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## EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion

### Constructive Thinking . . .

must be accompanied by aggressive action if progress is to be made . . . action that helps, not hinders . . . action that inspires, not antagonizes.

A lot of constructive thinking is being done by citizens of the Farmington community. It is evident in recent "Letters to the Editor" and in phone calls and over-the-counter conversations. There are a lot of progressive ideas floating around just waiting for action. They aren't all ideas that command universal approval, but they are constructive and they are born out of a spirit of making things better.

But too often they are just ideas . . . and ideas they stay, because of a lack of aggressive action. Fortunately, fewer and fewer of these ideas are being left to die, they are being picked up to be shaped into reality. City Management government, Township Zoning, Little League baseball and summer recreation programs all started with an idea and they had the enthusiastic leadership to put them across.

There are still a great many constructive ideas waiting for a chance. They are sound, practical and necessary if we are to build the kind of community we all want. Ideas like a Chamber of Commerce, a planning commission, better streets and highways, expanded social services, improved parks and recreation and more adequate library facilities are a few that have been mentioned. Some of these constructive ideas are already turning from the idea stage to action, while others are just waiting.

Farmington is fortunate in having a large number of civic and service clubs. They have all performed a valuable service to the community or they could not continue. But upon them rests the ever-present challenges of a growing community. They can supply the aggressive leadership needed to turn ideas into reality. They can get out the vote on election day, they can take a greater part in their local government and they can build with their heads and hands.

There is no shortage of ideas, nor is there a shortage of man power . . . it is just a question of pulling the two together . . . then we'll have something. It is called progressive community spirit.

### Serving The Public . . .

is as important in government as it is in business.

That is why The Enterprise feels that the suggestion offered at the last Township Board meeting concerning the expansion of the township office should be made a reality. It was suggested that the office hours be extended, that township officers maintain regular office hours and that the facilities be enlarged.

With the ever-increasing population, with more and more services being offered, township business is on the up-swing. This means more questions to be answered, more problems to be taken care of and more traffic in and out of the office. The majority of the townships around us maintain a full office schedule with officers on duty. At the present time the Farmington Township office is open every day except Monday. However, on that day The Enterprise, as well as the city, receives numerous calls from residents seeking information or service.

The size and scope of the Township now justifies a full time operation. Many of the questions presented at Township Board meetings could be answered by township officials during office hours, thus saving residents valuable time and reducing the amount of business at meetings. Most important of all, it would enable officials to maintain closer contact with all of the people.

It is a suggestion that spells service . . . an essential part of government.

### It's "Down To Business" . . .

for the Republicans and Democrats. The cast has been selected, the script has been written and the acting is about to begin.

It is up to the people now to select the best story and the most capable leads. This is a show with a purpose . . . a show that will be watched eagerly by millions. Let's hope that it is interesting, yes, but more important, that it be objective. The people want to study the actors and capture the story without the interference of rotten tomatoes and assorted overripe fruit.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2860 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.  
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 10:15 a.m.  
during July and August.

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
W. 7 Mile, S. 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. O. 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.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Young People's meeting.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cambridge and Grand River  
10:00 a.m. large, enthusiastic Sunday School.  
6:30 p.m. the Morning Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m. the Evening Service.  
7:45 p.m. every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Bible Study at 8:45 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**  
nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.  
Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m.  
Church School, 10:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening.

**FOREST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sibley 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.

**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.

**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.  
"Path 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.

**SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
2112 Indian Road  
10:00 a.m. Bible School.  
11:15 a.m. Worship.  
Nursery provided.  
7:30 p.m. Evening Praise.  
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Prayer Fellowship.  
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 6372.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
29341 Shawwassee at Middlebelt  
10 a.m. Sunday School.  
11 a.m. Morning Worship.  
8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.  
6 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Praise.  
8 p.m. Saturday, Young People's Service.

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
13 Mile Road at Greening  
10:00 a.m. Church School.  
11:00 a.m. Worship.  
Nursery for children under five.  
6:00 p.m. Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

**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.

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## Let's Hope the Stilts Don't Break



## THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

### MR. DEMOCRAT

If a popularity vote were taken in the House of Representatives, the winner among the Democrats — perhaps even among the Republicans — would be an egg-bald gentleman from Texas who presides over the house with an iron hand and who is affectionately referred to as "Sam."

It has now been almost 40 years since Sam came up from the Texas prairies to sit in congress. That was in 1913 during the administration of Woodrow Wilson. Sam has seen two great wars since then. He has weathered the Republican victories that swept many of his Democratic colleagues out of office. He has helped write legislation for six different presidents.

And through it all he has kept his integrity, his idealism, and his sense of humor. NEW DEAL CORNERSTONE Most people have forgotten it, but Sam Rayburn was responsible for writing most of the legislative cornerstone of the New Deal—the laws which no Republican are likely to wipe off the books. As chairman of the Interstate Commerce committee, it was Sam's job to push through the "Truth-in-Securities act and the Securities and Exchange Commission which cleaned up Wall Street; the holding corporation act which broke up some of the big utility companies; the Rural Electrification, and the Federal Communications Commissions Act.

Few men in the past century can equal that record. His chief dream is to build a library in his home town, Bonham, Texas. He has already raised part of the money for the project, has collected an old manuscript from the White House when it was re-modeled, and gathered together an assortment of gavel he used in presiding over joint sessions of congress when addressed by Queen Elizabeth, Winston Churchill, General MacArthur, General Eisenhower and others.

