In Our Opinion . . .

Giving Up Sovereignty That We Don't Really Have

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A fellow named Harold F. Wise did
it about a week ago when he spoke at
a regional planning conference in Detroit. An adviser to several units of
government, including the states of
Michigan and New York, Wise spoke
in favor of a strong Council of Govennment for southeastern Michigan—
an organization which several Farmington and the considering joining.

"Each city and county in a metropolitan area will be asked to give up
some sovereignty that they don't really
have in order to accomplish
any other way."

The phrase that struck us as worth
underlining and memorizing was "give
up some sovereignty they don't really
have."

PEOPLE TAKE a lot of pride in

and sewerage systems must deal ultimately with the City of Detroit.

Also a generation ago, several counties formed the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, which opened several parks, including Kensington, in an effort to develop something of a green-belt around this metropolitan area. Any assessing officer can testify that state agencies are exercising more and more control over the valuation of property for tax purposes.

And only a week ago, Detroit's bus system and a group of suburban lines began working toward a regional transit system.

Eventually, there will be a tough air pollution control system in southeastern Michigan. It won't be done by a subdivision, a township or city, or even a county. It will probably be done by a regional authority.

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SOME 300 GOVERNMENTAL units in southeastern Michigan have been asked to join the Council of Governments. They pretend these little units are genuinely important and get sore when someone suggests otherwise.

Bit by bit, governmental functions are passing from small units to larger ones. Townships lost control of their roads to the county a generation ago. Farmington residents on public water SOME 300 GOVERNMENTAL units

FROM LEFT: (1) Coach Gladys Thornton; (2) Ora Goers Joy, now a teacher; (3) Marguerite Moore, now a bank teller; (4) Isabel Pauline Earl, now wife of a businessman in Hinsdale, III; (5) Trena Cath erman Quinn, city clerk; (6) Edna Kreager Vivier,

wife of a local businessman; (7) Alice Priestly; (8) Vi Hazelton; (9) Loretta Waack Cox; (10) Jean-ette Hamilton Taylor, now a registered nurse and wife of a Navy commander living in Columbus, Ohio.

In Old Farmington, 'We Girls Drew The Crowds'

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A look backward and a look forward—that's all I can do so said Mrs. Treas Quinn, city clerk of Farmington Historical Society last week.

I remember the winters, she said. 'You'd walk on top of the fences to school on Thomas Street.

In the summer, she half-we'd jump off some half-we'd jump jump off some half-we'd jump jump with the River Rouge that look the half-we'd jump jump half-we'd half-we'd jump jump half-we'd half-we'd jump jump half-we'd half-we'

Mrs. Quinn came to Farmington in 1914 and, except for four or five years, has lived here ever since;

SHE GRADUATED from Farmington High School in the early 20s, and she played on the girls' basketball team. She had a large photo of the 1921 team to prove it.

"We were al pretty good-looking but ne h, don't you think?" she asked, then quickly added, "I have to say that because here I am," as she pointed to the gangly mis s, seemingly tired and leaning against the girl in front of her in the lineup.

"The girls always played first—we drew the crowds." She said that the gals had their fixels, toe — more than

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the men."

Commenting on the home and social life then and now, Farmington's custodian of the public records said, "After sliding down McGee Hill of a afternaon or evening we'd all go to someone's house and have hot chocolate or popcorn and maybe gather around a plano and sing."

"Home life today is different," she said. "Then we'd sit around the big table after supper and talk. Whenever I speak to young families today, I tell them to turn off the T.V. and talk."

ON CITY government, Mrs. Quinn is philosophic. "If you look at the minutes of the village council meet-

ings in the 1830s, you see we had the same sort of problems then as we do now," she said. And then, tying the past and he future together, Mrs. Quinn said, "If we hadn't always Thad someone who looked forward, we might not eve n have a Farmington now. A community has to keep abreast of the times."

Next month, the Farmington Baptist church history will be

ALSO, AT the Feb. 22 meeting, the second in a series of four films, "The Fabulous Ninetles," a work about old Detroit sponsored by the Burton Abstract and Tite Co., will run for about 30 minutes.

Red Guards Vs. Mark Twain

Red China's current political convul-sions are introducing American read-ers to a kind of literature they haven't seen in a long, long time — colorful

ers to a kind of literature they havent seen in a long, long time — colorful name-calling. The formal American language has become so bogged down with molasses words like "community". "coordinator," "facilities" and "disadvantaged" that it's quickly becoming a mass of flabby abstractions.

And so we are jolted awake by reports of the posters being displayed in China. "Liu Sha-chi is the Krushchev of China," says one. Mao's enemies are "black gangsters," "glosonous weeds," "ghosts and monsters" and ought to be "burned at the stake," says others. "Enemies of the true red revolution are called advocates of "the black line" and are "bourgeols reactionaries." In something of a contradiction, one group questioned the morals of an opponent's wife in one poster and called her "priggish" in another.

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Well, that's pretty colorful stuff, but: it's not as good as American writers "Now that's what we call rip-snortin' language. A pox on the Red Guards!

used to be able to do. If you want genuinely graphic literature, you have to turn to someone like Mark Twain. In "Life on the Mississippi," Twain relates the bragging of a couple of raffsmen as they prepare to have a fistright.

"Whoo-oop! I'm the old original ironjawed, brass-mounted, copper-bellied corpse-maker from the wilds of Arkansawi" says one. "I'm the man they call sudden beath and General Desolation! Sired by a hurricane, dam'd by an arrhquake, half-brother to the cholera, nearly related to the smallpox on the mother's side.

"It take nineteen alligators and a bar'l of whisky for breakfast when I'm in robust health, and a bushel of rattle-snakes and a dead body when I'm aling. Blood's my natural drink, and the walls of the dying is music to my ear. Cast your eye on me gentlemen! and lay low and hold your breath.

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Even the post office in Farmington has a bistory, and Postmaster Trombley will deliver the historical word at the meeting Feb. 22 of the Farmington Ownship Board Postmaster Trombley will deliver the historical Society.

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Britherton, Council representattly on the city's planning
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would be involved in providing either or both an artificial
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Light Voic

A light voic was recorded in the Blennial Township Primary election with three incumbent Republican Board trustees winning nomination. The three are Wendell Brown, Robert Harris and Mrs. Electrophysics of the Composed GOP candidate for supervisor.

Boost Tax Rate
Farmington City Council at a special meeting approved a motion to increase the tax rate on personal property assessments from 50 to 57 ercent.

Incorporation
A panel discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of possible incorporation of possible incorporation of the City and Township as a single municipality was discussed by local officials, at a meeting of the Farmington, Exchange Club. Luriew Grdinance

Members of the City Council indicated at their regular meeting that they were in on hurry to enact a proposed City curfew ordinance.

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