

# Editorial Page

## To Lighten Tax Load

Results of a study just completed by Louis Sachar, New York industrialist, economic adviser to New York City Mayor, or Robert F. Wagner and a long time planner, have great importance to this area, whether or not residents will admit it.

The most pressing need in American suburbs is for industry, this man says after completing a 15-state study. His conclusion: every suburban area, regardless of wealth, must have industry or face sky-high taxes. That fact is getting a little more than usual interest in the Detroit metropolitan area, we understand.

We'll quote some of his statements:

"The time for suburban areas to prepare for industry is while unimproved land is still available. Open land is an open invitation to build more homes. When the homes are up it is too late to think about industry. My survey emphasizes my belief that pre-planning must precede suburban development."

Mr. Sachar says the suburban situations in New York, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland and St. Louis are similar. Their residential development was spurred by families who wanted to get out into wide open spaces—away from urban congestion and industrialization.

Homeowners in these suburbs find that their dream hasn't quite come true. People of medium incomes have been moving in droves to the suburbs. And they all want the necessities of good schools, sanitation, police and fire protection. When their tax bill arrives there is universal anguish," Sachar said.

We'll add that since many homes are being bought through mortgage and insurance companies, many owners pay a monthly sum which includes taxes. If they knew how small the monthly reduction of their mortgage was, they'd be even more unhappy.

Every home costs a suburban city or township a minimum of \$500 for schools and services, the Sachar survey estimates, if there is no balancing tax revenue from industry.

Mr. Sachar believes that suburban homeowners should welcome industry into their areas rather than battle it.

"Factory is an obsolete word," Mr. Sachar says. "Today's industrial plants are blended into industrial parks that are both efficient and eye-pleasing."

Without industry, Mr. Sachar points out, thousands of suburbanites may eventually be taxed out of their homes.

## Williams' Veto

We just can't understand Governor Williams. He has been saying for years we needed better state parks and recreation. Now, for the second time, he has vetoed a park fee plan which would allow these parks to be improved.

National parks for years have had similar fees, with no squawks. In our own mind were certain few Michigan people would mind if the parks were improved. Two dollars a season is very reasonable.

Seems the only reasonable answer is one not exactly unfamiliar when coupled with Soapy—politics!

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## What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



**LATHRUP**—The city council finds itself with the same financial problem as many other communities about to benefit from the Evergreen Interceptor or sewer system.

The council learned officially Monday night the Evergreen would cost \$2,800 this coming spring and then \$10,000 for each of the next 30 years. This is a capital expense and the council does not want to run up to it with its own money, giving the matter of how to meet these payments some serious thought.

There are varying ways to pass on the expense of the sewer to those who will benefit from it, but no one knows yet. Lathrup will use what's been known for some time yet.

—The Southfield News.

**NOVI**—The state of Michigan may hang up a "for sale" sign on more than 275 acres of its land in Wixom and Novi, municipal representatives have reported.

Township Supervisor Prater Stelman has revealed that the state is considering the sale of 193 acres of land located off the expressway between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. About 85 acres is expected to go on the block in the very near future in Wixom. The state wants to get the land off the tax rolls, it was stated.

This is part of a statewide move to sell unused land along and near all expressways and other roadways. These lands are valued at approximately \$15,000,000.

Unlike the state owned land, the Wixom property is "landlocked"—without access to a road—the Wixom council has been told.

—The Novi News.

**SOUTH LYON**—The Green Oaks Township Board of Appeals has tabled a request to the state of sale of lots for mobile home use.

A plan has been presented for a 20-acre subdivision on the south side of Academy Road just east of U.S. 23. Requested is permission for future sale of subdivision lots to people who can't buy a lot for a mobile home. No provisions have been made for permanent residences.

Several property owners have voiced opposition to the proposed use of this site.

—The South Lyon Herald.

**LIVONIA**—Two school board members have suggested that the Board of Education assume all the responsibility for library service in Livonia.

Joseph Craffon and Robert Dodge this week also recommended that the responsibility for the Livonia recreation program be vested exclusively in city government.

They did suggest that the schools might raise the standard site for an elementary school site from 10 acres to 12-15 acres which would provide area for parks and playgrounds and also for schools at no cost to the city.

At present the city government is in charge of both recreation and library service, but there have been studies of how school resources might be blended into the total picture. City Hall reaction was lack (unofficially) to these latest proposals.

—The Livonian.

**DEARBORN**—The executive secretary of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce revealed that a Chamber tax committee will make a full investigation of a School Board member's proposal to drastically boost property assessments.

Roger Craig, young attorney and a school trustee, asked recently that the Board of Education legally force the city to assess property in Dearborn at 10 percent of assessed value as called for in the state constitution.

This would double and in some cases triple present assessments. The new plan would load this year, according to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools.

—The Dearborn Press.

**BIRMINGHAM**—A curtailment of the teaching staff in the Birmingham school district will mean larger classroom loads this year, according to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools.

—The Birmingham Eccentric.

## REACHING OUT!



## MICHIGAN MIRROR • by ELMER WHITE

### 59 Food Inspectors in State Keep A Check on Merchants

A STEADY EFFORT IS UNDERWAY to guarantee the food purchaser that she gets her money's worth of wholesome products. Key people in this campaign are 59 food inspectors in the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Basic inspection is conducted by this crew involve checking of scales used to measure fruit, meats and vegetables; checking to see that such products are accurately labeled as to weight and grade; checking sanitary conditions in the store or restaurant where food is served.

