

Editorial Page

12 Months of College

Both Ohio State and the University of Iowa have gone ahead with plans to establish 12-month school years. We understand one or two of our Michigan colleges are also making plans along this line. If memory serves correctly, Ypsilanti is one of these in Michigan.

Michigan State, the University of Michigan and Wayne State should be among those with 12-month classes, because of their heavy enrollments. It's very likely they have been studying the idea.

To repeat an old theme—all of the state supported colleges should also be charging their students considerably higher tuition rates. The state can and should pay part, but the state's portion now is far too high.

There's some pretty good arguments for classes operating the full year. A graduate can go to work a year earlier and instead of going to school, make himself \$4,000, say.

The multi-million dollar college plants could handle a third more students than they do now, over a four-year period. It should mean, too, a chance for the faculty to earn more money if the teaching year is increased. It would mean they'd have to get along with a two or three week vacation like others do, of course.

We're a little dubious that the 12-month plan should also extend to high and elementary schools, but see no reason why it couldn't be tried more extensively at the college level. It would be a pleasant change to see the state colleges do something to help solve their own problems instead of continually asking taxpayers for more funds.

For Vacationers

Many Farmington people will be taking vacations during July and August, and might be interested in a couple of items that will affect their pocketbooks. For those we'll list the sales, gasoline and cigarette taxes, for some states.

Two states have higher sales tax rates, nine states a higher cigarette tax, and eighteen a higher gas tax than Michigan. Every state has a gasoline tax, but four states have no cigarette tax, and sixteen have no sales tax.

	Cigar	Gas	Sales
California	3c	6c	3%
Colorado	4c	6c	2%
Florida	5c	7c	3%
Illinois	3c	5c	2.5%
Iowa	4c	6c	2%
MICHIGAN	5c	6c	3%
Minnesota	4c	5c	
New York	5c	6c	
Ohio	5c	7c	3%
Wisconsin	5c	6c	

Incidentally, Alaska has no sales tax, but that in Hawaii is 3 1/2 per cent. Oregon and Virginia have neither cigarette tax nor sales tax.

But if you worry about these items too much, you may not enjoy your vacation!

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.

—James A. Garfield

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

LIVONIA — Property owners not already visited can expect a visit before the summer is over by representatives of the Livonia assessors' office. Ten teams of assessment appraisers are now at work with the re-assessment of all property in the city.

During the visit the assessor's representative is measuring each building and its attachments and making notes relative to individual features affecting the value of the home. All are representatives of the Wayne County Bureau of Taxation and will have with them identification cards which should be exhibited to each household.

The purpose of the re-assessment is to provide an equitable basis for property taxation. By such a complete survey, every parcel in the city will be assessed by a common yardstick. A lot of 20 feet minimum will bear more than a just share of the tax and every property owner can feel assured of equitable treatment.

—The Livonian.

BEVERLY HILLS — If Beverly Hills adds its proposed zoning ordinance, the village would be tops in the county for premium type development. George Scrub, director of the Oakland County Planning Commission, said this week.

"With municipal sewer and water facilities, a 16,000 square foot lot minimum as proposed by Beverly Hills would be about the highest required in the county and would tend to premium development."

According to Scrub, Michigan law dictates that a lot width of 50 feet is a minimum where water and sewers are provided. A lot of 20 feet minimum is required where sewers and water are not provided.

Beverly Hills has accepted their planning board's recommendation for the requirement of a 100 foot frontage minimum and a total property size of not less than 2,000 sq. ft.

The proposed ordinance will now get a public hearing.

—The Birmingham Eclectic.

NOVI — Letters of invitation are now being mailed to 40 prospective members of the proposed village citizens' committee.

Planning Board Chairman Harry Watson revealed that 25 men and 15 women will be encouraged to form the nucleus of a committee to assist the planning board in both short and long range planning.

The 40 Novi citizens selected represent industry, business, legal and teaching professions and agriculture, it was emphasized. It was suggested that the 40 receiving invitations propose additional members.

Formation of the citizens' committee was one of six initial steps that Waldemar C. Johnson, Novi consultant, recommended several months ago to facilitate the village's planning program.

The underlying function of such a committee, it was explained at the time, would be to answer this question for the board: "What kind of community do the citizens want for Novi?"

—The Novi News.

DEARBORN — The new merit plan for patrol men has come under fire from the Police Officers Association and the Dearborn Fire Fighters.

