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EDITORIALS

The Zoning Issue . . .

does not stop with the counting of the ballots at the close of election day. In fact, this is where it begins.

The residents of Farmington Township have overwhelmingly approved the Zoning Ordinance. This is the first and most vital step in the orderly progress of the community. The residents now have an instrument in which to build a better place in which to live for all of the people. But this must not be the end of the story — rather, this must be the beginning.

No ordinance is worth the paper it is written on unless it is put to practical application. Here again, the people must exercise the same intelligent action, the same spirit of community interest, that they displayed at the polls on Monday, February 18. The job is not done — it has just begun.

The people, through the Board of Appeals and the Zoning Board, must cooperate in building a better Farmington Township. You now have the tools to do the job, but tools alone can not build a house, someone has to use them. That someone is you and your neighbors. Changes will undoubtedly have to be made in the ordinance to meet the growth and future development of the township. You, the people, must be alert to the needs and through our democratic processes meet the challenges of the future. Most of the future changes should be initiated by the people and they can not be concluded without proper notice or without giving all residents an opportunity to voice their approval or disapproval.

No, the zoning of any area does not stop with the establishment of a law. Farmington Township has joined other progressive communities in creating tools of progress, but the people themselves must use those tools or they can not hope to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

The Word Taxes . . .

is on the lips of everyone these days. Tax bills are pouring in from all directions to weight us down and tie our hands.

Not only are national, state and county taxes at an all-time high, but we have to seek out the deep corners of our wallets to pay for local taxes. What is the answer? Where are we going and why? Certainly there must be an answer to part of the problem at least. We may not be able to raise our voices loud enough to be heard on the national, state or county level, although we must not cease trying, but we can do something about it right here.

School taxes in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts have increased in recent years. We, through democratic action, voted these taxes and we did it because it was essential if our youngsters were to get the educational facilities they needed. Through a re-adjustment of the equalized valuation in the township, taxes have taken a huge jump. This re-adjustment was done entirely by the State.

We can not sidetrack our responsibilities, particularly where our schools and local services are concerned, and it appears unlikely that we can alter, at the present time at least, the unprecedented spending on the national level. What is the answer, then? What are other communities doing?

One answer is the encouragement of business and small industry. The Enterprise is aware that many persons in this area do not want to accept this answer. They came to this community to get away from congestion and confusion. Others do not want it because they feel it will only add to our population problems.

Fortunately, the Farmington community is still enough in the growing stage so that congestion and confusion can be eliminated. With planning, with careful selection, we can encourage business and industry which will not be objectionable and we can supervise its location. Nothing will halt, nor should it, the increase in the population of this area. The influx of business and industry in areas all around us is largely responsible for this, and yet we realize nothing in tax dollars from that business or industry. One small plant, or medium sized business establishment, will contribute in tax dollars the equivalent of a great many middle-priced homes.

There is an answer to the problem, an answer that we can do something about if we band together in cooperative effort. We must either continue to pay an ever-increasing amount as our demands for services increase, or we must encourage business and industrial development in specific areas. The choice is ours!

Churches

- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
 28600 Grand River Avenue
 Early Service, 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Late Service, 11 a.m.
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**
 Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
 Sunday School 9:40 a.m., nursery to senior departments.
 Devotional services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
 Liveline Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
 Grand River and Warner Avenues
 Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-week Devotional Service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**
 W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
 9:30 a.m., Church School.
 10:45 a.m., Morning Worship.
 10:45 a.m., Nursery, kindergarten and primary Sunday School.
 W. S. C. S. on second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.
- FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
 Grand River at Middlebelt
 Sunday School at 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.
- CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**
 Cambridge and Grand River
 10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
 11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
 6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Western Adult Fellowship.
 7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
 7:45 a.m., every Wednesday evening, the Free Service.
- FIRST BAPTIST**
 Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Midweek Services at 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.
- FIRST UNIVERSALIST**
 Warner and Thomas Streets
 Dr. Frank D. Adams, Minister
 Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.
 Church, also at 11. Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.
- FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**
 12000 East 12 Mile Road
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
 Youth Fellowship, 8:45 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**
 2nd East Cass
 11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.
 8 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.
 Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 "The Place of Christ Jesus as the revealer of God to man is discussed in the Lesson - Sermon under that title, which will be read in the Christian Science churches on Sunday, March 2.
 The Golden Text, from Isaiah (11:1): "There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots."
- SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
 2122 Indian Road
 10:00 a.m. Bible School.
 11:15 a.m. Worship.
 Nursery provided.
 7:30 p.m. Evening Prizes.
 Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
 Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.
- Gaylord Baptist Church**
 15188 Gaylord Road
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
 B. Y. F., 6 p.m.
 Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
- CHURCH OF GOD**
 15388 Beech Road
 10 a.m. Sunday School.
 11 a.m. Morning Worship.
 8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.
 8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
 8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples' Service.
- FREE WILL BAPTIST**
 Grand River at Middlebelt
 10:00 a.m., Sunday School.
 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship.
 7:30 p.m., Evening Service.
 7:30 p.m., Thursday, prayer service.
- WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 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.
- MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
 Services at the Middlebelt School, Middlebelt north of Ten Mile Road
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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 7:30, Evening Worship service.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Grand River at Oxford
 Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday.
 Church 11:00 a.m. Saturday.
 8 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.
 "Faith for Today" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.
 "Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
 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.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 Church School, 11:25 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Grand River and Salem Avenue (1/2 Block South of Seven Mile Rd.)
 Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Church School, three years to adults.
 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. First Sunday, Holy Communion.
 11 a.m. Church School, 3 to 11 years. Coffee hour after 11:00 a.m. service.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
 13 Mile Road at Loring
 Rev. Leroy I. Grand, Pastor
 10:00 a.m. Church School.
 7:30 p.m. Worship. Sermon theme: "Shower or Shelter".
 Nursery for tiny tots.

