes for practically everyone on the city payroll below the status of department head.

Township classification list and recommended pay schedule for the police and fire departments was Perry Hulmevald, a member of the civil service commission for these two departments.

Citing classifications and recommended wage scales for over 40 employees in administrative departments was Thomas J. Grady, chairman of his commission.

The pay scales have been under study since the April home rule vote.

Under the new scale, firemen and policemen will start at an annual wage of \$1,888 instead of the former \$1,750. Four progressive increases over a two year period will bring the pay up to \$2,460.

Sergeants and mechanics formerly hired in for \$5,460 will start at \$8,842. The scale for lieutenant has been boosted from \$1,670 to \$2,006.

Firemen will get a one-week vacation the first year and two weeks the second year. They will be granted a 10-day vacation the first year and 10-day vacations thereafter. Sick leave will start at 10 days per month.

BIRMINGHAM—Miss Christa Spill, in keeping with her title, had something for several hundred shoppers who visited downtown Birmingham last week.

Sponsored by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Miss Spill wandered around the 108 participating businesses all during the week giving away gift certificates, theater tickets and free balloons.

Dressed in a feminine Santa Claus suit she was in local stores during the afternoon and evening shopping hours.

NOVI—Wanted: A dumping area far away from the noses of residents and surrounding communities, but close to Novi.

One of the toughest problems facing the Novi Village Council currently is the selection of a site for a particularly nasty problem in particularly acute because the present dump site, near New Hudson, which is nearly filled, will be closed December 31.

Councilman Walter Tuck said the council is considering three or four possible sites but that he cannot say which one to matter which is chosen.

The council expects to reach a decision before the December 30 deadline.

DEARBORN—The Dearborn Chamber of Commerce has signed complaints against several Dearborn merchants who have sold prohibited merchandise on Sunday.

The Secretary Manager of the Chamber of Commerce stated that he was acting on the recommendation of several merchants who charged that the violation of unwarranted competition.

The names of the seven were not disclosed but they have been selling such items as appliances, furniture, jewelry, television sets and radios. A city ordinance passed earlier this year prohibits the sale of these items on Sunday.

Chapman's evidence was based on receipts for merchandise he himself purchased last Sunday.

If convicted the merchants could be fined up to \$500 or go to jail for as much as 90 days.

LIVONIA—A \$2,588,960 budget for fiscal 1959 was unanimously approved by the City Council during a meeting with a general 4 percent pay hike for civil service employees.

The city's estimated income for the fiscal year beginning this year is \$2,202,518, with \$124,400 carried over from this year, the estimated surplus for 1959 is only \$36,255.

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GOP Shows Signs of Liberalism, New Attitude of 'Togetherness'

REPUBLICANS HAVE COME ALIVE in Michigan after a decade of defeat and despair. There are new traces of liberalism in the party and a sense of what psychologists and social workers call "togetherness" that has been absent in recent years.

They hopefully figure 1960 to be the breaking point in the regime of Gov. Williams the year when they will have their first open shot at the executive office in 12 years.

Right now, Republicans hold power only in the state Senate, 22 to 12. This gives a perilous and uncertain dominance in the legislature since they lost their majority in the House which is now split 53 to 53.

Political experts see three signs of life in the party. Chairman Lawrence Lindemore drew the applause of Democratic Chairman Neil Staebler at one point in the 1958 campaign for reviving the organization of his party.

This is the field where Democrats, behind master strategist Staebler, swept the field away from Republicans after close elections in 1956 and 1952.

For the first time in years, Republicans refused to criticize their defeated candidate for governor, Paul D. Bagwell, and he responded by hinting he would again lead the party in 1960.

Bagwell is a campaigner, the kind of whom Republicans have not seen in years. For the first time Gov. Williams did not lead his state after carrying them into office in 1956.

Republicans have dropped the public approach to politics. They also reduced the ancient attack on Williams which calls him a "hood of LAW" President Walter P. Reuther.

Other signs of health show the party is out of debt following the Nov. 4 election, even after paying for a testimonial dinner for Bagwell and other party leaders.

For the first time, the party demanded that its legislators be held accountable to the party organization. Legislators are elected from districts where their names and records are better known than their party affiliation. They have at times turned

Columist Jack Hester of The Charlestown, Ind. Courier—a country preacher in Alabama, was asked by his congregation to pray for a more abundant crop, responded: "Oh, Lord, we pray thee in accordance with the request of thy people that thou send them a more abundant crop; but, oh, Lord, thou knowest, as they know, that they need it deeper plowing, harder work and more manure."

He's the only MAN in TOWN,



Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago
December 21, 1933

Drain Project
What will be the cost of the largest CWA projects in this part of the county, now being considered by township officials, is a proposed drainage system for an area half-mile square in Clarenceville.

It would include all of the area between Grand River and Old Farmington Road, from Switzer Road east to Waldron Avenue.

If the project appears favorable to township officials and their engineers, it will be proposed to CWA officials for approval under a program expected to begin on January 1. Some of the work on this project would provide employment for between 150 and 200 men over a long period of time.

Insurance Fake
Warning has been issued by police officials of this area to be on guard against a fake insurance agent who has been busy in this vicinity.

According to Deputy Joseph DeVriendt, the man has already victimized at least one citizen.

He is reportedly writing insurance for a company called Michigan State Insurance Co. in Detroit.

The agents but it that he is offering life insurance for \$750 with \$5.00 and the balance to be sent to the Detroit office.

10 Years Ago
December 22, 1948
Christmas Party
Over 800 children and parents were in attendance at the Community Christmas Party held last Sunday afternoon at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Sponsored by the Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and Exchange Club, the party was termed a huge success.

A magician from Plymouth delighted the youngsters as did a considerable amount of other talent. Santa was on hand, of course, to greet the boys and girls and pass out hard candy and oranges.

Letters of protest against the erection of a trailer park in the Orchard Lake and 15 Mile Road area will be sent to the State Dept. of Health, it was announced following the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board Tuesday.

The Township Board went on record as opposing the camp and agreed to send a letter to this effect along with a petition against the trailer camp signed by approximately 200 residents in that area.

5 Years Ago
December 24, 1953
House Moving
An ordinance forbidding the moving of a building or structure from a point of location outside the city limits into the city or moving a building inside the city from one location to another is now being considered.

This and two other ordinances will come up for final action at the January 18 meeting.

It is stipulated that failure to comply with this ordinance upon conviction will be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both.

Sec. 26 Water
The Section 26 water system, now in the hands of receiver, may be returned to the

Smoke the Killer

Where there's smoke there's fire, but it's the smoke you need to fear, the most in home fires. Most home fire deaths occur as a result of suffocation or asphyxiation caused by inhaling smoke and deadly gases. When fleeing a fire, cover mouth and nose and crawl on the floor if necessary, where smoke is less dense.

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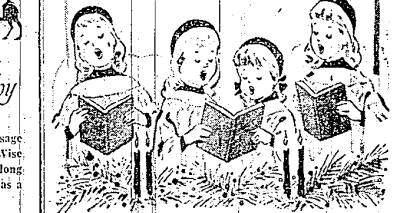


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