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EDITORIALS

Voting New Taxes . . .

on the surface of it is hardly a popular thing. But there is one thing about most taxes, we have 'em and we didn't have a chance to vote on them, either.

Residents of Farmington Township School District are being asked to go to the polls May 8 to vote on whether or not they are willing to authorize the Board of Education to increase the tax millage for a lighted athletic field. "Notice - we said asked to go to the polls - in plenty of countries the word is 'told' to go to the polls. We don't wave a bayonet or slap a fine on reluctant voters - we just plead with them to practice their privileges. Too often the plea falls on deaf and indifferent ears.

We stated before that voting new taxes is not very popular on the surface of it. Unfortunately, too many people stop at the "taxes" part. The Enterprise is interested in getting voters to go beyond just the "taxes" part. Improvements cost money - progress requires improvements and if Farmington is to grow it must pay for both.

Farmington High School is one of the few high schools of its size in the county and the state that doesn't have a lighted athletic field. The result is a subsidized athletic program - not self-supporting. This means that money that could be used for other school activities is being used to help finance an extracurricular activity that could be paying its own way. It is paying its way in communities that have lighted athletic fields.

This new facility would also enable residents to enjoy football as they do basketball, band concerts, and school plays. It would stimulate school spirit and community spirit by scheduling football when the majority of the people could enjoy it. The establishment of the field on Gill Road south of the Cut-Off would allow ample parking and seating. This would not be possible on the present athletic field - nor is the present field suitable for lighting. These are facts based on expert advice.

Residents of Farmington Township School District are now paying for a sizable school building program. As the community grows, additional facilities will be needed. Nowhere is tax money so well spent. Our schools and school facilities are our greatest asset, they are our future. They reflect the progressive attitude, the faith of the people in their children and their community.

It is the responsibility of every citizen to study the facts, to talk with friends and neighbors, to draw an honest, sincere conclusion. It is the responsibility of every citizen to vote on May 8.

Relief In Sight . . .

is always encouraging, but when it comes to roads, particularly in the Farmington area, it is something to shout about.

Lifting ourselves out of the mud by our own bootstraps isn't the easiest thing in the world to do. In fact, it is downright impossible. But by pulling together and shouting a bit of encouragement, we can make it. A number of residents have already supplied the encouragement by helping themselves and others.

This spirit of willingness and determination has been further accelerated by the positive action of the Township Board. They are taking the fastest and straightest road to the problem. They are doing it themselves. This seems to be the only sound way to give residents relief from one of the most serious and trying situations to hit this area.

The Township Board's decision to take action is based on sound reasoning and realistic facts. If the residents of the township are to have the conveniences they are entitled to, action must be taken right here. The use of Sales Tax diversion money for the improvement of roads is progressive government. It is giving residents value for their tax dollar. It is, we believe, the fulfillment of the real purpose of the law as approved by the voters of Michigan.

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. Remeln, Pastor
Sunday Church Service at the usual hour, Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) at 8:00 o'clock.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

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 OKLW.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m., Nursery School.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at the church.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

25600 Grand River Avenue
Corner of Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halbroth, Pastor
Early Service, 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION

Thirteen Mile Road at Greening
10:30 a.m., Morning service for everyone.
6:30 p.m., Youth Fellowship.
Nursery for small children.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Grand River at Middlebelt
Rev. Orville J. Windel, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

CLARENCEVILLE 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.

FIRST BAPTIST "The Friendly Church"

Rev. Fred Fisher, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Services at 8 p.m.
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Mr. A. Boltho, Mus. Dir. & Organist
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

Aim and Purpose of Salem Church

Help seeking people, through beautiful services, come close to God and to human comrades in worship.

Help seeking people learn the truth by which they may live brave, happy and useful lives.

Help seeking people gain strength by which they may become the victors in the struggle of life.

Help seeking people find comfort and courage in struggle, joy in victory.

Help seeking people come into unity with Christ, their Master and Friend.

This, being our aim and purpose, we invite you to "Come and See."
"Go to the church of your choice, but go to church."

