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EDITORIALS

Disappointment . . .

seems to be the best single word to describe the reaction of those few interested residents from Farmington Township who attended the public meeting on road problems held May 9.

The disappointment, we believe, stemmed not so much from the facts presented by Lee Brooks, member of the Oakland County Road Commission, but rather from the apparent hopelessness of the situation. Brooks gave a very clear picture of the financial problems facing the County Road Commission, and we have no reason to believe they are not absolutely true. There is not a sufficient amount of money to do a decent job of maintenance and repair on county roads in Farmington Township.

But what is worse, there doesn't seem to be even a glimmer on the horizon to cling to. When the question came up, "What can we do?", there was no answer. Funds allocated for local roads in Farmington are based on population plus mileage. Supposedly as the population increases and as more roads are accepted by the county, the amount of money would increase, if the State Legislature doesn't cut the appropriation to the county.

We believe this is one place we might start — contact our State Senator and State Representative and see what can be done to bring the situation to their attention. Another possible solution to the problem might be the formation by the Township Board of a systematic, long-range road improvement program. The Township has already agreed to assist subdivisions in bringing their roads up to county specifications by paying half the cost if the property owners will pay the other half. They have also cooperated with the county in the repair of county roads.

However, we believe this program should be expanded on a long range basis. A definite amount of money should be earmarked for road repair, and a survey should be made of the worst conditions so that a planned program of action could be developed. Such a program could then be brought to the attention of the county so that money from both units could be more efficiently used.

It isn't a job that can be done overnight, nor would it bring 100% satisfaction to all of the people. But it is a plan — it is constructive. It would give the residents some assurance and hope that something can and is being done to help eliminate a bad situation.

A Big Question Mark . . .

has been raised over the new schools of the Farmington Township School District as a result of the strike of A. F. of L. carpenters. The question mark has been tacked on to the end of the statement, "The schools will be ready for use by September?"

The Board had reasonable assurances that the statement was fact, up to about a week ago. Now there is the question mark. The architect, the contractor and the Board have all been working hard to accomplish the job in time so that no further hardship on the youngsters and teachers would be necessary. But there is serious doubt now whether the program can be carried out in time to meet the fall deadline.

Few thinking citizens object to employees seeking higher wages — particularly in the face of ever rising costs of living. But a method must be found, for the sake of labor, management and the public, in settling these questions without jeopardizing the entire community. Farmington's schools are crowded far beyond capacity, half day sessions have been necessary and facilities are decidedly limited. And this situation will be magnified even more with the influx of additional students this fall.

As a result of the situation, school administrators are now finding it necessary to plan two programs for the opening of school, one with and one without new classroom buildings. There is still hope that the latter program can be carried out on schedule, but the big question mark is very much in evidence.

It is not our intention to place the responsibility for this situation at the feet of anyone, but it does seem unfortunate that we cannot find an answer to the problem without hurting nearly everyone. There is always an answer, why can't it be found before a work stoppage is necessary? Why can't the same spirit of urgency prevail in the negotiations before a strike as during one? It would erase a lot of big question marks!

Churches

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2500 Grand River Avenue
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday School 9:40 a.m., nursery to senior departments.
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenues
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
Mid-week Devotional Service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
9:30 a.m., Church School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
10:45 a.m., Nursery, kindergarten and primary Sunday School.
W. S. C. S. on second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Sunday School, 10 a.m. large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
6:30 p.m., the Infant and Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship, the Evening Service.
7:30 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Services at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.
Junior Church, also at 11, Miss Marjorie Kellogg, superintendent.

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Stansbury and 12 Mile Roads
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
2720 Grand River
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:30 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
The relationship of "Soul and Body" is discussed in the Lesson-Sermon under this title to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, May 25.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1100 Grand River
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Service.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 6372.

Gaylord Baptist Church
19188 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
7:30 p.m., 8 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
29341 Shilohesset at Middlebelt
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples' Service.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Grand River at Middlebelt
10:30 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m., Evening service.
7:30 p.m. Thursday, prayer service.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Church
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday.
Church 11:00 a.m. Saturday.
8 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.
"Faith for Today" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.
Voice of Prophecy WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

A Tough Row to Hoe



SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:25 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30, Morning Worship Service.
Special music by the choir, illustrated children's message.
11:30, Sunday School. Bible study in classes for all ages.
During the Sunday School hour the Junior choir will practice.
7:30, Evening Worship service.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at the Middlebelt School
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Mid-week prayer services in the home of the Pastor at 21596 Turbine Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Worship. District Superintendent Dr. W. E. Harrison will preach.
Nursery for tiny tots.
8:30 p.m., Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Farmington
(Services in Universalist Church)
9:30 Morning Prayer and sermon. Church School (3 to 11 years) during the service.

Bible Comment:

Good King Brings About Religious Reforms in Judah

ONE of the mysteries of life is why good men should sometimes have evil sons, and conversely why bad men have good sons. Both phenomena are illustrated in the history of the kings of Judah.

Hezekiah was a relatively good king; his reign was followed by that of his son, Manasseh, who was corrupt and evil. He not only shed innocent blood, but he sought to overthrow the religion of Israel and replace it with idolatry.

