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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

Preliminary Information . . .

on the proposed water district for the southern and eastern portions of Farmington Township would indicate that a very sound and thorough engineering job has been done.

It is evident that Pate and Him, engineers, have made an exhaustive study of the entire situation and have come up with facts and figures which are both accurate and realistic. Thus the Township Board, the Water Committee, and the individual property owners have a foundation upon which to begin the construction of a practical program.

The building of this program is not going to be easy. A lot of time, effort and money are going to have to be expended between now and the actual date when water starts flowing through the new mains. But, we are confident that the need and the interest are sufficiently great to accomplish this major task. There is no question but what water is essential, not only for the present home owners, but for the future development of the entire southern and eastern section of the township.

The greatest problem will be one of financing. This is now being studied and investigated by the engineer. Assuring sufficient revenue to support a \$1,600,000 bond issue is no simple task, but it is not unworkable. There is a way, somewhere along the line, for the accomplishment of this service which is so vital to the health and welfare of the community.

It is essential that a spirit of determination and cooperation be continued between all of the groups and individuals concerned with this problem. Both a realistic and optimistic view must be taken of the situation. This can be done if everyone concerned directs his thoughts and his energies to the job ahead.

The Latest Figures . . .

show that Farmington Township now has the largest voting potential in its history. Over 200 new names were added to the list during the recent registration period, bringing the total eligible electors in the township to near the 6,500 mark.

This is both a commendable and an encouraging trend. But we, as citizens, can not afford to stand on this record alone. The real proof of allegiance rests at the polls on election day. Preparation is essential, but it is hardly a substitute for the real event. We must register before we can vote, but we must vote before we can honestly classify ourselves as full-time citizens.

This brings us to the No. 1 question. How many of the 6,500 registered voters in Farmington Township will actually visit the polls on Primary Election Day, February 21? This is a question that will be asked many times between now and election day. It will be asked by the candidates, by various community groups, and by individuals. No one will really know the answer until the ballots are all counted. However, the result of that count will be greatly affected by what happens in the next few weeks. The importance of voting must be sold to the people. It will require master salesmanship on the part of a great many super-salesmen. It will require genuine confidence and belief in principles of democracy, along with an aggressive and constructive campaign to get out the vote.

We can't think of any more timely or worthwhile project. Let's see to it, individually and collectively, that a record registration can be followed up with a record vote on election day.

Some Of The Words . . .

expended by various Congressmen in connection with President Eisenhower's "Defend Formosa" plan are confusing to say the least.

They have chosen to criticize the President for bringing his request before Congress when, in their words, he already has the power to act. Some have even gone so far as to suggest that Eisenhower is making a political play or is seeking a way to shift the responsibility. Yet only a few years ago, President Truman was criticized by Congress for taking executive action in regard to the Korean conflict.

President Eisenhower has displayed his respect for the Congress by bringing the matter to its attention. He has openly declared himself through the presentation of a definite plan. If there is any political play it seems to rest in the hands of the critics who are making the headlines.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

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 20341 Sitawassew 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., 8 p.m.
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST
 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, 11:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Dr. G. Northrup

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 Church School at 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
 Nursery School maintained during the worship hour.
 Rev. Carl Schults

FOREST HILLS UNITED METHODIST 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
 23615 Powers Road
 Sunday Masses, 7:30, 9:30, 11:15, 8:00 p.m.
 Holy Days, 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.
 Daily, 6:00, 8 a.m.
 Fr. T. Deaiah

SEVENHAY ADVENTIST
 Grand River at Oxford
 Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
 Sabbath School 11 a.m.
 Wednesday, 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Services at Middlebelt School
 Sunday Services 9:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Rev. Roy Johnson

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

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
 Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
 Sunday Services 9:30, 10:45, 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
 Rev. W. Rutkowski

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

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Services in Universals Church
 Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School
 J. B. Guigan 1649-M or 1049-J

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
 Services in Farmington H. S.
 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
 Church School 11:30 a.m.
 Rev. R. Geiger

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD
 20021 Jackson Road
 Tuesday Service 7:30 p.m.
 19000

GOSPEL TABERNACLE
 Detroit
 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
 3000 Indian Road
 Sunday Services 9:30, 11 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30, 11 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship 8, 7 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN
 2152 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 Services 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

Hot Time in the Firehouse



Michigan Mirror

MICHIGAN BURNED tourists, and tossed a bouquet at its resort operators in the same motion. Big gestures came as the U. S. Department of the Interior warned that drought conditions are prevalent over two-thirds of the nation.

But the report made Michigan look like an oasis, with its more than 11,000 inland lakes and resort areas catering to both the summer and winter trade. It said: "Michigan is immune to drought. The Great Lakes waters are clear, cool and soft, and no part of the state is more than 95 miles from one of the Great Lakes."

The Michigan Department of Economic Development took the time to remind everybody with a mailing address that the state has 232 miles of Great Lakes shoreline.

It pruned the resorts for taking advantage of the gifts of nature and asked other states to send his weary and sorely needed and thirsty citizens up to Michigan for a vacation.

The letter to other states said: "Michigan is a good place to visit. Come to Michigan."

DEMOCRATS WHO HOLD SIX of the state's top offices are hurrying to join Governor Williams' campaign to rebuff Republicans who hold the other two.

