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It's Our Opinion

EDITORIALS:

The Ballot . . .

in the coming Farmington Township Primary Election is going to be mighty crowded, to say the least, based on the record number of nominating petitions filed with the clerk earlier this week.

Never before have the voters had such a wide selection of candidates to choose from. Thus the February Primary presents a major challenge to every conscientious township citizen. It is essential to the future of the community that the best possible candidates be nominated by each of the political parties to run in the Biennial Election scheduled for April.

We sincerely hope that the large field of candidates will serve to stimulate interest in the Primary. This is particularly important, not just during the election, but in the weeks and months to follow. There is no greater influence on government than citizen participation. The coming election means more than just the selection of candidates, it is an opportunity for every qualified elector to exercise his rights as an American and to add force and power to the voice of the people.

Regardless of who is nominated or elected, a record vote will serve as a lasting reminder that the majority of the citizens are interested in the future of the township and, equally important, that they are vitally concerned with the activities of their officials. The Enterprise will attempt, in the weeks prior to the Primary, to bring its readers information concerning all of the candidates. This feature will be designed to stimulate interest in the election as well as acquaint the public with the various candidates seeking nomination.

But the final answer will be up to you. The ballot in the coming Township Primary is going to be mighty crowded . . . let's resolve right now that the polls will be equally crowded on election day.

The Suggestion . . .

that a trial board be set up in the city for the handling of personnel disputes makes good sense.

Similar boards exist in many progressive governments, large and small, with outstanding records. They are not designed to eliminate responsibility but rather to facilitate investigation of facts. In most instances, such boards have only recommendation powers with the final decision in the hands of administrative and possibly legislative officers.

Trial boards are generally composed of several appointed citizens of the community, along with representatives of the administrative and legislative branches of the government. Such an organization does not affect the individual employee's right to appeal under the provisions of the particular charter. It does serve to broaden the scope of investigation and allows for greater representation.

This type of program is not new, since it is practiced in business as well as government. It affords the employee an additional opportunity to have his case heard. It affords the employer additional facts and opinions upon which to base a sound decision, and it affords the public the assurance of broad and impartial investigation.

On January 1 . . .

a new group of state administrative officials were inaugurated in Lansing. It marks the first time in 18 years that an all-Democratic team has been sworn into state office. We wish them success in their new duties and responsibilities.

Regardless of our individual political opinions, the progress and well-being of our state should be uppermost in our minds. We urgently need statesmanship in all phases of our government if we are to solve the many problems confronting us. The people are looking to their state officials, Democrats and Republicans, for that statesmanship and leadership.

The individuals and the political organization that can furnish these commodities will not only be performing a valuable service to their state, but will be assurring their own success. A positive and progressive approach must be taken in regard to all problems. There is no room for political expediency when the welfare of the state is on the block.

We sincerely hope that both the Republicans and Democrats will initiate constructive programs of action based on principal and dedicated to a cooperative effort of progress.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

Editor's Note: Due to an increasing number of requests by various churches in and around Farmington for space in the "Go To Church" column, it has been deemed necessary to set up a standard form for all churches and to minimize the space allotted to each. In the future only the church name, address, times of services, and the minister's name and telephone number will be listed. We do not have this information for all churches listed in the column. Pastors are requested to submit the missing information to us as soon as possible.

CHURCH OF GOD
29341 Shiawassee at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 8 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Cambridge
Sunday, Services 8:45, 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Elsie Johns

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Services 9:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dr. G. Northrop 1277

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Sunday Services 10, 11:15 a.m.
Rev. Carl Schultz 0214

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Sunday Services 9:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
23015 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30. Holy Days, 5:30, 7, 8, 9. Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Deehan 0324

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Saturday Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at Middlebelt School
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. Roy Johnson 2124

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. Leroy I. Lord

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski 1547

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25000 Grand River
Sunday Services 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Stuckey School, 26000 Farley.
Rev. V. Halboth

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in Universalist Church
Sunday Services
Church School
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School Children.
J. B. Guinan 1049-M or 1049-J

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Services in Farmington H. S.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.
Rev. R. Geiger 2112

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD
20221 Angling Road
Tuesday Service 7:30 p.m.

DETROIT GOSPEL TABERNACLE
10000 Winston
Sunday Services 9:45, 11 a.m., 8:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Saturday Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.
Sunday Services 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30, 11 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 6, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN
21122 Indian Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Bible School 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH
19188 Gaylord Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m. B. Y. F. 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
23701 Cass Avenue
Sunday Service 11 a.m. at Town Hall. Sunday School 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West Point Park
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sunday Service 11:15 a.m., Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Rev. R. Lincoln 2839-W

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Inkster Road, north of Eight Mile
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Bible School 10 a.m.
Rev. E. Crandall MA. 6-3734

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Services 8:50, 11:15 a.m. Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. R. Sursaw 0126

Bad Move for Red

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

MICHIGAN WILL TAKE another look at its blessings next May 15 to 21.