Sam has also made arrangements to take his congressional desk back home from Washington, and wants to set up an exact replica of his speaker's office. There, surrounded by the laws which he helped to write, the hearings he has held, and the records of the debates he has argued, Sam wants to sit and visit with the

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
2701 Cass Avenue  
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.

**FIRST UNIVERSALIST**  
Warner and Thomas Streets  
Adult services in recess until Sunday, September 7.

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Farmington  
(Services in Universalist Church)  
9:30 Morning Prayer and sermon. Church School (3 to 11 years) during the 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.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Services at the Middlebelt School  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Mid-week prayer service in the home of the Pastor at 21986 Tulane Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

**Gaylord Baptist Church**  
19188 Gaylord Road  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.  
B. Y. F. 8 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.



By GENE ALLEMAN

Michigan voters who practiced at the polls Tuesday will have an even bigger job in November.

For Michigan is a key state in the strategy of both the Republican and Democratic camps.

The Eisenhower forces plan to win the Presidential election by carrying the states that went for Dewey in 1948 and the extra ones that now have Republican governors.

Michigan lined up in the 16 Dewey states to give the Michigan-born governor 186 electoral votes. The states that didn't go for Dewey but did elect GOP governors in the last state elections have 102 electoral votes.

Add those two groups together and you get 288 electoral votes. Two hundred sixty-six mean election.

Michigan figures in the Democratic strategy as one of the eight states where big city labor strength is dominant. Those states, they figure, will give Stevenson 139 electoral votes.

The rock-ribbed South — which the Dixiecrat revolt failed to crack — and the border states should yield 80 electoral votes for a total of 279, 13 more than are needed. So they figure.

That Michigan has a Democratic governor is heralded as a good omen by Adlai's advisors, too.

Obviously, there's some overlapping there. Both parties need Michigan, California, New York and Maryland to carry out their master plan.

For insurance, Ike-men will try to crack the South and aim for shaky Democratic states. The Democrats will try to woo state-rights Texas, Truman and to retain eight Western states where they've won five consecutive times but whose electoral votes aren't plentiful enough to give them key positions.

Michigan personalities are sure to figure prominently in the campaign, too.

Gov. Arthur E. Summerfield, as chairman of the Republican National Committee, will direct General Ike's overall campaign. Arthur H. Vandenberg, Jr., taught the lore of the political arena by his late father, the illustrious Senator, is Eisenhower's executive assistant.

Both were pre-handwoven Ike supporters, a status that adds to their influence. Two Michigan men were often in the spotlight at the Democratic convention. They were Governor Williams and Senator Blair Moody.

Williams' polka-dot tie was familiar long before the demonstration that greeted his favorite-son nomination. Moody practically took over the temporary chairman job during the opening debate on the "loyalty pledge" rule. In fact, it became known as the "Moody amendment."

That pledge was in part pulled forth when the convention allowed Virginia, South Carolina and Louisiana (Continued on Page Nine)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 11, 1927)

**End Double Parking**  
The City Commission of Farmington passed an ordinance against double parking on Grand River Avenue at the regular meeting this week. At the same time the ordinance was passed a large tree parking lot on State Street was opened through the courtesy of Farmington Lumber and Coal Company. The new parking ordinance will be vigorously enforced by city police officers.

**Lease Property**  
Properly on the south side of Grand River next to the DUR freight office has been leased by George Checketts of Detroit for the Buick agency. The land is owned by Dr. E. F. Holcomb. A 12,000 building, 50 x 200 feet, will be constructed on the property. The lease is for five years.

**Plan Gala Days**  
All committees have been appointed and are working on details for the Gala Days celebration to be held Labor Day, September 5, at the Grove-Walker American Legion Post stated this week. The celebration this year will be the sixth annual event sponsored by the Legionnaires. Business men have offered prizes for contests at the celebration.

**TEN YEARS AGO (August 13, 1942)**  
**Blackout Successful**  
Farmington's part in the blackout Wednesday night was highly successful, according to Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt Thursday morning. Everyone seemed to realize the importance attached to the blackout, DeVriendt stated.

**Missionaries Retire**  
Dr. Lester H. Beals and his wife, Dr. Rose F. Beals, are retiring from active service as Congregational medical missionaries under the American Board of Foreign Missions. Dr. and Mrs. Beals, who are the parents of Albert T. Beals of Farmington, have a combined record of service in India amounting to nearly 80 years. They plan to make their home in Pine Mountain, Kentucky, where Dr. Lester Beals is in charge of the community hospital and medical work. Dr. Lester Beals was born in Grand Blanc, Michigan, and educated at the University of Michigan. He first went to India under the YMCA but in 1902 became a representative of the American Board. Dr. Rose Fairbank Beals was born in India of missionary parents and went back to serve in 1909. She was educated at Smith College and Johns Hopkins University.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (August 7, 1942)**  
**Discover Stone**  
An old tombstone dating back 111 years was discovered in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Ramsey, 3402 Shawwassee. The stone was uncovered by a bulldozer during the remodeling of the Ramsey residence. The inscription reads: "Alvira, daughter of Clark and Sophia Cogsdill. Died March 13, 1836, age 9m, 9d and 10 d."

**Turn Down Gym**  
Qualified electors of the Clarenceville School District turned down a proposal for a new gymnasium building for the Clarenceville Schools by a margin of seven votes in a special election held Monday. A spokesman for the Clarenceville Parent Teachers Association announced that the Clarenceville Board of Education would be re-elected immediately for another special election on the proposed gymnasium building.

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