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## EDITORIALS

### There's Nothing New . . .

about the problem of sewage treatment in Farmington. Since 1929 the state has been warning the city that action must be taken to eliminate the pollution of the Rouge River.

However, the final decision had been put off until last week, when the city made a definite commitment to do something about it. According to city officials, there is no turning back now. Regardless of future expansion and development, the city is going to be required to establish some type of sewage system.

Actually, the city should have instituted action on this problem years ago, when it could have been done less expensively, or they should have prepared a long range program for accomplishing the objective. A brief check of most of the communities in this section shows that they had made provisions for sewage treatment years ago.

Once again planning becomes the key word. The proposed sewage system now being considered by the Council will serve the entire city. It is a requirement whether the city expands or not. However, past delay has resulted in a slowing up of the development of the community. Farmington urgently needs this development if we are to meet the obligations of the future.

A bond issue will undoubtedly be required to finance any sewage system established in the city. This will require a decision from the property owners at an election. Once again it boils down to the fact that if these services are to be realized without considerable hardship on the individual home-owner taxpayer, action must be taken at once, through organized planning, to encourage new businesses and small industries in the community.

We as a community are faced with a great many major problems. The answers are available to us through the experiences of other communities that have gone through the same processes we are going through. We can take their example and their advice if we will. The decision is up to us!

### Cooperation Can Accomplish . . .

wonderful things as was proved last week at a meeting of residents of the Roseland Gardens subdivision, Helmut Krave, subdivider, and the Township Board.

A program has now been worked out where the subdivider can realize a long sought-after objective, good roads. Under the program, all three, the property owners, the subdivider and the Board, will play a vital part. With this kind of continued cooperation and support, an extremely bad situation should be eliminated, which will be of benefit not only to the individual resident but to the entire township.

Here is an excellent example of what can be done when groups get together calmly and sensibly and work out their problems. The only problem left is to get all of the property owners in the subdivision to agree to the proposal, and we are confident they will not pass up this opportunity.

The Township Board has, we believe, performed an excellent service in this situation. It is the first echelon for action as far as the township residents are concerned. The people want and expect satisfaction when they present a problem to the Board, and it is their responsibility, whenever possible, to give them that satisfaction.

The type of cooperation displayed in reaching a solution to this problem should set a pattern for future improvement for the entire community.

### Capital Punishment . . .

received another "shot in the arm" as a result of the rebellion at Jackson Prison last week.

Information disclosed as a result of the riot shows that the world's largest prison is jammed to overflowing. Many are committed to spend the rest of their lives behind bars. One of the many investigations of the prison which is contemplated will be concerned with why the Southern Michigan Prison is labeled the "world's largest".

One answer might be that most states have enacted capital punishment for those confessing to major crimes. It might also be the answer to why many criminals who commit crimes in this state and others, always plead to be tried in Michigan.

The recent events at Jackson point up ever more clearly the need for a realistic approach to a real problem.

## Churches

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

25600 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, 9:45 a.m., nursery to senior departments.  
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Lutheran 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.  
10:15 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 Wesley Adult Fellowship.

7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.  
7:45 p.m., every other Wednesday evening, the Prayer 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  
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.  
Junior Church, also at 11, Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.

### FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH

Stanbury and 12 Mile Roads  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

2900 East Avenue  
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.  
7:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.  
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Why sin brings punishment is explained in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Everlasting Punishment" which will be read in all Christian Science churches Sunday, May 4.

The Golden Text is from Romans (6:16): "Know ye not, to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

### SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

21122 Indian Road  
10:00 a.m. Bible School.  
11:15 a.m. Worship.  
Nursery provided.  
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.  
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.

### GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH

19188 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.

### NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

10:30, Morning Worship Service.  
Special music by the choir. Illustrated children's message.  
11:30, Sunday School; Bible study in classes; classes for all ages.  
During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.  
7:30, Evening Worship service.

## While Congress Fiddles



### SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

### 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.)

### MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Services at the Middlebelt Church  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Mid-week prayer service in the home of the Pastor at 21996 Tulane Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.  
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.  
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

### ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH

13 Mile Road at Greening  
10:00 a.m. Church School.  
11:00 a.m. Worship. Sermon theme: "Birds Homebound".  
Nursery for the boys.  
6:00 p.m. Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

### TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Farmington  
(Services in University Church)  
9:30 Morning Prayer and sermon. Church School (3 to 11 years) during the service.

### Bible Comment:

### World Peace Must Be Built on Foundation of Righteousness

LAW and ideals are one thing; observances and performances are quite another. Nowhere, perhaps, in all history were there more idealistic regulations than those to be found in ancient Israel.

Yet in spite of these injustices and oppressions were prevalent.

Imagine some thoughtful, intelligent, hard-working farmer, who understands the conditions upon which our life and welfare depends, coming into one of our modern cities. He would observe the ease and luxury of those making no real contribution to society, not to mention the evil and corruption that are so rampant.

Then you can understand something of what the prophet Amos was to his times.

Amos was a herdman, accustomed to clean living. He was roused to indignation by what he saw. "The dust of the earth on the head of the righteous, the righteous sold for a pair of shoes."