Cities and villages will swap mayors for a day and the citizenry will be told in an organized campaign what makes Michigan the "Water Wonderland."

It will be Michigan Week.

"This is a sort of reverse public relations - - telling our own people what they have," said Harris K. Miller, chief of the information and research division of the Economic Development department.

Dr. Grover C. Dillman, president of the Houghton College of Mining and Technology, will be the 1955 chairman, and he is looking for a theme for the special week.

"There is a good chance that when a theme is selected, it will emphasize the cultural side of our state," he said.

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Michigan's woods and waters, its business and industry, held the focal point in last year's celebration.

Promoters hope to tie in the centennial celebrations at the Soo Locks and Michigan State College. Special programs are planned for each.

Behind the Michigan Week observance is Greater Michigan, Inc., a special corporation organized for the purpose.

More than 300 mayors from Detroit (population 1,849,568) to Britton (population 517) traded offices last May 5 and "learned a lot of new ideas and received numerous honors from their new towns," Dr. Dillman said.

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Biggest event during the 1954 celebration were the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Straits of Mackinac Bridge at both St. Ignace in the Upper Peninsula and Mackinaw City in the Lower.

It featured parades, fireworks, street dances and speeches by Michigan notables.

"We want to make this one the biggest and best," Miller said.

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SPLIT-SECOND POLITICS made the big difference when Governor Williams appointed Talbot Smith, an Ann Arbor attorney, to fill a vacancy on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Justice George E. Bushnell retired to take a high Masonic office in Boston, ending a long career on the bench.

Bushnell submitted to Williams his request for retirement status and applied for state pension benefits, effective December 31, 1954 - - a date displeasing to the strategists.

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If the retirement date had remained fixed, Bushnell's successor, appointed by Williams, would have faced a campaign for election in the spring of 1955.

Bushnell changed the date to January 10, 1955, leaving the successor in office unchallenged until 1956 when the term normally expires. One democratic aide revived a popular song, quipping: "What a difference 10 days make."

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MICHIGAN'S TOP law enforcement officers want to catch gamblers in a Federal - state squeeze.

Gambling, except pari-mutuel betting at legalized horse tracks, is outlawed in the state but only this year has the situation developed for the new police proposal.

Federal authorities, realizing that gambling is legal in some states, asked - - and got - - from Congress a law requiring these sporting fellows to get a license.

Now, Michigan police, prosecutors and sheriffs, are asking the legislature to pass a law making possession of a Federal license a violation of the state statute against gambling.

"We want to make it a question of where a rambler wants to serve his sentence - - in a Federal or State lock-up," said one police officer.

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SENATE REPUBLICANS have softened their promise that they would confirm all of Governor Williams' appointees in their jobs if he won re-election in 1954.

They held back action on 39 last winter to leave the appointments open if they elected a Republican governor. This is normal political strategy.

When Williams won again and swept in his entire ticket, the disheartened Republicans said they would blanket in the appointees held over and confirm 34 others named since the last session.

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"Now we're not so sure," said Senator Hutchinson (R-Fennville).

Hutchinson, chairman of the Senate business committee which first must approve appointments, said the chamber will have a dozen new faces next year and it would be unfair to foist a decision on them.

He said:

"We'll look over all the appointments, as we have in the past, and judge their qualifications on their merits."

Visitors To Cranbrook Increase During 1954

Public visits to Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, increased by 12% during the past year, Dr. Robert T. Hatt, director, announced this week in the 24th annual report.

Among the 71,364 visitors who attended exhibitions, lectures and observatory demonstrations last year were 636 organized groups who made special trips from Ontario, Ohio, Illinois, and various parts of Michigan.

The Institute's museum, second largest natural history museum in the state, added two new permanent displays, and showed 21 temporary exhibits. It is open without charge to the public daily from 2 to 5 except on major holidays.

LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON
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Searcy, Arkansas

Many socialist-minded Americans honestly believe that "democratic" Socialism is a barrier to Communism. Thus they earnestly work for a gradual socializing of the American economic system. Usually these people are idealistic and their political and economic opinions are based on the theories of present-day "social thinkers" as presented in books and from lecture platforms. They haven't had any actual experience with Socialism in action. These Socialist-in-theory are not to be confused with the hard-core Socialists who clearly recognize their economic and political brotherhood with the Communists.

