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EDITORIALS

The Trap Is Sprung . . .

on a piece of highway that has seen death and injury too often.

Thanks to the sincere efforts of City and State officials, a speed control zone has been approved for U. S. 16 and the Cut-Off. The hopes of a great many Farmington area people have been realized in this action. They, probably more than anyone else, know the danger that lurks on this section of highway. They have seen death strike and they have repeated again and again, "Why?"

But a speed control zone in itself will not eliminate death and injury. It is a very necessary step in that direction. However, speed controls must be enforced before we can realize results. The law must be obeyed before death and injury take the skids out.

There would be far less accidents on our highways if the law was observed. Unfortunately, too many believe laws of the highway are made for somebody else. They never realize until they are flat on their back in a hospital bed that maybe it could happen to them.

Reducing the speed on U. S. 16 around and through Farmington will, if enforced, cut down accidents. It is not designed as a speed trap, it is designed to spring the trap on death and serious injury.

Making Elephants . . .

into donkeys is something that might happen in a book of fables but never in real life.

Yet there are a good many politicians who have spent a lot of time since November with their noses in a book of fairy tales. In fact, they have almost come to the point of believing it can really happen.

Making elephants into donkeys or donkeys into elephants just isn't possible. It isn't possible physically or politically. All of a sudden we find ourselves engulfed in a swarm of political theorists who have come out of their books with the answers. Maybe they came from the same place the pre-election pollsters went.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the GOP elephant must turn into a streamlined donkey if it is going to get anywhere. It wasn't so very many years ago that the donkey stood out in the cold for many a term while theorists tried to figure out how they could hook a trunk on someplace. It didn't work for the donkey and it won't work for the elephant.

Both major political parties have policies, have ideals, have theories, have followers. Neither can throw everything overboard and expect to live. The Democratic party today holds the favor of the majority of the people. The Republican party held it for years. For the Republican party to adopt the platform of the Democratic party would be to destroy our two party system and the faith of millions of people. Such a change on the part of the Democratic party would create the same situation.

Man can not compromise on principle and achieve character. This does not mean that either party should not continually seek new leadership, new ideas. It is leadership that sells and that is what the Republican party needs rather than a jump toward socialist reform as some theorists are advocating.

Our two party system of government is essential to democracy. It should be distinct and separate in ideas and theories. It is a check and balance, a majority and minority that keeps our nation on an even keel.

For one party to attempt to imitate the success of another would be to lose rather than gain respect. Both parties have a responsibility to their people and their nation. A responsibility of developing leadership and outlining principles that will make our nation better.

Failure of either party to recognize that responsibility — to compromise just to win — is failure of that party's trust to the American people.

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remick, 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.

FIRST BAPTIST
"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Message by the Pastor, "God Is A Father".
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Classes for every age.
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Evangel Service at 7:30 p.m. Message on the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel, "The Secret of the Unborn Heart".
Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 7:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop 7 after school. Berea Class social and business meeting at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek prayer services at 8 p.m.
Thursday, Alice A. McDonald Mission Circle beginning at 10:30 a.m. Party for the Junior Department of the Sunday School at 7 p.m.
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas F. Bonham, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Case 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

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Toepel, Pastor
West Seven Mile Road
Just East of Farmington Road
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sunday School held at the same hour.
Nursery School for children over three. Everyone welcome.

ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION
Thirteen Mile at Greening
Dr. John Martin, Minister
10:30 a.m. Morning service for everyone.
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
Nursery for small children.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. nursery to senior departments.
Divine services 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over CKLW.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Scott Green, 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.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, 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 I do not know how I could live if there were not this refuge sweet.
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, all grades.
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship.
11:15 a.m. Nursery.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

CLARENDONVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor
Wilma A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education
10:00 a.m. Large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m. the Morning Worship.
6:30 p.m. the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.
7:30 p.m. the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m. every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Rev. Orrille J. Windell, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

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Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Presidential Inaugurations Are Mostly Circumstantial

WASHINGTON. — "The King is dead, long live the King."

