

Few Are Reducing Their Operating Costs

Are you spending more now to operate your household and raise your family than you did five years ago or even one year back? If you're like most of us you are and this despite every effort you've made to keep your expenses down.

Operating your household is not a great deal different than operating a business whether it be large or small. Nothing is operating our public school system so greatly unlike operating your own household except for the fact that it is operation of much greater scope.

If you're like the majority you don't expect you're going to be able to do the "normal" household operating expenses much for the next several years. Neither do local public school officials see any means by which they are going to be able to decrease their operating expenses much in the years ahead.

For this reason you're being asked to go to the polls on December 10 and approve continuation of a \$5 per \$1,000 valuation tax levy due to expire this year. Voter disapproval will naturally mean some sharp operational curtailments.

Some convincing facts have been offered to show that our local school officials are not operating the public school system extravagantly. The cost to the individual homeowner is admittedly high but the reason, as has been repeatedly spelled out, should be clear. We are a community lacking in balanced development with little good industrial

or big commercial development to help share the local tax burden.

The new homes being built in Farmington are bringing up the yearly tax yield but they are also resulting in more expenses by bringing more families into the community with children who must be educated.

A start has been made to attract more industry to help give us a better tax base but the struggle to get the same is going to be a long, hard one. More commercial development is also taking place but it never seems to get a big tax contributor such as Northland Center.

You have chosen to live in a community made up predominantly of households. As a resident in one of these households far removed from a large factory or big commercial center, you must stand your proportionate share of the bulk of the tax burden in such a community as we have.

If you sincerely feel that you cannot stand the present school tax burden and are willing to see the community have a tax system somewhat less complete than what educators feel it should be, you should go to the polls on December 10 and vote that conviction. By the same token, if you feel that you can make a few small sacrifices to pay the same school taxes you now are to have the same school system we presently have, you have an obligation to go to the polls and vote "yes" on the operating tax millage proposition.



It's A Matter The Public Should Decide On

It appears now that those in the community who are being supplied with fluoridated water or will be using Detroit water in the near future are going to have to fluoridate whether they like it or not.

Great quantities of literature and numerous stories have been written about the heated controversy over whether fluorine in water is beneficial or harmful. Even those in the medical and dental profession are not in total agreement as to its value.

Assuming that fluoride does have value in cutting down tooth decay, it still our feeling that supplying it to the general public through the water system is a very wasteful method of doing it. Everyone knows that only a very, very small amount of the water used daily is drunk or used in cooking and that only that fluoridated water used in this manner has any value.

should not decide on this matter for us. All the facts on both initial and long range costs should first be brought out and then the question of fluoridated water put to a vote of each and every Detroit city water user. The matter is controversial enough to warrant the added cost of doing this.

The program presently being conducted in Farmington of offering fluoride teeth treatments to youngsters in our school on an optional basis at a nominal fee seems like a good method of introducing tooth decay for adults as well as children; and this is strongly challenged, then why not provide it through a commonly used food? We have noticed salt that nearly everyone uses. Why wouldn't it be possible to have fluoridated flour or milk. We have seen no scientific reports to show that this would not be possible.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

November 27, 1947
School Election
Superintendent of Schools O. E. Duncanson announced this week that a total of 186 new registrations were taken during the period between November 11 and November 22, the last day of registration for the special school election to be held on December 6. Over 1,400 residents in the School District are now qualified to vote.

11 Years Ago

November 27, 1954
FHS Courtmen
Farmington's varsity basketball team is hard at work this week, practicing for their tough 15-game schedule which opens Tuesday, December 9, against Wayne High School on the Wayne campus. The Falcons have a total of six returning lettermen.

10 Years Ago

November 27, 1952
Plan Commission
The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, authorized the City Attorney to prepare the final draft of a proposed ordinance to establish a City Planning Commission.

8 Years Ago

November 27, 1954
First Show Hits
Farmingtoners are working this week on Monday morning to a white world as a heavy blanket of snow covered the ground in the yard around the Farmington Town Hall was converted into a veritable fairland.