Yet it is important that all of us understand how dangerous it is for anyone to think of "democratic," "welfare state" or any other kind of Socialism as a barrier to Communism. Sober-thinking people interested in the difference between Socialism and Communism should read two significant books, one by Ivor Thomas, an idealistic Englishman who, as a member of Parliament, actually helped establish Socialism in England; and the other by John Strachey, powerful Minister of War in England's Labour-Socialist government under Mr. Atlee.

Before he knew that he and his Socialist colleagues would gain control in England in 1945, John Strachey wrote in his book, "The Theory and Practice of Socialism": "It is impossible to establish communism as the immediate successor to capitalism. It is, accordingly, proposed to establish socialism as something which we can put in the place of our present decaying capitalism. Hence Communists work for the establishment of socialism as a necessary transition stage in the road to communism." Strachey described himself as a Marxist Socialist. Thus he speaks for both Socialism and Communism.

Ivor Thomas speaks as a lover of freedom and a political degoeder, but one who has gained wisdom through experience. In his book, "The Socialist Tragedy," he warns people everywhere that he knows now, after seeing Socialism in practice in England, that any departure from private enterprise and toward Socialism is a step toward the police-state of Communism.

"Where there has been a decisive test," notes Thomas, who quit the Labour-Socialist Party, "the history of Europe provides no confirmation of the view that socialism can be an effective barrier to communism. On the contrary, the experience of many countries is that socialism has prepared the way for communism. Socialists have first undermined the effective barriers to communism; and when the communists have struck at them, the socialists have offered no effective resistance and in some cases have joined hands with the communists."

He then cites the case of Russia, which came under Communist domination only after the Socialist government of Alexander Kerensky had gained power and was setting up a form of "democratic" Socialism. "The Communists could not have come to power," Thomas observes, "if the social democrats had not first paved the way." As regards Britain's Labour-Socialist Party, Ivor Thomas cites its 1948 platform to show that it has grown from a "social democratic" movement to a zealous follower of Karl Marx.

"In its acceptance of the Marxist outlook and programme, the Labour Party," he says, "has passed the 'point of no return.'

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 9, 1930)

Town Hall Interests

Another effort to decide the various shares in ownership of the Farmington Town Hall is under way. A gathering of the three groups controlling ownership, the Township Board, City Commission and the Farmington Masonic Lodge, has been proposed with a time for the meeting yet to be set. The last meeting held by a joint committee of the three interested parties resulted in failure to agree on any plan for division of the property or determination of the three interests involved.

Tax Collections

Farmington Township taxes collected thus far this year are nearly double the amount collected by this time a year ago, according to a report made to the Township Board by Township Treasurer Elmer Empson Tuesday evening. A total of $61,000 had been collected as of January 7, according to Empson. Up to this date last year only $32,000 had come in.

Assessors' Plats

Hundreds of pieces of property in the City of Farmington, the owners of which now hold title only to descriptions of "metes and bounds," may have the advantage on new, modern descriptive methods within a year. If the City Commission goes ahead with proposed plans for the making of assessors' plats of the city, this will be a reality.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 11, 1945)

Declare 100% Dividend

The Farmington State Bank revealed one of the most remarkable years of progress and growth during the past year, it was disclosed at an annual meeting of bank officials this week. A year ago, at the close of business on December 30, 1943) total assets of the bank were listed at $3,334,486.27. At the close of business on December 30, 1944, assets of the bank were $4,355,753.88. The directors voted at their meeting to increase Capital Common Stocks from $50,000 to $100,000 by payment of a 100 per cent dividend to stockholders. The common stock of the bank at the time of its opening in 1934 was $25,000.

Band Uniforms

Proceeds from the coming basketball game between Farmington and Walled Lake, along with money raised through a dance and the sale of refreshments, will be used to help purchase new uniforms for the Farmington High School Band. The uniforms will be selected and purchased as soon as enough money can be raised through various projects at the school.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 12, 1950)

City Lighting

A request has been made to the Detroit Edison Company by the City of Farmington for a survey of street lighting. No definite proposals or action on city lighting has been taken, pending the outcome of the survey. According to Mayor Loomis, a master lighting plan for the entire city will be prepared. The city can then take steps for improvements depending upon budget allowances. The master lighting plan is expected to be ready early in February.

School Needs

A three-man committee has been named by the Clarenceville Board of Education to study the future building needs of the School District. Special emphasis will be placed on elementary classroom needs. The study will begin at once.

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