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The Beating of Punks

A few of our good citizens have complained about the fact that police had to defend themselves recently in Detroit against a gang of young negroes, apparently later beat up a couple of the boys who had fought the police. We hesitate to say this should never happen — it is against the law. Which is probably why a few lawyers had to get in their two cents worth.

However, common sense tells anyone that with some persons there is only one thing they understand. They live by force, and they understand only force. A little like the Russians that way. But to deny there are people like that, and specific areas in a city also generally like that, is to close one's eyes to facts.

We feel that Police Commissioner Hart made a common sense statement and that he was right in his decision to allow the facts to stand and not investigate further or penalize the policemen involved. Our country is getting too soft, and perhaps it's because of too many softheads.

We can't help but think back to the state highway patrolman recently killed at Argentine, and say our sympathies are with the police.

In Old Indiana

Indiana undoubtedly has some drawbacks—every state has—but on the financial score it appears that things are done there just a little different from Michigan. On sober second thought, it could just be that the officials of Indiana are different from Michigan. So, read on.

A month or so ago, while Michigan was struggling to find new sources of revenue, Indiana apparently had more than it needed. Its state auditor reported gross income tax collections had then brought in 175 million dollars—which had exceeded estimates.

That same state auditor even proposed that the excess be paid back to the taxpayers in some form of "dividend," for which politicians of the other party probably shuddered. This was about the time the steel strike was starting, and he conceded fear of it maybe had prompted unusual activity by business.

It's heartening to read of at least one state that is spared, at least temporarily, from the perennial problem of most states, including Michigan, of deficit spending.

To show you how unorthodox this state auditor is, he went on to say:

"Some of the big legislative spenders have thrown us into the red no matter how much we collected, if they had not been challenged."

Quite a refreshing philosophy from a state officer holder. Would that Michigan had just a few of such officials in this and recent years.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

DEARBORN—One of the smallest group of candidates in the second World War since have entered the Dearborn primary election race September 28.

Only 53 have filed as candidates in the city primary. Trying to unseat Mayor Orville L. Hubbard are four men: Roger E. Craig, Donald A. Calkins, Leo McDonald and Charles J. Nemeth.

None of the candidates for city clerk or city treasurer will be on the primary election ballot because only two filed petitions for each office.

The City Council field is one of the smallest in a decade with only 20 candidates in the running for seven posts. All of the incumbents are seeking re-election.

—The Dearborn Press.

NORTHVILLE—Merchants will celebrate the installation of new sidewalks in the business district on a special "sidewalk sale" on Friday, September 25.

The decision to take their merchandise "outdoors" for this one day sale was reached by the Retail Merchants Association at a special meeting last week.

—The Novi News.

LIVONIA—Application for a license to build a new swimming pool is on file with the City Council and apparently about to be approved.

At the planning Commission level recently, the request for a license was denied.

A study commission of the Council this week produced the report that there were no grounds for denying the license.

This application has been pending for some time, but it is now being handled by the City Council. It was voted by the Mayor.

Proposed location for the pool is at Levan and Plymouth roads.

—The Livonian.

BIRMINGHAM—What more economical way to get a backyard swimming pool than for the neighborhood to chip in for a community pool?

That's the idea of 35 Birmingham neighbors in the Henley-Oxford area have in mind.

Through spokesman D. K. Simpson of 222 Henley (on which vacant lot opposite his home the pool will be built), the group has asked the city for permission to construct the pool.

City officials have approved the idea but want the city attorney and plan board to review the situation to see that all city ordinances are complied with.

According to Simpson, the neighbors would form a non-profit swimming pool association. The pool would have a lifeguard and serve 50 to 75 people, Simpson indicated.

—The Birmingham Eclectic.

LIVONIA—Mayor William Brashear has announced that "Clevelanders," a multi-million-dollar new center, will be built this fall, and winter on Schoolcraft Road east of Middlebelt and just north of the Detroit Race Course.

It will be one of the largest and most modern in the nation to be put under construction. It will have 64 lanes, automatic pinsetters and a restaurant adjoining it. The 64 lanes will be separated into two areas of 32 alleys each.

The alley is scheduled for completion early in 1960.

—The Livonian.

PLYMOUTH—A new and permanent home for the Plymouth Community School District administration opened its doors last week just in time to escape the unrush of school children who today occupy the former armory for leadership.

The new office building is located on the Junior High School property.

Two classrooms of the junior high had been used by the administration since the first of this year. But the junior high will be at capacity this year because of the transfer of 150 students into the building.