His son, Amon, proved no better. Good and well-intentioned men are often lacking in initiative and forcefulness in action, but King Josiah was aggressive and competent in his goodness. He vigorously attacked the idolatrous places and practices, threw down the altars, and restored the Temple as the place of true worship.

It was in this restoration of the Temple that the "Book of the Law," the book of Deuteronomy in our Bible, was discovered. It became the occasion for an impressive, obligatory service in which king and people made a covenant to obey its precepts and serve the one God.

Centuries later Jesus proclaimed the spiritual nature of the true God, whose worship is in spirit and in truth and not confined to temples, mountains or other professedly holy places. But the effect of the reforms under Josiah was to purify religion of its abuses. In his emphasis on the holy place it destroyed the unholy places; and in his emphasis on the person, it is the denial of essential goodness and of all true worship.



By GENE ALLEMAN

MacArthur has come and gone, leaving a ripple of approval. The legislature has convened, causing a wave of dissent. It still can't get along with our governor.

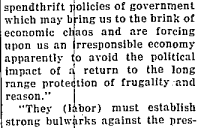
The General in his famous style of delivery spoke softly and struck sharply at Communism and Socialism.

MacArthur blasted the "inroads made by collectivism" and said we need a high level of statesmanship dedicated to the common purpose of advancing a liberal, untrammeled labor movement and industrial economy sufficiently free from government controls to maintain a reasonable profit potential.

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One of the personal paradoxes of the steel dispute which only three or four people know, is that President Truman and CIO chief Philip Murray for many years were not too good personal terms.

The public has the impression that they were intimate friends and that it was partly because of this intimacy that the White House consented to let for the steel workers.

Late Michigan and her sister Great Lakes are slaughtering our beaches.

The rising waters of the lakes have caused millions of dollars in damage and pushed the entire shoreline down to nothing.

In 1946 the waters on the western shore of Lake Michigan gushed out a few expensive castaways — but those were the expensive basements. The water receded and the entire state sat back and waited for the 20-year cycle to set in, but it didn't.

In 1952, new records were set for the total destruction. Entire tourist areas are being wiped out and the beachline along the west coast virtually has vanished.

The situation has reached the point where it has caught the ear of our august congress — which is doing little.

St. Lawrence Seaway got (or has so far) short shrift, although it hasn't been shelved yet. Assistance to the owners of beach property has been denied by overlooking their loans through the RFC.

But mostly Congress is waiting for the cycle to turn the pounding waves back to the low water levels which have maintained the last few years.

And don't think the waters haven't turned Frankenstein on the state. Blue Lake, Michigan, which for so many years has pulled tourists from all over the nation, has turned on the resorters who have been exploiting it.

Poetic justice, perhaps, but the tourist business in Michigan still ranks with the automobile industry.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Valuation Increases

Real estate valuations in the City of Farmington under tax assessment reached nearly \$3,000,000 this year, according to figures given Tuesday night. The new valuation shows an increase of about ten per cent over last year's. The valuation is \$2,900,000 this year as compared to \$2,640,000 last year. Farmington's valuation is almost equal to that of Northville, which is \$3,035,850.

Table Second

Farmington High School's track team took first place in the first annual Regional track meet at Ferndale Saturday. Farmington was second behind Oak Ridge. Oak Ridge finished with 35 points; Farmington had 33 and Grosse Pointe 24. Schools entered in Class "C" were Farmington, Oak Ridge, Grosse Pointe, Rochester, Algonac, Holly, Hazel Park and Romeo. Farmington grabbed five second and third place spots. Firsts for Farmington were scored by Otis in the pole vault, 9' 4" and broad jump, 20' 1". Catherine in the 400 in 61.4 seconds; Middlewood in the pile run, 5 minutes and 18 seconds; and Hall in the javelin throw with a 125 foot heave. Butten took second in the high jump, clearing 5' 2".

Mobile Unit To Visit

Archie G. Leonard, Pontiac attorney who makes his home in Farmington Township, will be speaker at the Memorial services Saturday morning. At 9:30 a.m. the annual parade will form at the Legion Home on Grand River Avenue and at the Farmington High School and march west on Grand River to the cemetery where memorial services will be held. Everyone is invited to join in the parade, which will be led by the Farmington High School band.

Mobile Unit To Visit

The Mobile Unit of the Red Cross will come to Farmington for its second visit on June 10 to secure blood donations for use by the Armed Forces of our country. Persons who will give blood on this visit are asked to register as soon as possible either at the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner or Edgar S. Pierce. Early registration will assist the local committee.

Adopt Resolution

A resolution to provide for the licensing of junk yards and of places for the dismantling, wrecking and disposing of junk, refuse materials and to provide penalties for violation of the provisions were unanimously adopted at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening.

Trojans Defeat Falcons

Taking advantage of five Falcon errors, Clarenceville High School's baseball team took a 5 to 2 decision from Farmington at the Clarenceville diamond Friday afternoon. Clarenceville played heads-up ball in throwing a previous defeat this year.

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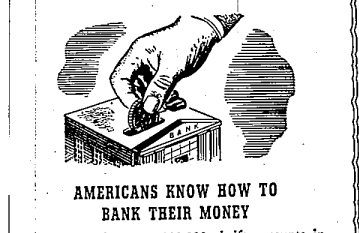
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