An attorney for the two groups has appeared before the Civil Service Board and labeled the plan, which went into effect July 1, as discriminatory and retaliatory.

Under the new merit pay system, if a patrolman passes an examination he gains a first class rating and earns \$200, a year more than the man who fails the test or does not choose to take it.

The examination covers such subjects as police tactics, community relations, rules of the department, rules of evidence and first aid.

Funds are in the current city budget to give all patrolmen \$200 pay raises should they pass the test. Those who don't pass the test or don't choose to take it get only \$100 additional.

—The Dearborn Press.

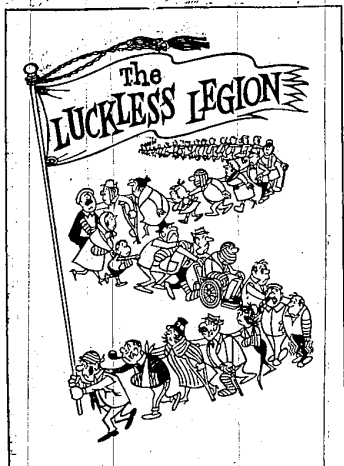
SOUTHFIELD — The proposed Southfield horse ordinance which kicked up some a fury in the city council meeting three weeks ago, went through in a doleful manner Monday.

The council committee came up with a handful of reasons of satisfactory to both factions: horse owners and neighbors bothered by horses.

Chief among the ordinance provisions are: (1) Stables must be at least 10 feet from any dwelling other than the owner's. (2) Stables must have clay floors. (3) Hydrated lime must be used on stable floors for the purpose of keeping odors at a minimum.

The notice was ordered into effect on date of publication last week.

The Luckless Legion by Irwin Caplan



Motor vehicle accidents caused more than 2,860,000 casualties in 1938.

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Hope to Get Constitutional Convention Vote Validated

A NEW DRIVE opened in Lansing to help Michigan get a new constitution. A number of prominent attorneys want the Supreme Court to in effect order the State Board of Canvassers to rule enough votes were cast in November to call a constitutional convention.

IN NOVEMBER, 821,282 voters favored calling a constitutional convention to rewrite the present Michigan charter adopted in 1908. Only 608,365 opposed the proposal.

But, because of a 1949 ruling the majority vote in November was not enough to call a convention. The State Board of Canvassers ruled that year a majority of all "those voting in the election," not just a majority of those voting on the question itself, was necessary to call the convention.

The Supreme Court upheld the board's 1949 ruling.

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Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago JULY 19, 1914

Benefit Play
"The Works All Right," a community play, will be presented at the Farmington High Athletic field next Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24. The play is being sponsored by our Lady of Sorrows Church for the benefit of their new school which is now under construction on Grand River Avenue.

The play has a cast of nearly 150 local people and the best musical and dramatic talent of the community has been obtained to assure a real production.

Leonard in Race
Announcement of the candidacy of Archie G. Leonard for Farmington Township for State Representative, First District, has been received with widespread approval throughout the eastern and southern parts of Oakland County which the district covers.

Petitions are being completed rapidly for him and will be filed soon.

Union Picnic
A picnic, sponsored by South Oakland Local No. 72, Farmer's Union, will be held Saturday, July 26, at the State Park in Walled Lake. All in this area are requested to bring their families for the basket dinner.

—The Enterprise.

10 Years Ago JULY 21, 1929

Health Ordinance
The draft of the proposed health ordinance for the Township of Farmington was read at the regular meeting of the township board Tuesday but action was withheld pending further joint discussion by a local civic committee and the township board.

Special committees were named from the Southwest Farmington Township Civic Association and the North Farmington Township Civic Association to meet with the board to further discuss the proposed new ordinance.

Under the proposed ordinance, a health officer or officers would be appointed with the Township Board serving as the board of health.

Stop Signs
The Farmington City Commission Wednesday approved a motion for the erection of sev-

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How the Vote ---

Dear Sir:
Would it not be possible, as a part of your excellent reporting of the confused efforts of our legislators, to state in each case how our own Oakland County representatives vote on each of the issues?

I believe the people of Farmington are more than normally aware of state and local problems and try to make their opinions known to those in a position to express their wishes. However, unless these elected officials are aware that their votes will be publicized, what assurance have we that political considerations and not the welfare of the community may not become more important than the expressed wish of the voters?

Very truly yours,
Helen G. Cope

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ing of Norberg Ralsky as a spectator in addition to his engineering duties. In the past, the city has employed the services of a registered engineer on a retainer basis.



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