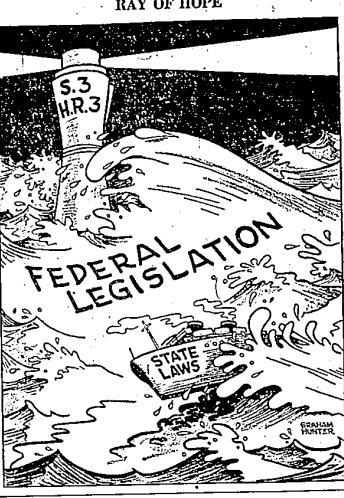
Started in June, it was a race against time to see whether the new structure would be ready by the opening day of school. It was, and the move from the junior high quarters to the new building took the administration only half a day to complete. Workmen, however, were still on the job putting finishing touches on the building's interior.

—The Plymouth Mail.

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Democrats Keep GOP Guessing On Choice for Governorship

A CRITICAL PERIOD is ahead for the fast-growing field of potential candidates for governor in 1960.

And that includes the incumbent.

Those closest to Gov. G. Mennen Williams insist he has not made up his mind whether to seek a seventh term.

Meanwhile, Democrats who are potential candidates especially those on the State Administration Board, are told to keep their ambitions under wraps.

Republicans are kept guessing.

In less than a year the campaign will be underway. Although announcements for some can be stalled off until Spring, decisions must be made soon so courses can be charted and trial balloons released.

Republicans are confident '60 is their year. Forces that held back before will be thrown into a pre-primary power struggle between liberals and conservatives in the party. The gap between the two appears to be widening.

Democrats have confidence because, they say, the Republican-controlled Legislature gave them issues voters will remember. But the possibility of a free-for-all primary among Democrats.

A landslide victory in 1958 for Secretary of State James M. Hare swept him to the head of the line of Democrats waiting for Williams to vacate.

State Supreme Court Justice George Edwards has proved his popularity with voters and has wide respect among party leaders. But he says he is happy on the bench.

State Treasurer Sanford A. Brown would like to join, but does not want to go through a primary fight. Attorney General Paul L. Adams, Lt. Gov. John B. Swainson and Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie are other members of Williams' "cabinet" mentioned as replacement prospects.

Among Republicans, Paul D. Bagwell has the most apparent backing. His strong showing against Williams in 1958 made him a party hero. Yet many within the party are looking to industry, Washington and the State Senate for candidates for governor.

The GOP liberals see American Motors President George Romney as a good "name" candidate for the nomination. Some in the other camp look to Postmaster General Arthur S. Flemming for leadership.

Some talk is heard among Republicans of Sen. Carl H. Morris (R-Kalamazoo) and Rep. Robert Griffin (R-Mich.) as candidates for the nomination.

Both have been on the firing line recently.

Morris was chief architect of the Republican tax stand in the Legislature.

Griffin was vaulted to prominence in Congress by the Landrum-Griffin labor reform bill.

A FAMILIAR NAME in preliminary speculation about candidates for governor in 1958 has faded. He may announce early next year as a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Rep. George Salade (R-Ann Arbor) is viewed as a rebel by GOP regulars.

But his criticism of his party's legislative program has kept him in the public eye, as has his chairmanship of a national caucus promoting New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller for the presidency.

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Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

25 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 13, 1934

Enrollments
The largest enrollment in the history of Farmington schools greeted Sup't. John Duffin and his staff of teachers Monday. The total enrollment was 502 being signed up in the grades and 213 in the high school.

Last year's total enrollment was 492 students.

Of the total number enrolled in 1934, 115 were non-resident pupils.

Grid Hopes
Prospects are not bright for a highly successful football team this year at Farmington High, 11. B. Krammer, head coach, decided after taking his first look at this year's candidates this week. Inexperience and lack of weight are held as the two major reasons.

Experienced backs returning will be Tony Himmelspach, Norman Barron, Jr. and Harvey Hamilton. They can all pass and kick better than average and it is hoped that they will work into a good scoring combination.

The quarterback position will probably be hard to fill and may be the team's most glaring weakness, the coach feels.

The Farmington eleven will open the season on September 21 with a game against Belleville there. First home game is slated with Berkeley on October 5.

10 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 15, 1949

Civille Enrollment
Classes at Clarenceville High officially got underway last Monday morning with a record attendance of 1,323 students.

Last year's attendance for the same date was 1,267 students.

There are 821 children in the elementary grades this year and 502 in the secondary grades.

Protest Meeting
A doleful warning to Farmington Township residents is being distributed this week by the Southeast Farmington Township Civic Association.

The SFTCA warning is coming in the form of the question: "Are you going to play through mud another winter?"

Purpose of the warning is to increase the turnout at a "protest meeting" scheduled to be held at the Town Hall on

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The central portion of Detroit is defined as that part of the metropolitan area located within a six-mile radius of the central business district.

Although a majority of the community's residents still live in the core of the city, the ratio of city to suburban dwellers has undergone a remarkable decline in past years.

As recently as 1950 over two-thirds of Detroit's population lived inside the city limits. The population dropped to 56 per cent by early this year.

The "outer city" is defined as more than six miles from Detroit's city hall, but still within the city limits.

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