5 Years Ago

November 23, 1957
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Telstar Films Now Available



The Telstar communications satellite is a trip to the Seattle World's Fair, and the manufacture of telephone cable are subjects of three new films being made available without charge for showings to church, school, and civic groups by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

The films may be obtained through the local telephone company business office. THE FILM "Century 21 Calling" follows a teenage couple on a whirlwind visit to the fairgrounds, starting with a monorail ride from downtown Seattle and concluding with a glimpse of telephone conveniences of the future in the communications building.

The "Telstar" film traces the communications satellite from a concept in the mind of a Bell Telephone Laboratories scientist to successful experiments following its launching last summer.

"Wire for Sound" shows the making of telephone cable from the casting of copper ingots to the installation of cable underground. Unusual color photography describes the manufacturing process with only musical accompaniment and no narration.

Balsa is an unusually light and porous wood, twice as buoyant as cork. When placed upon water it will float. Consequently it is used in rafts and life preservers.



Sales Division Head Appointed

Louie H. Baird, President of State Wide Aluminum Products, Inc., has announced the appointment of James E. Sullivan to head the wholesale manufacturing sales of the company's aluminum building products division.

The firm with offices in Detroit and Farmington manufactures a complete line of aluminum windows and doors for home and industry.

Formerly of Anril Manufacturing, Sullivan with 19 years experience will also be the new Vice-President.

MICHIGAN'S PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION

Seek Equal Representation In House Apportionment Plan

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series of articles prepared by the League of Women Voters, a national, non-partisan organization whose purpose is to educate the citizen and to help in the selection of citizens in government. The views expressed are necessarily the policies of this organization.)

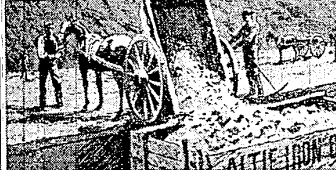
Much of the discussion on the new constitution has centered on the question, "How important should population be in the formula for each house?" At present, apportionment in both the house and senate take into account population and area.

One reason is the "moiety" clause which allows a representative of each district which has a population of at least 100 to get the "ratio of representation" (73,222). This would be the number of persons each representative would have in his district if there were 100 representatives (as there used to be) and if districts of equal population were drawn.

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It happened 100 YEARS ago

The oldest incorporated trade association in the country, the United States Brewers Association, was organized in 1862... the same year that



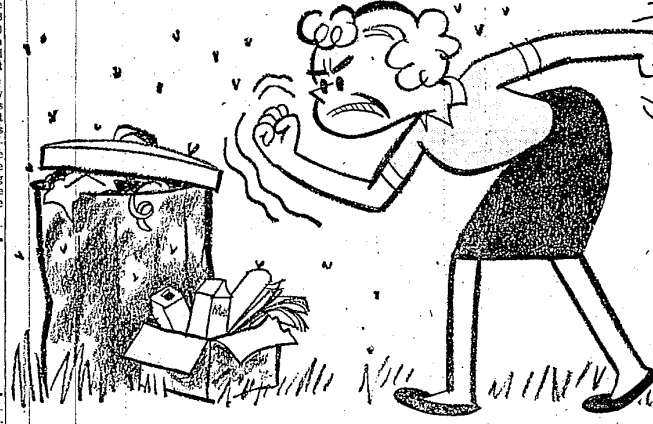
IN MICHIGAN, the new mines in the southwest corner of the state were supplying the Union with desperately needed iron ore. And all over Michigan, beer was supplying folks with sparkling refreshment.

For that as now, beer was the traditional beverage of moderation—light, sparkling refreshment that adds a touch of hospitality to any occasion. Folks in Michigan have always enjoyed the good fellowship that goes with every glass.

TODAY, in its Centennial year, the United States Brewers Association still works constantly to assure maintenance of high standards of quality and propriety wherever beer and ale are served.



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DON'T FLY INTO A RAGE AT THE VIEW AROUND THAT MESSY GARBAGE CAN—FLY ON DOWN TO YOUR...

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