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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS: The Highlight . . .

of the Annual Farmington Township Meeting held April 12 came with the reading of the proposed budget for the year 1955-56. Possibly others may not agree with our selection of the high point, but it holds particular significance to us. For several years The Enterprise has urged the drafting of an operating budget for the township, and to our knowledge this is the first time that such a budget has been presented.

Thus the township now has the basic foundation for a constructive program of action during the coming year. A definite sum of money has been allocated for road improvements, and provisions have been made for the expansion of police protection, just to mention two items. Such a budget, therefore, constitutes more than just a financial report. It is a definite plan of progress.

A sound foundation is essential to the construction of a good home, but it is still only a foundation until we build on it. Therefore, it is important that this budget be put to work as soon as possible and that it be constantly referred to as a guide for progress. We emphasize the word "guide" because any budget should be flexible enough to provide for emergencies and additions should the need arise.

The drafting and subsequent approval of the 1955-56 budget is, in our opinion, one of the most far-reaching steps to be taken by the township in many years. It is a vital part of the transition that is taking place in this growing community as well as a recognition of the increased need for sound governmental planning.

The adoption of the budget, the creation of a Citizens' Advisory Road Committee, and the formation of a Planning Board were all important highlights of the Annual Meeting, but it is essential that we keep in mind the fact that this is not the end . . . but rather the beginning.

A New Library . . .

for the City and Township of Farmington has long been recognized as a necessity. The present facilities in the Town Hall are wholly inadequate and have been for many years. Now, thanks to the conscientious efforts of the Special Library Study Committee, a realistic program has been developed which should take care of this long needed improvement.

The Enterprise urges the City Council and the Township Board, as well as all civic organizations and citizens, to study carefully the recommendations of this committee. In our opinion, they make sense. By following the recommendations regarding the use of funds and property from the Wilber and Carlisle Estates, a new library can be built in the immediate future which will meet the needs of the community. The proposed 1/2 mill tax levy will provide the necessary books, equipment and maintenance without any major burden on anyone.

Farmington is far behind most communities of its size in regard to this important service. Libraries today are more than just buildings lined with books, they are community centers of education and recreation for children and adults. This has been brought out repeatedly through various information programs sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library. Speaker after speaker has advised us of the inadequacy of our library and at the same time has informed us what can be done and is being done in other communities similar to Farmington.

We are indeed fortunate in having sufficient funds and property available to construct a library building and we are equally fortunate in having citizens who will take the time and effort to work out a constructive program for the benefit of the entire community. It would be the height of folly if we failed to take advantage of it!

The Biggest News Story . . .

of 1955 was undoubtedly written last week following the favorable report on the effectiveness of the Salk Polio vaccine. In fact, it may well be the biggest news story of the century.

We can't help but wonder what the doubters and debunkers are thinking now. Several of them did their best to contain the success of the program prior to the trials last spring. However, this is not unusual. Similar resistance was experienced prior to the development of typhoid, yellow fever and other serums. There will always be doubters and debunkers, but we can all be thankful that they are in the minority.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
28414 Shilwaukee at Middlebelt
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m., 3 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
Church School at 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Services continued during the Worship hour.
Rev. Carl Scultz 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 28415 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7:30, 9:45, 11:45 a.m., Holy Days, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 a.m., 7:30, 8:30 a.m.
Fr. T. Baaban 0324

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Church School at Oxford
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer - 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at 20911 Inokator Road
Clarenceville, Michigan
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. Roy Johnson 2124

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
18 Mill Road Greening
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. I. Lord LI-2-8040

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

ORANGE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2960 Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Stacker Church, 26900 Farley.
Rev. V. Halbach

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in University Church
Sunday Services 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., Church Children.
J. B. Guinan 1049-M or 1049-J

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

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD
20911 Inokator Road
Tuesday Service 7:30 p.m.

MARANATHA EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
16388 Beech Road
Sunday services, 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Rev. Stanley Low

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

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
21123 Ledian 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 Services 11:15 a.m., 8 p.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Rev. R. Lincoln 2839-W

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
18601 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
E. C. Crandall MAY-63784

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Services 8:45, 11:15 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. R. Sursaw 0128

One Less Dragon



Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

PROFIT-MAKING business again will be asked to pick up the check for state government.

Just how much will be needed for 1955-56 is still in doubt and the qualified guesses range all the way from \$14 million to \$46 million a year.

"We're going to ask business to help us find the new revenue," said Senator Carlton H. Morris (R-Kalamazoo).

The Senate Taxation Committee, named the first 42 of a possible 60 members of a new citizen group, heavily laden with business and industrial executives from Detroit.

In the wind is some tinkering with Michigan's \$30 million a year business activities tax, adopted two years ago in a flurry of political name-calling and confusion.

C-owners of the tax were Alan L. Guernick, of the Ford Motor Co. and S. M. DuRoi, of General Motors Corp., who were members of the former Patten group and now prominent figures in Morris's new advisory panel.

Ex-Senator George N. Higkins (R-Ferndale) is also listed. He was chairman of the tax committee before Morris and is considered the relative father of the business activities tax.

Democrats still are insisting, though not so vehemently, on Gov. Williams' \$100 million corporation profits tax, a goal for the last several years.

Another possibility is the revival of the "Princeton Plan" of which proposed such things as increased taxes on beer, pig and several other "nuisance" levies.

Over in the House, Rep. Rollo G. Conlin (R-Tipton), is thinking along the same line as chairman of the house tax committee.

"Whatever happens, business is going to be asked to make up the difference between the \$22 million budget offered by Williams and the existing revenue.

INSURANCE BREAKS continue to come for cars driven by midday. A few weeks ago, the National Bureau of Underwriters slashed premiums for liability coverage on cars driven by the wife of the insured - and perhaps his daughter under 25.