Thus the ancient rite proclaimed a new sovereign who "by the grace of God" must take up the scepter. At once a hundred pairs of hands are busy preparing for the coronation. Courtiers and commoners, the noble masters and mistresses of ceremony, workmen, knights and stable boys, each trained to his task begin their work for the great event.

Form and program may differ, but where kings and emperors reign, the ceremony, according to the stern law of tradition, seldom varies in any but the smallest degree.

Only a cataclysm can effect a change. I heard about my first coronation when I was 12 years old. I remembered it for two reasons, one being the fact that it almost didn't come off. On the very eve of the coronation day, the throne fell ill. All celebration was called off. And then on the day after the event was to have taken place, as the nation waited anxiously to hear the fate of its sovereign-to-be, a shocking and ludicrous thing occurred.

One of the country's leading newspapers came out with a report of the coronation, mentioning even minor details just as it occurred (and just as it did occur later).

This journalistic faux-pas was forgotten by most people outside of the profession, but I was reminded of it when I went to work on a rival newspaper in London many years later and heard the tale retold as a grim warning to pressmen and journalists.

The editor of the erring journal didn't think he was taking much of a chance. He knew the coronation program never varied from the reign of one sovereign to another. Up until that time, I suppose, no English king had ever been rash enough to become ill and change the program.

As a matter of fact, I didn't take the warning seriously. Later I was able to insert much color in my report of the wedding of a royal German princess by the simple expedient of translating a story of the nuptial ceremonies of her brother which had appeared in a Berlin newspaper some years before.

But no one could attempt to write up the inauguration of an American President from the account of a previous ceremony. A mere two centuries is short enough in a nation's history, to be sure, but many changes have taken place in our habits and customs since George Washington took over the presidential oath of office.

It is said that George Washington never considered himself America's first President, never referred to himself or was referred to by his contemporaries as such, since others served before him under the first constitution. The United States was already a nation, recognized as such, by the presence of foreign ambassadors on April 30, 1793, the day Washington took the oath of office.

The position of the previous "presidents" was largely honorary and not filled by popular vote, and when the day came to invest Washington with the new powers, there was no precedent, no set of rules to follow.

New York was the capital, and General Washington set out from Mount Vernon to New York on the long journey which turned out to be a spontaneous tour of triumph with a reception at every city along the way.

There was no dearth of ideas as to the coronation program. A flower-decked barge, accompanied by a whole flotilla of private craft, carried the President-Elect across the Hudson, and he was winned and wooed with gaily bedizened guards of honor surrounding him.

But when it came to the actual ceremony, a deadlock occurred. The delegates for an hour or so whether it should receive the new chief executive seated or whether the members should rise. Indeed, they might be talking still if the house of representatives had not suddenly appeared. Washington then entered the building with due pomp and finally was led to an outdoor balcony where the crowds of broad street witnessed his oath.

That part of the ceremony — the taking of the oath out of doors — is now an established precedent, although it was either forgotten or ignored until James Monroe's day. The chamber of the senate or the house where it took place until Monroe's time was, however, usually open to as many of the public as could find room.

Circumstance has contributed to variations in the program. Besides the moving of the capital in the early days, there have been the cases of death of office. Five times a President has taken the oath with out the usual ceremony for this reason. President William Henry Harrison came into office as a hardy military hero, and, scoring a carriage, rode bare-headed to the Capitol on horseback. A month later he died. Vice-President John Tyler was in Williamsburg and did not reach Washington until two days after the appointed date. Tyler took the oath on April 6, 1841, in Brown's hotel in the presence of members of the cabinet.

