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EDITORIALS

Not Always Too Late . . .

but too often. Some communities can proudly point to the fact that they had enough foresight to plan. Some point sadly to the fact they didn't plan.

The difference in the end result is obvious. Beautiful, efficient, fun to live in communities are planned — they just don't grow. Those with parks, fine stores, recreation facilities, public parking, attractive, profitable industry, are communities with direction. They are wealthy because they encourage and attract progress.

Few communities think themselves large enough or advanced enough for a planning commission until it is too late. Then the job is complicated by lack of suitable area for parks, parking and recreation facilities. It is then too late for planning without considerable expense and almost unsurmountable obstacles.

Farmington's growth is inevitable. If it is to have direction, it must be planned, and before it is too late. If Farmington is to have the things it wants and needs, more business and industry must be encouraged to make this home. But it must be planned.

It is not too early, but with the trend of the times, it may soon be too late. Farmington still has an opportunity to plan its growth and development. Many of these details have already been organized, but too many are yet to be done.

The entire plan should be spread out, be added to and rounded out by men interested in the community and its future. Men who are willing and who represent the wide varieties of experience needed to plan a modern, efficient community. Farmington has such men with foresight who are willing to give of their time. Farmington has the opportunity to profit by the experiences of hundreds of other communities that have planned.

Encouragement of business, industry and fine homes is a vital part of that planning. Out of this encouragement will come progress, development and the realization of the increased services that make for a better place to live.

Just No Figgerin' . . .

out, these so-called modern times. What with everybody, especially labor, harping about increased costs, then along comes a price cut and bang — the protest voices go up.

Arguments of late, regarding wage increases, have been based strongly on cost of living increases. Labor has not been entirely unjustified in their demands, either. Except for the fact that the wage dog has been chasing the cost of living tail and both have been spinning around in the same circle.

The big "no figgerin'" clause comes up over U. S. Steel's declaration last week to cut prices. This is what labor has been asking for, yet instead of praise from labor, they get snarls. Without a doubt the rest of big steel will follow, they usually do. As a result, a general downward trend will take place. This price cut will benefit all the people. But now it's no good, and thus the statement, just no figgerin' out these days.

Labor charges business with trying to dodge paying the increased wages asked. They charge business with trickery. And yet this is what they and the general public want — relief. Lower prices of steel will encourage lower priced cars, refrigerators, home appliances, building and may bring about a general trend. Though this trend may not be great, it will serve as a pay increase for all the people.

But because it doesn't affect food prices directly, or other necessities, right at the moment, it is frowned upon. Also because it came at a time when wage demands are being sought, it is trickery.

If labor would stick to its original goal of demanding lower prices — if it would use its power to encourage business, to cut the cost of living, it would perform a notable service to this nation.

They would, by bringing about a trend toward lower prices, not only give themselves a substantial wage increase, but increase the value of every consumer dollar. Labor's unfavorable reaction to such a move by business may serve only to speed up the wild chase of higher wages, plus higher prices. And the consumer will, as he is caught in the whirlwind, explain to his neighbor, "Just no figgerin'".

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
The Church on the Park
Rev. Carl H. Schult, Pastor
Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist

Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

OUR INVITATION
I love to come to this still place,
Where deeper peace is always found,
To kneel as though on holy ground,
And feel my Master face to face.

Where I could linger at His feet
And He to me sweet healing give.
WELCOME

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Third Grade up. 11:00 a.m. Below Third Grade.

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
11:00 a.m. Nursery.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Sunday.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Morning service at 11:15 a.m.
Evening Services at 7:30 p.m.
All music of the church is under the direction of Miss Wilma Hood.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study, 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.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Midvale at Eight Mile Rd.
E. L. Stumpfle, Pastor

Sunday school for children of all ages at 9:30 a.m.
Divine worship at 9:30 and at 10:15 a.m.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast over CKLW at 12:30 every Sunday noon.
The choir will present a sacred song service in the church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

A special service will be held on the day of Christ's Ascension, Thursday, May 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

STARK GOSPEL MISSION
9558 Laurel Road
Corner of Laurel and Pine Tree Rd.
1 Block South of Plymouth Road,
1 Block West of Stark

Sunday service and Sunday school at 1:00.
Church service at 2:00.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Prayer at cottage prayer meeting, Ladies prayer meeting Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30.
Pastor: Rev. Orrville J. Windell.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remeln, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Toepel, Pastor
Services held in Livonia Township Hall

The Community Methodist Church are holding their services in the Pierson School located at Seven Mile Road east of Farmington Road.

