Editorial Page

Reasons for Tax Hikes

Making payment of our own personal county and school taxes last week, just prior to the January 19 deadline without penalty, we too felt the sting of another increase.

Since most of the tax bill was for school taxes, we had to take a few minutes to analyze and refresh our memory on why the increase was necessary. It was due to the need for more money to meet principal and interest payments on bond issues for school construction which had been approved by taxpayers prior to last year, we recalled.

With more and more residential building going on, a continuous need for more and more classroom construction is the only picture we can see. Will it mean more and more school tax increases or can something be done to prevent tax hikes year after year?

Talk of taking steps to curtail building does not seem very logical. Neither does setting extremely large lot size minimums restricting development to homes in the $40,000 to $50,000 price range.

That new schools might be built cheaper has occurred to us several times. But, is a cheaper type of school building what residents of Farmington really want? Most people in the area have purchased homes with at least a few added features or made improvements on older homes to make living more comfortable and enjoyable. Would residents, then, be willing to send their youngsters to schools with only the bare necessities in them?

We feel the Farmington Board of Education has, in general, striven to provide the type of schools wanted and yet kept economy in mind.

Immediate steps to make Farmington a better "balanced" community seems to be the only real solution. It has been proven quite conclusively that residential development alone does not provide an adequate tax base.

Commercial enterprises and industrial establishments are needed. Industrial firms must be attracted now, yet they must be controlled so as not to be detrimental to residential areas. Sound commercial businesses must also be attracted here. Yet, their location here alone is not enough. Each and every resident must become community conscious and purchase locally as much as possible.

Healthy business places and industrial plants help share a substantial portion of the local tax load with residential property owners. Rundown business establishments and poorly kept industrial plants struggling to stay open help little.

Annual March of Dimes

Next Thursday evening, January 28, a corps of local women will be calling door-to-door throughout the community seeking your contributions of dimes and dollars to aid in the fight against polio, birth defects and arthritis.

Polio is now being licked, and there is no doubt that the many dimes and dollars you have contributed has been a key to the success in the fight.

The National Foundation has now expanded its program in an effort to reduce the large number of victims of birth defects and arthritis.

Like many others, we have felt at times that we are being called on to make a large number of contributions.

After looking at pictures and reading about Oakland County's "Poster Girl" for 1960, five year old Bobbie Lu McClure of Royal Oak, however, we are certain we will continue to contribute generously to the March of Dimes.

Bobbie Lu was paralyzed by polio when only five months old. She still wears a brace on each leg and walks with crutches. The National Foundation has been helping Bobbie Lu and her family through your March of Dimes contributions ever since. An operation when Bobbie Lu is nine should permit her to walk without braces.

When one really thinks about the help that March of Dimes funds have provided for this little girl and many more victims of polio, it is hard not to be generous. In fact, it is quite easy to skip that piece of pie for lunch and drop the extra change in the March of Dimes canister. It is also quite easy to donate that dollar or two that you had planned to spend on some luxury to a Mothers March volunteer when she calls at your door.

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Mort Neff to Head Oakland 'Mich. Week'

Mort Neff, Birmingham, producer of "Michigan Outdoors," will serve as 1960 Michigan Week chairman for Oakland county.

His appointment was announced today by Thomas Adams, president of Campbell-Ewald Advertising Agency, Detroit, and regional chairman for the five-county area of southeastern Michigan.

Neff, whose television program is about to begin its tenth year on most Michigan stations, travels some 100,000 miles annually, visiting all sections of the state. "Throughout Michigan I have observed the interest and enthusiasm displayed in past Michigan Week observances," he said. "We have an excellent opportunity to make this year's celebration bigger than ever before, for Michigan's advantages as a place for business, recreation and living are at their peak."

Planning for the seventh annual Michigan Week is already far advanced, according to T. Austin Saunders, Muskegon, president of the Genesal Telephone Co. of Michigan, and state chairman for the 1960 observance.

"Michigan—Your Opportunity," the suggestion of a 15-year-old Lansing newspaper carrier, will be the slogan for this year's Michigan Week, and the subject for special emphasis will be "People of Michigan."

Other county chairmen appointed by Mr. Adams for this area are: Phil deBeaubien, publisher, the Detroit Times, for Wayne county; James Beamer, vice president, Ann Arbor Bank, for Washtenaw county; Dale Hornung, sales promotion manager, Monroe Auto Equipment company, for Monroe county and George M. Holley, Jr., president of Holley Carburetor company, Mt. Clemens, for Macomb county.

