

# Give Oakland County Voters Another Chance to Say 'Yes'

Failure of the proposal to issue bonds to erect a new \$4,500,000 combination Oakland County Building and Court House at the recent Aug. 3 election is a disappointment to practically every citizen who understands the problem.

Although a majority of the voters approved the actual issuance of the bonds, a very small majority voted "No" on the question of levying the taxes to back up the bonds.

As a result, the taxes can't be levied, the bonds can't be issued, and the construction cannot be started.

THUS OAKLAND COUNTY the second largest in population in Michigan and the fastest growing, for the time being must continue its various public activities in the present costly and inefficient environment of antiquity.

In our opinion, the basic reason for the failure of this project to carry Aug. 3 was

a lack of pre-election publicity. The board of supervisors, in planning the campaign to acquaint the voters with the problem, and to win approval for it, failed to "let the people know all about it."

VOTERS IN BIRMINGHAM approved the project by a more than two-to-one majority. Most of the southern part of the County, too, voted "Yes."

Because this project is needed as soon as possible, and because we believe a vast majority of informed voters will approve it, we suggest that the board of supervisors immediately consider submitting the question to the people at the Nov. 2 election.

In the interest of eventual economy, as well as convenience to all of Oakland County's citizens, we strongly urge the board to waste no time in formulating plans to give the voters another chance to prove that they want this project to be completed at the earliest possible date.

## The Great Leech -- 'The State'

Senator Jenner of Indiana has said this: "Before we can solve the great problem of foreign policy in this dangerous and disorganized world, Congress must give back to private industry, to private reform and private education, and to local government, every activity which can be surrendered by the federal government. We must adopt as our first principle the total dismantling of that colossus on the Potomac, the Welfare State..."

We pay—and pay through the nose—for super-government in many kinds of

coin. The most obvious one is money, as represented by our vast burden of public debt and crushing taxes. But we pay too in lost liberties, in diminished independence, and in an insidious undermining of our moral fiber and responsibility as a people. And, as Senator Jenner intimated, when government is concerned with every phase of our domestic life, energy and resources are diverted from matters, such as foreign and military policy, which are its proper province.

The welfare state saps the nation like a leech.

## Farmers, Ranchers Improve Production Methods

An old story tells of a salesman who attempted to sell a farmer a set of books on how to farm successfully. The farmer turned him down, saying, "I ain't farming half as well now as I know how!"

Be that as it may, farmers and ranchers are operating farms more efficiently and successfully than they used to—due both to work of their own, and to assistance and knowledge provided by organizations which have to do with the production and sale of farm products in one way or another.

An official of the Department of Agriculture has described improvements that have taken place in beef cattle production. Seventy years ago it took four and often five years for a longhorn to reach a weight of 1,000 pounds—now it happens in less than half that time.

In 1953, fewer than 1,000 beef car-

cases were condemned during inspection because of tuberculosis—25 or 30 years ago the number of condemnations ran from 50,000 to 70,000 animals.

Believe it or not, the atom may even affect the meat business of the future. "Pasteurization" of meat through exposure to gamma rays has been accomplished on a laboratory scale at the American Meat Institute Foundation.

The studies, which were supported in part by AEC, have shown that shelf life of pre-packaged meats may be extended five-fold by radiation doses with little, if any, production of off-flavors, odors, or discolorations. This process is not ready for practical use and many difficult scientific problems must be ironed out. But it may be an indication of things to come.

In agriculture, as in any enterprise, change is always going on, to the benefit of all.

## Maybe This Invention Will Do the Trick

A Swedish inventor has devised a portable contraption which will accumulate a quart of pure water during one night in the desert.

The device, reportedly perfected by one Prof. B. Hellstrom, of the Technical College of Stockholm, is made of two yards of plastic material.

It is unfolded at night and accumulates

the quart of water by early morning. We believe the invention, if it proves workable, will prove of value to mankind and to military operations.

However, as long as the Professor was at it, we do not see why he didn't invent a contraption which would produce a chocolate milk-shake or even a glass of orange juice.

## From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

For many months relations between the United States and Great Britain have become more and more strained. This has come about in spite of the fact that our country has given Britain many billions of dollars, to help it recover from the expense of World War II. Current reports state that England's most serious criticism of the U.S. stems from our refusal to trade with Communist China, plus our opposition to giving Red China a seat in the United Nations. England, fighting for its very economic survival, appears more tolerant of Communism, and its leaders

lament our tendency to label Communists as gangsters, and thus have nothing to do with them.

Gov. Williams has told educators in State-supported institutions of higher learning that they should place more emphasis upon turning out engineers and scientists. He argued that such men are much needed in war, and also in time of peace, due to the development of science in so much of mankind's activities. What the Governor said is no doubt true . . . but how about also teaching them the basic elements of responsible citizenship, Governor?