The first rally came when five of them joined Williams at their first Democrat-dominated administrative board meeting.

Where Highway Commissioner Charles C. Ziegler and only two others to meet with Governor Williams, he now faced six.

He was criticized for coming to the meeting with less information about project bids than Democrats wanted. Next day he was blasted for trying to pay a damage claim on the advice of an assistant attorney general.

As the legislature gets into the highway problem, he will again be a target of the Democrats—and some Republicans who, rightly or wrongly, figure him as a party liability.

Ziegler remains calm through it all with three years still to run in his present term.

He stated that he has built as many roads as possible with the available funds and that he needs up to \$6,000,000,000 to bring all the state's trunklines, roads and streets up to standards.

IMPRISONED YOUNGSTERS have stirred the sympathy—and ire—of the Michigan Corrections Commission.

Officials said there are 400 youths behind bars between the ages of 15 and 17 and that facilities to handle the tough adult convict are "a reproach to the state when applied to youths."

That was the estimate of Commissionator Talbot Smith as he bowed out of the system to become a Supreme Court Justice. He asked for a complete reform of the youthful-offender policies. He

LOOKING AHEAD

It would be reassuring to know that every American citizen has read and accepted the following recent statement by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief: "From now on to coast, hard-core Reds continue to use every available technique, ruse, and artifice to capture the minds and control the behavior of loyal Americans and in a lamentable number of cases, they are successful in doing so."

Unfortunately every citizen has not read this statement. And no doubt many who read it could not accept it as the truth because they do not understand the nature of Communism, its tactics and techniques. That's why the expansion and control of Communist fronts, the Louisville newspaperman, is of priceless educational value to the people of America. Braden was convicted of advocating sedition after being identified as Communist leader Jim Louisville by an FBI counteragent. The power and influence of a single Communist front for capturing the minds and controlling the behavior of loyal Americans is vividly shown in the facts brought out in Braden's trial.

The biggest factor in Braden's power and influence in Louisville was the front of respectability he was able to present by being a staff member of the Louisville Courier-Journal. A second factor was his membership in Louisville's St. Stephens Episcopal Church, whose rector, J. Erwin McKinney, testified in his defense just before he was identified as Communist leader of long standing. These two positions of respectability provided the base for the wielding of an astonishing mass of power and influence.

State's Attorney A. Scott Hamilton introduced evidence designed to show Braden's membership in a long list of alleged Communist fronts. The list included the Civil Rights Congress, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, Council on African Affairs, the National Lawyers Guild and the International League of American-Soviet Friendship. Communist fronts lure thousands of non-Communists into carrying out propaganda work advantageous to the Communist world conspiracy. The Communists in these fronts control the actions of the memberships.

Braden himself testified that in addition to being a copy-desk "editor" on the big Louisville newspaper, from time to time he did extra reporting for Newsweek Magazine for admission of Red China to the U. S. and for trade with Red China. Its slogan, designed to attract the support of working people, is: "China Trade Would Mean Two Million New Jobs."

He also was active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, headed by a witness on a Red front. This organization was shown to have (Continued from Page 3A)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 6, 1930)

Township Primary
 A vigorous contest for the position of Township Supervisor is indicated in the March Primary Election, as well as in the contests for the posts of the Highway Commissioner and for Highway Overseer in the northeast quarter. Retirees have been circulated for the position of Supervisor Harry McCracken and for Arthur Coe, former treasurer and son of McCracken in the last election. The contest for the post of Highway Commissioner will be waged between incumbent Clayton Goers and former commissioner Joseph Graham, William Sams and Charles Heitler will be in competition for the position of highway overseer in the northeast quarter.

Sewer Survey
 The City Commission voted Monday evening to employ an engineer for the purpose of making a survey and estimate on a sewer system for Maple, Brookdale and Power Roads. It is planned also to care for sewer needs on Grand River after consultation with state authorities planning the new highway. If the state's plan calls for only a surface sewer on Grand River, the Commission has indicated it will endeavor to make arrangements for a better system and offer funds to finance the additional cost involved.

TEN-YEARS AGO (February 8, 1945)
School Registration
 Qualified voters may now register to vote in elections of the Farmington Township School District. It was disclosed this week that registration will be continued from now until June 2. Voters are reminded that all former registrations for voting in school elections were cancelled with the organization of the Farmington Township School District. Persons who were registered school electors prior to December 26, 1944, are required to register in order to vote in future school elections. Registrations are now being accepted at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at the high school during school hours each day.

Novi Primary
 Voters of Novi Township will vote to the polls in a primary election on Monday, February 19. A contest appears on the Republican ticket for every township office with the exception of the highway commissioner post and the office of constable.

FIVE YEARS AGO (February 9, 1950)
Building Code
 Referendum petitions calling for a vote of the people of the township on the newly enacted Building Ordinance were filed Tuesday at the township offices. According to Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, petitions bearing the signatures of 377 township residents were received. Only a little over 500 names are required to necessitate a vote in the ordinance. Date of the election is to be set in the near future by the Township Board.

Clarenceville Schools
 Enrollment in the Clarenceville School District at the end of the first week of the second semester shows an increase of five per cent in all grades over a year ago. Superintendent Louis Schmidt stated that the increase represented enrollment in both the upper and lower grades.

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