Going a step farther, the bureau last week decreed that the wife or husband of the policyholder could have the same rights under liability coverage as the insured.

The bureau handles policies covering "the majority of cars in Michigan," said Insurance Commissioner Joseph A. Navarra.

"When the bureau moves, the independents generally move in the same direction," he said.

Within a year, insurance experts expect the independents to make the same decision and "eventually, all the cars in Michigan will probably get the extended benefits," said Navarra.

WEEKS WILL PASS before the House will make a decision on Michigan's new school code. Bills are certain to start fresh controversies.

Part of the battle is an attempt to bypass state equalization of property for computing school taxes and a complicated system for collecting them and appealing the assessments.

LOOKING AHEAD

W. GEORGE S. BENSON
President - Herdley College
Sturgis, Michigan

Sometimes the revelation of the dawning of truth in the mind of a skeptic can be dramatic. In the Lloyd Douglas book, "The Robe," a skeptic set out to disprove the doctrine of Jesus Christ. The dawning of truth in his mind made a dramatic story which may have influenced other doubters and skeptics. There has just been published the record of the dawning of truth in the mind of a quite famous Socialist who set out to prove that capitalism was evil and that Socialism held out the greatest hope for human progress.

The Socialist who has finally found the truth about Socialism and capitalism is Max Eastman. His own story of his gradual realization that Socialism is evil and that capitalism is the best economic system for human progress yet tried makes dramatic reading. Last April 1 issue of "U. S. News & World Report" and influence the minds of thousands of Americans whom Eastman himself calls "the left liberals - our American creeps."

Eastman is best known in America's intellectual world. He has been a leader in it for 40 years. His book, "Reflections on the Failure of Socialism," was published last month by Devin-Adair Company, New York. A condensation of it is in the April 1 issue of "U. S. News & World Report."

Max Eastman was born in Canandaigua, New York. Both of his parents were Congregationalists. In his teens he became a disciple of Marx and Lenin and dedicated his life to bringing about the Communist millennium through the destruction of capitalism and faith in God - as called for by "The Communist Manifesto." He graduated from Williams College, and began to make his name in the intellectual world of "liberals" who are editors of such periodicals as "The Masses" and "The Liberator," and as professor of logic and philosophy at Columbia University.

"When the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia in October 1917, shocking the whole world of progressive and even moderate socialist opinion, I backed them to the limit in 'The Liberator.' Eastman writes in his new book, 'I gave my heart to Lenin more completely than I have ever given my heart to any other leader; and fought for the Bolsheviks on the battle field of American opinion with all the influence my voice and magazine possessed. . . I was engaged in civil war, and my socialist convictions grew hard and firm.'

In 1922 he went to Russia and subsequently spent 21 months there studying the application of the Marx-Lenin brand of socialism which placed all property, management, wealth, and even human control in the hands of the Soviet government. In 1927 he began to turn away from the totalitarianism he saw hardening its brutal grip in Russia. But he stayed with "democratic" Socialism until 1940.

"It seemed perfectly clear (by 1940)," he writes, "that of the socialist hypotheses were valid in reality, some tiny shred of the benefits promised by it would have appeared when the Russian capitalists were expropriated and production taken over by the state. . . By that time (1940) everything in Russia was worse from the standpoint of socialist ideals than it had been under the reign of the Tsar. I did not need any additional experiments such as that in Nazi Germany, or in England, or the obvious drift in other countries to convince me."

"Thinking it," writes this man who pursued the Socialist bubble for 40 years, "is confronted with a choice between two and only two." (Continued on Page 2A)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

City Population
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 21, 1930)
The population gain of slightly over 45 per cent for the City of Farmington over the past ten years is indicated in an unofficial report on the 1930 census. According to the new figures, the city population is now 1,238. This figure was announced by the director of the census for this area on Thursday. The 1920 census listed the Village of Farmington as having a population of 853. A gain in population of 385 people in the last ten years has, thus been recorded.

Sewer Bond
An affirmative vote of more than the required 60 per cent is expected for the sewer bond issue to be placed before the people of the city on Monday, April 23. City officials and civic leaders anticipate general approval of the proposition. This will be the first bond issue election to be held in the city since the city was organized five years ago.

Bridge Fill
Completion of filling in for the new bridge over Grand River east of Brookside is expected to be completed by the last of this week. It is expected that the fill will settle sufficiently to permit paving over it next fall.

TEN-YEAR AGO (April 20, 1945)
Damage Fruit
Fruit growers of this area have voiced the opinion that the fruit crop of this area has been severely damaged by the recent frost and cold weather. It is expected that the peach and cherry crops will be light and that the apple yield will be much smaller than usual.

Phony Sale
The annual V. F. W. Poppy Sale will be conducted in Farmington this year on May 18 and 19. Over 2,000 poppies have been purchased for sale by members of Farmington V. F. W. Post 4033 and its Women's Auxiliary. Proceeds from the sale will go toward providing care and welfare of service and ex-servicemen and their dependants.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 27, 1950)
Lighted Field
A resolution was passed by the City Commission Saturday to lease the Farmington Township School District ten acres of land, more or less as needed, for a proposed lighted athletic field. The lease, contingent upon the outcome of a special election regarding the field on May 2, calls for the use of the land for ten years at the cost of \$1.00 per year. Option to buy the land at any time or renew the lease will also be included in the agreement if the special election swings in favor of the lighted athletic field.

Post Office
Effective May 20, the Farmington Post Office will close its doors at noon on Saturday, Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster, announced this week. The change is part of an economic cutback started in the nation's post service. There will be no office hours Monday through Friday, however, Lee stated. Post office doors will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on those days as usual.

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