Pigeons, the bane of all those who want their public buildings to look nice and clean, are moving from Detroit's old City Hall to the new City-County building. Nothing much can be done to prevent the tax-free winged Detroiters from enjoying a change of scenery. After all, maybe they, too, think this is still a free country.

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## So They Say . . .

Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate in 1952:

"We will make friends and hold the Allies together, not by threats and criticisms, but by persuasion and give and take."

## Sending Out a Feeler



## HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Visiting the average picnic grounds makes one wonder what sort of homes people come from. On a recent trip we stopped at one park which actually is a disgrace to the persons who use it. Park attendants assured us that the grounds are cleaned daily and showed us a pile of trash to prove their statement.

The place was littered by mid-afternoon, with a collection of tin cans, bottle caps, broken bottles and pickle jars, paper plates, empty fuel sacks, fruit pits, melon rinds, corn cobs and food scraps. In spite of numerous devices set about the park to destroy them, flies swarmed over the tables and freepales. Only a few hovered around the trash receptacles, which were nearly empty.

THE PARK attendant pointed to one table where several half-gallon ice cream containers had been left. The residue had melted and made sticky, fly-covered blobs all over the tabletop.

This is not only an unsightly condition, but also a dangerous one. A terrific health hazard is created by the filth and flies. There is also the danger of personal injury, especially to children.

Youngsters playing in parks are frequent victims of broken bottles, and every summer sees an outbreak of feet. Other injuries turn up as racing youngsters fall and spear themselves with glass shards. Tin cans with ragged edges take their toll, too.

IT IS in a condition which prevents the "sylvan glen" to the beach by lake or ocean. Even camp sites are less inviting. This form of national sloppiness.

Would the persons who leave this unsightly mess behind be guilty of the same slipshod methods in their own homes or yards? A small, very small, percentage of them might be, but

## ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

What with the females wearing low-heeled shoes, long pants, shirts, ties, and butch haircuts, it would take pretty close inspection to tell the boys from the girls if they were to attend a Quaker church meeting.

Now that the city commission has given fire engine drivers five possible ways to leave the westside station, now under construction, several local observers are waiting to see how many exit drives will be installed at the eastside hall at Adams and Bowers.

In the final program of Michigan State College's summer "Educational Series", Dr. H. M. Hamlin of the University of Illinois warned, "The philosophy of a school system cannot be developed by the school staff alone."

Dr. Hamlin, who is the U of I's chairman of agricultural education and a national authority on the community's role in education, added that schools should actively seek parents' and citizens' participation in school affairs.

He said the public raises three basic questions about education: "What is expected of the schools? What are the schools doing? and What ways and means must the public provide?"

IT IS TO BE FEARED that Dr. Hamlin is an educator and public school official who is considerably ahead of his time.

For him to recognize and declare that the public has a vital interest in education—what it is, what it does, and how it does it—is to put himself in that extremely

small group of public educators who have made this acknowledgment at a local, state or national level.

It is to be admitted that the public has expressed a badly deficient interest in seeing its participation improved, but on the other hand the average American community school board hasn't done much to improve the situation, either.

In fact, the population of half the cities and towns in Michigan would be doubled overnight if there were to move into this state all the people who IAD tried to improve school board-community public relations and working partnership but had been rebuffed and told in effect, "You mind your own business and let the school board mind the schools."

U.S. amateur sportsmen are concerned over the way Russia is concentrating on winning the 1956 Olympic Games, to be held in Melbourne, Australia.

The Soviet scheme seems to be—get a winner for the events, regardless of where in the Soviet he comes from or what he does. Train 'em, train 'em and more training in one specialty is their pre-olympic program.

So they win the next Olympics? The U.S. can't be second.

America will achieve its second position because the U.S. athletes are amateurs participating for the love of competition.

The Soviet would get its first place because its athletic representatives had made a business of it—the business of winning to save their lives.

## Red Cross to Have Training Classes For Two Sections

Classes to train needed first aid aides, 118 Franklin, in Pontiac, instructors and social welfare Holders of advanced first aid certificates earned in the last three fall, Red Cross officials in Oakland county said today.

A 20-hour course will start Oct. 11 at the chapter be especially trained to deal with

servicemen and their families. Volunteers may sign up with Mrs. Spurluck at the Pontiac office of Mrs. George W. McCormick in Birmingham.

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**SEVEN-YOLK CHERRY CAKE**

Time: 1 1/2 hours

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup cake flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup cherries

1. Cream shortening and sugar together in mixer. Add eggs one at a time. Add milk and butter. Blend in flour. Add cherries. Bake in 10 inch round pan. Cool cake in pan before removing from pan.

**EVAPORATED MILK FROSTING**

- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup milk

1. Beat evaporated milk and powdered sugar together in mixer. Add butter and milk. Beat until frosting is stiff. Spread on cake.

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