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lenore and Curtis Aves, Detroit (Five Minutes from Bus Station)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
9:30 a.m. Church School (three years and up).
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (First Sunday Holy Communion).
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten (3 to 6 years).
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH

W. 7 Mile E. of Farmington Rd.
Rev. Cadman Frost, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Church School.
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship, nursery for children under 5.
W. S. C. S. on second and fourth Thursdays each month at 1 p.m.

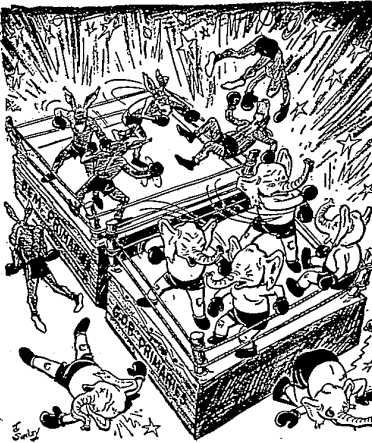
WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Scott Martin, Minister
Bible Study at 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.

ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION

13 Mile Road at Greening
Rev. Rev. Martin, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Church School.
11:45 a.m. Sunday School.
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
A. Barany, Sponsor.
Nursery Department in care of Sally Pfeiffer and Sally Groux.
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursdays each month, 8 p.m.

Preliminary Battle Royal



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

THOMAS "BURNS" Oklahoma's early Sen. "Cotton Elmer" Thomas was so burned up after this column corrected his version of General Bradley's secret testimony on the possibility of war that Thomas has now ordered a senate subcommittee to investigate. The subcommittee is supposed to

Gaylord Baptist Church
12185 Gaylord Road
Rev. Chester Cones, Minister
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. P., 6 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
25701 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.
"Adam and the Fallen Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, May 7.
The Golden Text (Psalm 94:18) is: "When I said, My foot slippeth; they mercy, O Lord, help me up."

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 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.

BIBLE COMMENT
FOR MAY 7

Hebrew Prophets Struck at Roots Of Social Evil

THE one thing that must be firmly grasped for an understanding of the Hebrew prophets is that their outlook and their messages were social. They struck at the roots of personal sin, and dealt also with the false values and standards, and the social evils and injustices, which the evil in personal life had established into social wrongs.

There is much confusion of thought about this on the part of most sincere people, who ought to have a clearer vision. They resent what is often called "the Social Gospel," but how could there be any gospel worthy the name, least of all the Gospel of Christ, that is not social?

No sensible person, of course, would want to see pulpits made places of shallow, ill-informed, and irresponsible propaganda, as they have sometimes been made, but the pattern of the prophecies is clear.

Amos and Hosea condemned the cruelty and violence that they saw. They denounced the disregard of God's law, and the selling of the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes (Amos 2:6). They condemned the sexual laxity, and the wine guzzling, the sins so life to much of modern society, but above all they attacked the perversion of religion itself, the formalism and corruption at the very roots of what ought to have been the humbling and saving forces of society.

The one thing to be noted is that these evils and the corruption of religion were in a time of great outward prosperity. Hosea points out (Hosea 10:1) that it was according to "the multitude of fruit" that the people had increased the altars, and according to the goodness of the land they had increased the idolatrous images.

Economic prosperity is not always an indication of social health. It is righteousness, and righteousness alone, that exalts a nation, and welfare is not welfare where goodness is lacking.

find out how this column got General Bradley's secret testimony. Senator Thomas had reported to the press that the chief of staff was not worried about war with Russia. To be the record straight, however, this column gave a word-by-word account of Bradley's remarks, which differed considerably from Senator Thomas's version.

Following this, "Cotton Elmer" named three senators to investigate this columnist - Joe O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Willis Robertson of Virginia and Homer Ferguson of Michigan. They are now checking on all the secret transcripts to find out which one might have slipped into Drew Pearson's hands. What stumps the investigators, however, is that the column also quoted what General Bradley said off-the-record - which doesn't even appear in the stenographic transcripts.

So far the subcommittee suspects a certain Republican senator of leaking the story to Pearson, but I can assure the subcommittee that this chief suspect wasn't even present during Bradley's testimony.

MORE TO INVESTIGATE

What Bradley said, summed up briefly, was that Russia won't have the industrial capacity nor the atomic stockpile to start a war for at least two years. However, he warned that Russia is a bully nation and might get careless when she pushes around. He also refused to predict what Russia might do after two years.