Church services and Sunday School classes will be held simultaneously from 10:00 to 11:00. Nursery school for children under three. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST
"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Communion. Message on chapter ten of Romans, "Israel in the Present Time".

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. There is a class for you.

Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m. Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Message by the Pastor, "What is Unity".

Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 3 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m. World Wide Guild meeting at 7:30 p.m. Board meetings at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 3 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 3:30 p.m. Sunday School Workers' Conference at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Midweek prayer services at 8 p.m.
Thursday, Women's Fellowship Breakfast at the Parsonage, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Senior Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
William Gray School
Rev. Orrville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 7 p.m.

BACK TO HIS FIRST IDEA!

MAYBE I BETTER STICK TO THIS!



Washington Digest

By SAUKHABE
News Analyst and Commentator

Muff (A Dog) Has Her Ideas About The Nobility Of Man

WASHINGTON — There is nothing particularly strange about a dog guarding a batch of milk cans like one we heard of recently. You wouldn't be too surprised to be told that the dog knew



how the cans and who shouldn't; to hear about other dogs who go to the store with a shopping list, bring back groceries and even

steaks in the basket they carry, and you know all about the wonderful "Seeing-Eye" dogs which not only guard their masters from harm but often appear in cases of danger's approach.

But the other day I had an experience with a dog you probably won't believe.

I was sitting at twilight on my porch after a long day and a comforting meal. I was digesting my dinner while Muff, my wire-haired fox, was removing the last vestiges of it from her beard. She was sitting in front of me on the flat topped porch-post, her favorite resting place. She finished her toilet, flopped her chin on one paw facing me and winked—or so it seemed in the fading light. A robin was sounding the last sleepy cadences of his vesper song from the recesses of an ancient maple.

I looked at Muff. She looked back and smiled beneath her whiskers—or so I guessed she might be doing. "If I had the patience," I said half-aloud, "I could teach you to talk."

"Oh no you couldn't!" I could almost swear Muff had responded. She certainly had opened her mouth. I let my imagination

run on. "Oh yes, I could," I replied, pretending she could understand me. "You've got the brains. How do you know that when I take my briefcase, I'll be back in the evening and when I take my suitcase, I won't be back for several days? You DO know, because you show it very plainly; briefcase, a couple of wags and a woof; suitcase, body-wiggles, plaintive arfs, up-jumping and hand-dances."

I went on cataloguing the obvious indications of Muff's intelligence, which far surpasses that of many haphazard human acquaintances. As I talked on, Muff rolled over carefully (there was just room for her on her perch) and yawned. Not because she was bored, as I was to learn later, but because praise of this type always embarrasses her.

She will wag herself wondrously at a "good-bye" for some stupid fellow, and carry trick that even a Boston terrier could learn, but when one praises her intellectual achievements, it always embarrasses her and she tries to hide it.

"What?" I insisted. "It's true you are intelligent enough to talk."

Then I was puzzled. Distinctly, though in a breathy voice which sounded the way a dog does before he has quite decided to bark, I heard an answer. "It isn't that I am not intelligent enough. And it isn't that dogs will never talk, but I'm afraid I shall never learn."

I'm dreaming, I said to myself, but no. There was Muff, there was the outline of the maple, dim now as the darkness gathered. There was I.

I shut my eyes. I'll handle this rationally, I said. Just let things happen. I relaxed and was less surprised to hear the soft, breathy voice continue: "It isn't that there's anything wrong with my speech center in the third, left convolution of my cortex—but I want to repeat that dogs never can learn to talk."

Gently I opened my eyes. Muff was sitting up now, her head cocked to one side, her mouth, or at least her jaw, moving a little, because even in the crepuscule I could see her beard wagging gently as she went on:

"Because, as you may know, we canines, and I believe this applies to other animals as well, have far clearer race-memories than human beings. You sometimes mistakenly refer to these memories as intuition. This is nonsense.