He saw the gross immorality of fathers and sons, the turning of judgment to wormwood, and the abandonment of righteousness. He saw the very acts and rites of religion perverted, feasts observed and offerings sacrificed by those who had no true observance or sacrifice in their hearts.

Amos represents God as saying "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies."

But he calls for repentance: "Let judgment run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream. Don't we need that call today?"

The association of righteousness with peace is not accidental. It reminds us of the only true foundation upon which peace can be built, whether it be domestic peace, the solution of industrial troubles or international peace.

Organization and negotiation are not enough. We must find, and build upon, a sure foundation of righteousness.



By GENE ALLEMAN

### The riots at Jackson State Prison are old hat now.

The fury is quieted and the biggest story in Michigan since the state office building burned has faded off page one to be replaced by the old regular — politics.

But still, in the face of the tragedy of death and mayhem which befell the prison for four days and to which the state humbled itself to offer the rioting prisoners everything but a ride in the park, politics has been at the wheel.

The riots have become the well known political football of the month.

Democrats are yelling, "Yah, yah, you didn't give us any money to enlarge the prison facilities."

Republicans reply, "Yah, yah, the \$600,000 you asked for wouldn't have helped anyway."

What both sides have failed to reveal is: Just why did the riots occur?

Before the bodies were cool, Governor G. C. Clement Williams bleated, "My warnings have been disregarded. My request for \$600,000 for a new building to relieve the overcrowding at Jackson was rejected by the legislature."

"Appropriations have forced a reduction of 60 guards at Jackson since 1949, while the prison population was increasing."

And the Republicans whined in reply, "Jackson has more guards now than it ever has had before."

But the question still remains, just why did the prisoners riot?

The politicians will bat the question around until it is ragged and more than likely there will be a special session of the legislature to whip up some more cash to repair the damage done.

But listen to a former guard at the prison. "Prisoners are devoted to one theme," he says (and he refuses to call them convicts), "and that is walking out of those iron doors. Their lives, their thoughts are wrapped up in getting out. They think of little else."

"But when you get a prison in which nothing is settled, in which the parole board is changed so hardily and the prison rules themselves are changed, you have unruly convicts."

He pointed out that Jackson prison is hard time to serve. Marquette is tougher, but it's easier for the con because there everything is done by rule. Hard or easy, it's ready-made.

Several years ago a prisoner blew his top because he was changed from one steamer to another. The kitchen help had been changed. It was necessary to move him up. But that old steamer, on which he had served five years, was his wife, his family, his whole life. He had polished it, cleaned it, kept it working. It was the center of his entire interest.

Change the number of bricks in a prisoner's view of the wall or (Continued on Page Eight)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 5, 1927)

To Have Gas Service  
Residents of the City of Farmington will have gas service beginning July 1, David L. Brown, general superintendent of the Consumers Power Company of Pontiac, announced recently. Gas pipes, which the public that collections are made on Saturdays only because other defense training limits their activities. It is also against Scout training to have the boys on the streets late at night. For collections, persons are asked to call Farmington 1, 352 or 181.

To Complete Arrangements  
Farmington High School basketball team defeated Northville 6 to 2 on the Farmington diamond Friday. G. Roseboom, Farmington pitcher, struck out eight batters, walked three and allowed five hits. Watts, Northville hurler, struck out ten, walked one man and was tagged for six hits. Middlewood and Drake of the Farmington squad got two hits each. Catchman stood out in fielding for Farmington as he made four put-outs, got credit for two assists and played errorless ball.

Applaud Chiefs  
George Grant was re-appointed chief of police and Harvey Blough fire chief for the coming year at a meeting of the City Commission this week.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 7, 1942)  
To Collect Waste  
Farmington Scout organizations have been designated as the official clean-up agency of the city. The Scouts, under the leadership of Howard Otis, are making collections each Saturday. Scoutmaster Albert Beals and Neighborhood Commissioner John W. Hunt remind the public that collections are made on Saturdays only because other defense training limits their activities. It is also against Scout training to have the boys on the streets late at night. For collections, persons are asked to call Farmington 1, 352 or 181.

To Complete Arrangements  
A meeting of workers and committee members of the Bond and Stamp sale scheduled for May 11 - 12 will be held this Friday at the City Hall to complete arrangements for local participation in the state-wide drive. Workers are still urgently needed to help make the canvass. The purpose of the canvass is to determine the amount of money being invested in defense savings by area residents.

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 1, 1947)  
To Get X-Rays  
Residents of Farmington and the surrounding area are to be offered chest x-rays Monday and Tuesday of next week. The mobile x-ray unit, operated by the Michigan Department of Health, will be brought to this community through the cooperation of the Oakland County Health Department, the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association and the Oakland County Medical Society.

Falcons Lose  
Farmington's baseball team suffered the second straight defeat of the 1947 season Tuesday afternoon when they were shut out by Northville 1 to 0 on the Northville diamond. Chuck Horvath went the distance on the mound for the Falcons. Winning pitcher was Cole of Northville.

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