General Bradley also made other significant observations the public is entitled to know but which this column didn't have space to print in the story now being investigated. So here is some more for the investigators to investigate.

Sen. Burnet Maybank of South Carolina questioned Bradley sharply on whether the 13 billion-dollar budget was an absolute minimum. "I certainly would hate to see the figure become smaller," replied Bradley. Then he declared flatly: "This amount was determined before we learned that Russia had the atomic bomb."

He assured, however, that he was (Continued on Page Eight)

MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

The idea of May are almost here, and the Michigan State Legislature is still in special session.

Since March 1 when legislators assembled at the Capitol a virtual tug-of-war has prevailed between the Republican dominated legislature and Governor C. Mennen Williams.

Using his constitutional right to limit legislation in a special session, Governor Williams has ruled that approximately \$112 million in additional government spending must be financed, if at all, by a state income tax on corporations and profits. The Governor declined to permit the legislature to increase the gasoline and weight tax in 1951, as advocated by good road boosters, saying that this tax too, should be paid by business from its profits.

By and large the legislative program of the Governor seemed to be an echo of the "Fair Deal" of President Truman, as applied to Michigan. The Governor is building a platform for reelection around the theme of "efficiency." The use of public benefits which would be financed by business out of its profits is long and imposing. Practically every form of economic activity would be affected.

As we have pointed out before, there is not a chinaman's chance or even a cough in a carload that the legislature will not acquiesce to Williams' radical proposal for sharing the wealth. The legislators, especially those from rural areas, have been hostile to any idea for a new tax. They profess to hold to the belief that the average Michigan taxpayer is weary from taxes and would welcome a genuine movement to restore economy in government.

While Democrat leaders point to the Truman reelection as proof that economy is not popular, and by the contrast that government spending is here to stay, the Republican finance leaders in the legislature have put the party on pledge not to levy a new tax and not to increase government spending in 1950.

When the needs of an expanding population and the cries of special pressure groups are considered, it is more apparent that the Republicans have undertaken to deliver a miracle. Already demands are pouring into the legislature to make an exception for this worthy cause and that public need. As there is obvious merit to all needs, according to your individual viewpoint, it is more than obvious that the Republicans will have to hold the line rigorously, economizing on everyone, if they are to achieve the difficult objective.

Republican committee chairmen point out that considerable time has been consumed since March 1, when the legislature began its special session, in preparing a budget to fit anticipated revenues during the coming fiscal year (July 1, 1950-51). The original budget prepared for Governor Williams was approved.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

FORTY YEARS AGO (May 6, 1910)

Black Hand

Eugene Eames, who lives three miles northeast of Farmington, has been receiving threatening letters for some time past. Last week Tuesday night some one entered his barn and stole two valuable harnesses to pieces and left papers stating they would return and burn the buildings and take his life. Henry Eames, the 23-year-old son, has since confessed that he sent the letters to terrorize his father. No arrests will be made, the father preferring not to prosecute his son.

Uses Wrong Paint

A well known Farmington man recently built a new porch and on searching his premises found what he supposed was a can of varnish and this he liberally applied. The next day he called two of his neighbors to see how nicely his porch looked. He then noticed some peculiarity about the varnish and upon investigation found that instead of varnish he had used their next winter's supply of maple syrup.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 2, 1940)

City To Buy Bank Building

Action was taken by the City Commission at a special meeting Monday night to purchase the building formerly occupied by the Peoples State Bank for use as a city office building. Under a motion made by Emory Hutton and seconded by Howard Ciss, the purchase of the building was approved provided that the Public Debt Commission of the State of Michigan approves a loan of \$5,000 to the city.

Franchise Approved

The Detroit Edison Company will furnish electrical power to the City of Farmington for the next 30 years under a franchise which was approved by a special election Monday. A very small number of votes was cast in the election but all those who did come to the polls marked their ballots in favor of the franchise.

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 3, 1945)

Raise Blood Quota

An original quota of 250 blood donors from Farmington has been met, but the need for blood plasma is so urgent that this quota has been raised by 50 registrations, thus making a new quota of 300 prospective donors. It is necessary to make this additional number of registrations within the next two or three days.



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

Milk Builds Young Muscles



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