FARMINGTON EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (Services in the Methodist Church on Warner Avenue)
 Rev. James H. Morris
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Church School, 3 through 11 years, at the same hour.
 Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round
 BY DREW PEARSON

TAFT STRENGTH FALLS
 Impartial GOP observers, who watched the jockeying of Taft and Eisenhower forces at the San Francisco Republican strategy meeting, came to the conclusion that Taft lost ground. There were three reasons for their conclusion:

1. Taft did not show up to greet the politicians. The senator had come irked at Chairman Guy Byrdelson for opening up the conference to all candidates; so ended up by giving the gathering the cold shoulder. If he had attended, shake hands, slapped a few backslaps, and the crowd, he might almost have sewed up the nomination.
2. Vice Johnson moved Taft's headquarters from the Fairmont hotel to the Mark Hopkins hotel. It raised most of the time and all of the politicians did not go outside the Fairmont.
3. Dave Ingalls' speech against "glamor" and "sex appeal" candidates left a bad taste with the more moderate Republicans, especially the women. Though the speech was aimed at Eisenhower, it happened that Gov. Earl Warren of California, a statuesque and handsome figure, sat on the platform at the time of delivery, and many people thought it was also directed at him. There was considerable sympathy for Eisenhower and Warren as a result of Ingalls' speech.

During the San Francisco meeting it was also noticed that Taft had lost considerable strength, including Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Indiana, which he has been listing as "sure".

Some GOP politicians think that Taft has reached his high point and that the slide downward has definitely begun. Others counter that the Eisenhower forces are poorly organized and it will take a lot of fumbles on Taft's part to lose.

MILITARY WASTE
 The full annual hasn't been told, but three U.S. air bases in French Morocco have suddenly been abandoned in the middle of construction.

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Bible Comment:

Christ's Teachings Required Discipline From His Disciples

Two outstanding portions of the New Testament record the great sayings of Jesus in a way not so evident in other parts of the Bible. In which they appear in casual conversations, parables and incidents, without any apparent preconceived system or arrangement.

This quality of unexpectedness lends to the Gospels their unending freshness and interest. Still we are grateful for those portions in which the words of Jesus are recorded in a more solidified way. It is to be noted that these portions record sayings of Jesus that were addressed to only the inner circle of his disciples. The intimate words of His teaching recorded for their fulfillment disciplined living and unlimited devotion.

The true principle and motive of life and conduct as set forth in the New Testament is undoubtedly the principle of love. But a Christian system can be established and made effective only by Christians, and by better Christians than most of us.

If Christians in general could profit by these chapters and attain the experiences therein set forth as possible, they would be the better prepared to put into life and action those sermons of Jesus.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 3, 1927)

Conduct Survey

G. Ross Thompson, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners, announced last week a survey is being conducted to determine the best route for the proposed widening of Northwestern Highway to 24 ft. Thompson reported the survey is to be extended into Wayne County. Plans for the widening are being rushed, Thompson explained, so that some of the road may be paved this year.

Debaters Clash

Farmington High School's debate square, one of 64 left from a field of 235 entered in the Michigan High School Debating League, will meet Oxford High's squad today. Farmington will take the negative side of the question "Resolved: That the United States Government Should Own the Coal Mines."

TEN YEARS AGO (March 5, 1942)

Start Registration

The Civil Defense Council set March 5 through March 23 as a period for registration of persons in Farmington City and Farmington Township to aid in the civil defense program. The action is being taken to enable every person to volunteer. There is an urgent need for auxiliary firemen and policemen. Chief of Police Joseph DeVrient stated, Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, in charge of the medical unit, urged voters to sign up immediately so preliminary preparations plans can be made. Volunteers may register at the city and township offices during the day and at both drug stores at night.

Enters District

Farmington High School's basketball team will enter the district tournament this week end with a record of 12 wins against two losses. It is the best season record the Falcons have compiled in eight seasons. The Falcons, who drew a bye in the first round of play, meet the winner of the Walled Lake - Cranbrook tilt in the first contest Friday night.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 6, 1947)

To Hold Hearing

Forecasters predict a representative group of residents will attend the Saturday afternoon public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance. The hearing will be held at the Farmington Town Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Township Zoning Board, Guy Durgan, Thomas Tardy, Frazer Halls and Mrs. Clarence Biller, will be present at the hearing to answer questions regarding the proposed ordinance. The public meeting has been arranged in order to explain the ordinance.

Win Championship

In a strong final surge the Farmington Falcon basketball team swamped Keego Harbor last Friday evening to take undisputed possession of first place in the Inter-Lakes Conference and assure themselves of the championship. Farmington defeated Keego by a score of 52 to 32. Up to Friday night Farmington and Keego were tied for first place with five victories and two defeats each.

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