"We canines picked man as a friend and were probably one of (Continued on Page Eight)

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas F. Beahan, Pastor

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
Farmington

11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

"Middlebush may be all right, but may I suggest, sir, that next time you consult the telephone directory Yellow Pages under 'the storage'."



By GENE ALLEMAN

Human nature and freedom of the press being what they are, it is inevitable that some of Kim Sigler's newspaper supporters now disagree with parts of his 1948 reform program.

Representative Elton R. Eaton, editor of the Plymouth Mail, differs with the governor on the proposal for power to hire and fire department heads and to scrap, in effect, control of state departments through the state administrative board.

It so happens that the administrative board was created by Governor Alex J. Groesbeck, early in the 20's, while Eaton was Groesbeck's executive secretary. Eaton says the board is just like a corporation board of directors and that the governor, as "chairman" of the board, has ample powers to get things done.

The Plymouth editor recalls that Groesbeck's power to hire and fire was used to oust Tom Johnson as state superintendent of public instruction, and that Fred Green used the cry of "dictator" to upset Groesbeck at the next Republican primary.

Governor Sigler retorts that he has no power today to remove important heads or other state officials. "In order to remove an official I have to prefer charges of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance," he told the press.

Sigler does not believe in boards and commissions. He regards them as inefficient. He would like to reduce the present 100-plus state units to around 20.

Muri DeFoe, editor of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune, disagrees with the governor over a four-year term. His logic goes along something like this: When the state gets a poor governor, two years is long enough to keep him in. When the state gets a good governor, voters can keep him four years or longer by the simple method of re-electing him.

It is Mr. DeFoe's conviction that the Sigler proposal is more political than practical. The governor and other elective officials (and perhaps the legislators, if the amendment is revised to include them) would be elected in a non-presidential year, beginning in 1950. Michigan elected Democratic governors in the presidential years of 1932, 1936 and 1940. Republican governors have won in every non-presidential years campaign since 1914.

The Lansing Legislative situation has been interesting to watch for several reasons. Governor Sigler's reform program was presented to the legislature without much advance consultation with legislative leaders. The four year term for the governor and other elective (Continued on Page Eight)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (April 27, 1923)

Hundreds Pay Final Tribute

The remains of Fred M. Warner, under escort of a guard of honor composed of uniformed Knights Templar of the Northville Community, were consigned to the Farmington cemetery last Friday where they were buried in the family lot. The funeral procession moved from the house to the cemetery between two lines of Farmington children, who had been excused that they might pay tribute to a distinguished citizen who had three times been honored as governor of this state.

Artisan Well at Smith Farm

It may be of interest to Farmington residents that an artisan well was newly drilled on the C. P. Smith Vista Villa farm which flows 20 gallons per minute. As this farm is on a much higher elevation than Farmington, the well demonstrates that water can be found in this vicinity for all future needs of the community.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 29, 1938)

City Buys New Park Equipment

Inaugurating the picnic season, several new stores and tables arrived Thursday afternoon to be placed in the City Park, in the grove adjoining the athletic field behind the pumping station. The new equipment was purchased by the City. The three new stores are the latest in camping outfits. They weigh 225 pounds each and are equipped with adjustable grates. The eight new tables purchased have benches attached and each one can accommodate from 8 to 10 persons. High School Band Entertains 200

About 200 persons heard what is said to be the best high school band concert given in Farmington Tuesday night in Community Hall in the first formal appearance of the band since Alvin Benner became director. Added attractions to the concert were the new uniforms and the eight new instruments which were purchased last week.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 29, 1943)

Sportsmen Will Meet Tuesday

The newly organized Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, campaigning for more and better conservation throughout Oakland County, meets Tuesday night, May 4, at the Oakland County Boat Club on Sylvan Lake to get its projects for the season under way. Membership in this new club stands at more than 150 men and boys, although the goal had been set at 400 by Tuesday night meeting time. Youths over 18 are eligible.

A new air raid warnings to be tested next week. A new system of signals for air raid warnings will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, and will be used in place of the signals we have used previous to that date. On Friday, May 7, seven counties in this area including Oakland County, will stage a practice blackout, using the new system.

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