WHILE IT IS REALIZED that most food outlets are operated by honest people, trying to run their businesses according to law, it is also apparent that there are also those merchants who need to be kept in line by the knowledge that a state inspector may call any time. And the thought of such inspections reduce chances that the latest type merchant will take unfair advantage of the legitimate store-keeper by bending or breaking the law.

FOR EXAMPLE, records of the state agriculture department for May show that 11,969 packages were reweighed to check the accuracy of the label. While only 124 packages were as much or more than was represented, 2,245, almost 19 percent, were short. These were brought down to 18 arrests for violation of which 7 resulted in conviction.

During May 10,127 weighing and measuring devices were checked. While 9,089 proved to be accurate, 1,088, about 10 percent were in need of adjustment.

During the same month 46 official sanitary notices were served upon proprietors ordering them to correct filthy conditions.

THE STATE INSPECTION SERVICE which shows that most merchants do give full measure, is also ready to check complaints from people who think they have received less than they paid for. Such reports are received at the Department of Agriculture in Lansing, and relayed to field inspectors in the appropriate district for investigation.

IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE to see modern earth moving equipment, at work building highways without wanting a closer look.

Plans for Michigan's first Highway Week include the chance for everyone to inspect such dramatic machinery at close quarters.

County road commissions and dealers in road building equipment will be requested to hold open houses during the Oct. 4-10 observance. They will also be asked to display their new equipment and to relay to field inspectors in the appropriate district for investigation.

MICHIGAN HIGHWAY WEEK is sponsored by the Michigan Good Roads Federation and the Michigan Highway Users and is, naturally enough, receiving cooperation from the state highway department.

The week will emphasize the value of a better road system, but the real glory of modern highways can be appreciated best when one drives along a recently completed road and remembers for comparison's sake how slow and congested was the inadequate pavement the new system replaced.

MORE THAN A QUARTER MILLION dollars in advertising space was donated by newspapers of Michigan in a one-year campaign to develop a

closer understanding between industry and the people in local communities.

The 20th anniversary message of the 319 newspapers in the state which took part in the campaign. Ads were quarter page in size and featured several themes, including the following: an industry has a responsibility to the community where it is located; an understanding, cooperative attitude by individual people in the community is of great value in attracting new industry; organized planning to provide for normal industrial needs makes a better community.

MILLIONS OF READERS were contacted by these messages, which were scheduled to appear twice a month. The list included the largest and the smallest newspapers; both daily and weekly.

EDITORS REPORTED appreciative response from people in their communities. Hundreds of letters and personal conversations demonstrated local interest. There was great interest displayed from other states, and the Economic Development office received numerous requests for the entire series of ads.

## Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago  
AUGUST 23, 1934

**OLS Needs Completion**  
Our Lady of Sorrows school building, now under construction on Grand River road near Orchard Lake road, will be completed and ready for occupancy about October 15, Rev. John J. Larkin, pastor said this week. Construction of the exterior will be rushed as rapidly as possible so that the work on the inside may be completed, he said.

**Local Girl Feared**  
A former Farmington girl, prominent in Detroit society, after having been the object of search by police throughout the nation and in Michigan, following her mysterious disappearance from the University of Michigan campus, has been found. She was serving as a waitress in a roadside lunchroom on the Detroit-Chicago highway. Miss Janet Bowen White, 21, was located Tuesday night.

**Candidates Gather**  
A political rally, featuring an old-time "three-cheers and a tiger" was held at Farmington Community Hall Wednesday. Twenty of the 30-odd candidates for county office were present.

**Vet Dies**  
Taps sounded this week for one of Farmington's best known and best loved Civil War veterans. Word was received Saturday that W. H. Wicand, who made his home in Coldwater, had died Friday. He was 89. As a 17-year-old youth from Farmington he enlisted in the 22d Infantry Regiment and fought through three years of the Civil War.

**10 Years Ago**  
AUGUST 25, 1949

**Installing Light**  
Work has begun on the installation of a regulation traffic light on the Grand River Cut-off at the Farmington road intersection, city police commissioner Ken Loomis announced this week. The installation will be completed by week's end.

**Tall Corn**  
Warm weather in Farmington this summer has created an oddity. Calvin W. Byssell, of Okemos road, has measured his corn recently and found that it has sprouted to an amazing

**Public Letter Box**  
Thanks for Blood ---  
Dear Editor:  
A most grateful family wants to publicly thank the Farmington Blood Bank and its donors for helping a dear little girl in a fight for her life.

I wonder if the person giving a pint of blood to the blood bank when it is in town ever fully realizes what that "precious pint" is going to mean to someone who needs it.

Thank you seems like such a weak and inadequate way of repaying the donor. Believe me, it comes from the bottom of some most grateful hearts.

Mrs. Russell Hacker

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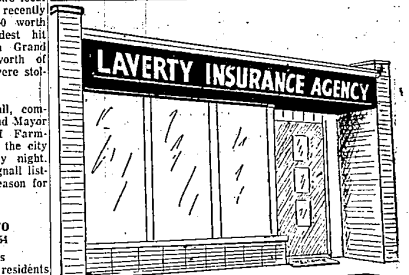
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Whoever is honestly laboring to learn the principle of music and practice it, seldom calls on his teacher or musician to practice for him. —Mary Baker Eddy.

## Caution Children The Old Timer

Falls cause the greatest number of injuries among school children going back and forth to school. Parents are urged to properly caution children against running and playing on school trips. Teach them to save their playing for playgrounds and after-school hours at home.

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