Wood Creek Farms Village

ANNE M. PHILLIPS
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Denise Seay and members of the girl scout troop she belongs to had a pajama party a week ago Friday night at Jill Cordy's in Farmington. Of course they talked half the night, but they all went to see "Journey to the Center of the Earth" Saturday afternoon. Then Denise came home to rest.

The Langs, including the four children, went for a ski weekend at West Branch January 9. Holly 3½, took to the sport at once. Of course Laurel, 5, enjoys it very much as do the older children.

Monday night Terry Lang, David Seay, Gary Downey, and Larry McGuire went to the Franklin Church to attend the Franklin Troop B-11 meeting to see how the meetings are conducted. They expect to take their exams in about two weeks and join the troop.

THE COLLERS, Eldon and Shirley, left the Sunday after Christmas for Baton Rouge, La. to visit Howard and Kitty Edwards, former Detroit friends who have moved down there. All four went in to New Orleans for a few days to visit the Old French Quarter. They saw the New Year in at Armands. Eldon and Howard went fishing a couple of times at Baton Rouge but they froze their catch as they weren't home long enough to prepare and eat it. Eldon and Shirley bought a painting in the French Quarter to hang in their home here. They got back last week Sunday.

Judith Becker, now a senior at Linden Hall Jr. College in Lititz, Pa., was home for the holidays. She is Social Chairman for the College, President of the Drama Club, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Art Club. She was a member of the cast for the Christmas play presented on campus Dec. 15th following their formal dinner.

LEVERA WELLIS was found on the floor in a coma last Thursday and, of course, rushed to New Grace Hospital. She was operated on and, I'm glad to be able to report, is doing very nicely and should be home again within the week.

Ellen Allen's mother had her 85th birthday January 3rd. On the 5th Ellen had word she had died quietly in her sleep. Of course Ellen went right down to Rome, Ga. for the funeral. We all wish to extend our sympathy to her.

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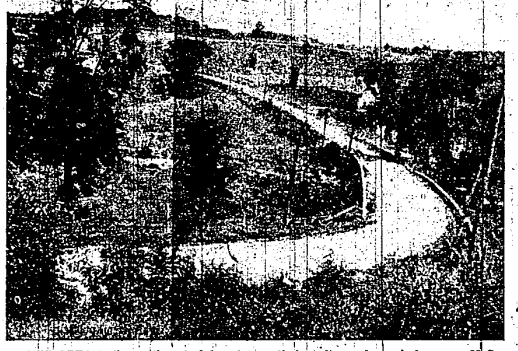

THE AREA to the northwest of downtown Farmington was quiet countryside back about 50 years ago. This road running eastward out of the city and then swinging sharply to the north is Farmington Road. The sharp bend in the foreground (now eliminated) was formerly known as McGee Hill. What was once farm land is now occupied by homes, a park and other buildings. As can be seen in this photo, there was nothing but one or two farm homes and vast expanses of vacant land.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

15 Years Ago
JANUARY 18,1945

Paper Shortage

A special appeal has been made to local residents from the general salvage chairman for the state for all old waste paper. Practically every paper mill in the State of Michigan has been forced to close down two or three days each week because of the lack of waste paper, it was reported.

The Farmington City and Township Committee is making an appeal to all local residents to gather up their old newspapers and bring them to the Community Collection Center on Saturday, January 27. The Center is located in the rear of the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. yard.

In the afternoon of this day, starting at 1:30 p.m., trucks will cover the City of Farmington and collect all newspapers left at the curbs.

VFW Chapter

Plans are now moving forward for the formation of a local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. An organizational meeting has been planned for Saturday, January 27, at the Farmington Methodist Church.

10 Years Ago
JANUARY 19, 1950

Building Ordinance

By a unanimous 5-0 vote, the Farmington Township Board passed the Township Building Ordinance at a special meeting last week.

The provisions of the ordinance are to take effect immediately on any future building in the township. According to the ordinance, persons must first obtain a permit before any construction work can be started. Each application for a permit will have to be accompanied by detailed plans for the work proposed to be done.

Overtime Parking

A crackdown on overtime parking was promised by the Farmington City Commission. The Commission called for rigid enforcement of the posted parking limits in the downtown Farmington business district.