The next emergency installation took place when Andrew Johnson took the oath in the Kirkwood Hotel a few hours after Abraham Lincoln had died from an assassin's bullet. The first time that a President was sworn in away from Washington since it had become the nation's capital was when Vice-President Chester Arthur took the oath in his own home in New York City shortly after the news came of President James Garfield's death at Long Beach.

When President William McKinley was shot at the Pan-American exposition, Vice-President Theodore Roosevelt hurried to Buffalo in time to take the oath in the home of Ansel Wilcox on the same day

MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

LANING-G-O. Mennen Williams, Sigler's appointee to the state highway control commission, has inaugurated Governor of Michigan here on New Year's Day.

He received the good wishes of his predecessor, the ex-grand jury prosecutor who was swept into the governor's office on a reform wave only to be defeated two years later in a similar "protest". Williams now has the opportunity and responsibility of writing his own record during 1959 and 1960.

One chapter of this record will cover his stand on maintaining law and order through the arm of the Michigan State Police during labor strikes. "Sonny" Williams, so known to his friends, had the fanatical support of CIO unions during the 1948 fall campaign. He delivered numerous talks in union halls, by the presence of foreign Trippl labor relations act. He urged increase in unemployment compensation, old age and mothers' pensions, and changes in the state labor department. His press secretary was a CIO union secretary in 1948.

It may be assumed therefore that Governor Williams will be friendly to organized labor. He is said to have the personal blessing of Associate Justice Frank Murphy whose decision not to enforce constitutional law and order in 1937 when he was governor and when the CIO seized industrial plants, became a key factor in his political defeat two years later.

Early on the morning of December 1 the Shakespeare plant at Kalamazoo was invaded and damaged by a CIO "goon squad" from Detroit. A CIO official, acting during absence of top CIO command on the west coast, said he ordered the strike demonstration. Much to the embarrassment of his bosses, the lawless raid thus became public.

The President expired. And most of us are familiar with the scene in the little Northampton home where by lamplight a father, as the witnessing notary, took the oath of his son, and Calvin Coolidge succeeded Warren Harding who had passed away a few hours before in a San Francisco hospital.

When Franklin Roosevelt died at Warm Springs in 1945, Harry Truman took the oath in the White House executive wing. This was "public" in the sense that the door to the little office was open, and photographers and newsmen, this one among them, looked over each other's heads from the crowded corridors.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (January 4, 1934)
Fares Boosted
New rates for the DTR service were okayed by the State Public Utilities Commission to increase fares by 2 1/2 cents a mile.
New Name
The name of the Michigan State Telephone Company has been changed to The Michigan Bell Company. The merging of the old Citizens Telephone Company with the Bell firm means the company will now operate all the telephone service in the state, including the 63 cities in Michigan that were formerly operated by the Citizens Company.
TEN YEARS AGO (January 5, 1939)
School Excavation
Excavating for the basement of the new school building adjacent to the grade school on Thomas Street started a week ago, and is now almost completed. The entire school construction is expected to be ready for use at the time school opens in September.
Refuses Past
Municipal Court Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., has turned down the offer of County Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson to be chief assistant prosecutor during his term of office. Judge Schulte gave as his reason for turning down the offer the pressing nature of his Farmington law practice.
FIVE YEARS AGO (January 6, 1944)
Collections Planned
Two intensive salvage collection drives are being planned by the Farmington City and Township Salvage committees. The drives will be concentrated on greater quotas of old papers and tin scrap than have hitherto been garnered.
Senior Selected
Farmington High School recently selected Dorothy Gustafson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson, 23230 Prospect, as the Farmington senior girl citizen. Miss Gustafson, as a result of the honor, will represent Farmington at the State conference in Kalamazoo as the guest of the Three Flags chapter of the DAR.
order of the governor, following an appeal from a local law enforcement authority, the decision is one for the chief executive to make. Inevitably a similar situation will arise in 1949.
Governor Williams will have two choices. Will he play politics, paying off a campaign debt, or will he enforce the law impartially?
The answer will be part of his public record.

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