5 Years Ago
JANUARY 20, 1955

City Parking

The problem of additional off-street parking will receive increased attention by city officials, it was announced Monday evening during the regular meeting of the City Council.

City Manager James Tennant stated that he would proceed "with all haste possible" in the development of plans for off-street parking facilities. Tennant made the statement when asked by Councilman Robert Lindbert what was being done to ease the downtown parking problem.

Plans for at least one area north of Thomas Street and east of Farmington Road are in the works.

Bell Office

Exterior construction on the new Michigan Bell Telephone Company building on Grand River at Power Road has now been completed. New equipment to provide dial service for the rapidly growing Farmington area is already being installed inside. It is expected that the new system will be ready for operation by September of this year.

Wandering Thru Woodbine Sub.

LOIS HOELSCHER
GR. 4-0460

The regular January meeting of the Woodbine Improvement Association originally scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 19, has been changed to this evening, Thursday, January 21. The meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the Farmington Savings & Loan Association Building. Arrangements have been made to have a representative from the township as guest speaker to discuss the subject of "Restrictions."

NELL DONOVAN, representative for the New March of Dimes for Woodbine Subdivision reports that the traditional Mothers' March will be held Thursday, January 28. Anyone wishing to help, please call Nell at GR 4-2184.

Our first birth announcement for 1960. At 5:00 a.m. last Friday, June Ely gave birth to a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby boy at Harper Hospital in Detroit. June and Bob have two other children, Bobby, who will be 6 next month and Jacqueline, 2½.

Cub Scout Pack 109 will have a paper drive Saturday and Sunday, January 23 and 24. A truck will be at the Sanders' Service Station on Middlebelt at Ten Mile Road. Please drop off your papers at the station on one of these two days. If you need a pickup, please call Thielemann's at GR 4-6052 to make arrangements.

Bobby Donovan and Kenny Broscli, members of Pack 109, received the Lion Award at the Cub Scout Pack meeting held last week.

AN OPEN invitation is extended to all Woodbine ladies and their friends to attend a card party sponsored by the Northwest Detroit Branch of the Womens' National Farm and Garden Association. The party will be held at the home of Jessie Gidday, 28113 Briar Hill, Monday, January 25, with table prizes and a salad luncheon planned for 12:30. To make reservations, please call one of the following hostesses: Mary Chellman, Jessie Gidday, Jean Immekus, Dorothea Paul, Mabel Smith, or Gwen Wrigley.

Public Letter Box

A Thank You

The staff of the 1960 New March of Dimes wish to take this opportunity to thank the Farmington Enterprise for the splendid cooperation given in bringing to the people of Farmington the "March of Dimes Story."

It has been a gratifying experience for us all to serve an organization that has aided so many, and which is now continuing on to enable scientists to develop weapons against other painful and crippling diseases.

Today the March of Dimes is doing as important a job as it did in its early beginning.

The continued success of the drive in this area is due greatly to the hard work of the volunteer Mothers who serve year after year so unselfishly as well as the generosity of all the residents.

The Enterprise has been a valuable aide in the past and we look forward to the years ahead and hope for continued support.

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Man Identified As P. T. Party

The old gentleman in last week's "Do you Remember. . . ." picture on the editorial page of The Enterprise was identified as P. T.

According to reports he was very well known as an expert tree trimmer and pruner in this area back around 60 years ago. He was especially well known in the area around Grand River and Eight Mile, it was reported.

Several of the orchard owners in the area called on him for services and were well satisfied with the work he did for them, it was indicated.

Open House at CD Hospital This Weekend

The Federal Civil Defense Emergency Training Unit on John R at Evelyn in Hazel Park will be open to the public for three days, Friday, Jan 22, 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, 1-7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 1-5 p.m.

At this hospital, citizens are trained to assist doctors and nurses in a community disaster.

Classes are scheduled throughout the local civil defense offices. These classes are held Mondays through Thursdays, from 8-10 p.m. and for certification requires attendance at four sessions a week apart. If missed, these can be made up at another time. Classes are taught by registered nurses who have had training in disaster nursing techniques.

Classes are also scheduled for graduate nurses.

The training unit is one of two in Oakland County, the other being in Waterford. The supply depots cannot be stored nearer than 30 miles from a direct target area.

The Emergency Hospitals are equipped to handle 200 surgical cases at a time. We have three of them stored in Oakland county for disaster use.

Nurses and trained medical aides will be on hand to explain and answer questions as to the medical disaster plans for Oakland County. . . and the mutual aid plan of communities.

Marygrove Alumnae To Meet Tonight

The Farmington-Livonia Chapter of the Marygrove Alumnae Association will meet at the home of Mrs. Michael Hand, 24247 Cass Court in Farmington on Thursday, January 21 at 8:30 p.m.

All Alumnae in the area are cordially invited to attend this first meeting of the new year.

State's Size Alone Is Plenty to Brag About

If Michigan has nothing more than mere size, we would have plenty to brag about.

In land and water area combined we are the biggest state east of the Mississippi river and tenth largest in the nation.

The flag of Michigan proclaims dominion over 57,022 square miles of land area and nearly 40,000 square miles of water surface—a total of 96,791 square miles.

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Until 1959, Michigan could claim the longest coastline of any state in the Union.

When Alaska entered the union, Michigan had to revise its claim. But we can still say we have the longest freshwater coastline 3,121 miles of any of the states and rank second in total length of water frontage.

Our broad expanse of Michigan territory embraces 40 percent of the water surface of four of the five Great Lakes—Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior. In that respect, we are far ahead of our neighboring states, for second-ranking Wisconsin controls only 10 percent of the Great Lakes surface.

WE HAVE 11,037 inland lakes—ranking from small bodies of 10 acres of water surface (the smallest we count as a lake) to the 31.3-square-mile Houghton Lake in Roscommon County.

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Early historical records credit a French explorer, Etienne Brule, with being the first white man known to have seen the inland empire of North America, including the vast territory which is now Michigan.

BRULE'S TRIP through upper Michigan waters in 1618, on an expedition searching for a new passage to the Pacific and the Orient, beat the Pilgrim landing at Plymouth Rock by two years.

Brule was only 19 when he discovered Lake Superior on his upper Great Lakes expedition while serving as a scout for Samuel de Champlain, then French governor of Canada at Quebec.

Continuing Brule's explorations of the Michigan territory, Jean Nicholet—commissioned by Champlain to renew the search for a new route to the Orient — passed through the Straits of Mackinac in 1634.

Seven years later, French Jesuit missionaries Isaac Jogues and Charles Raymbault built their first mission at Sault Ste. Marie.

BY 1668 TWO other Jesuits, Fathers Jacques Marquette and Claude Dablon, were able to establish a permanent French settlement at Sault Ste. Marie.

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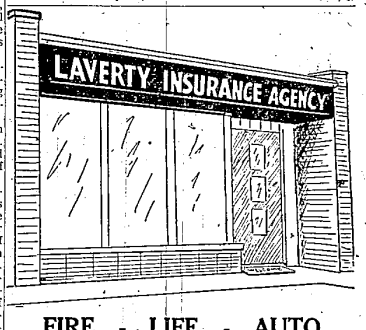

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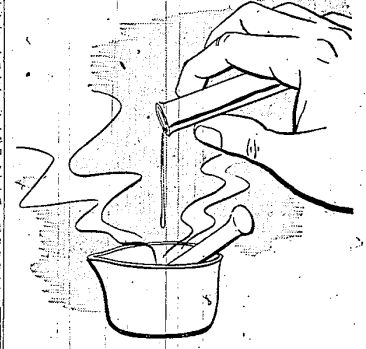

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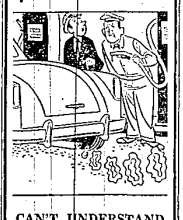

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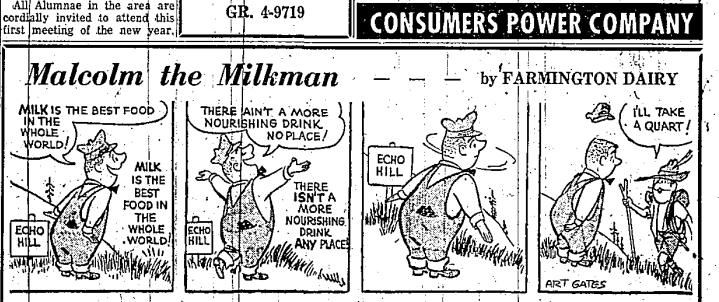

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