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EDITORIALS:

It's Our Opinion

What's Wrong With Farmington . . .

is a question every citizen of this community should think about. It is a good topic for discussion at service clubs and at neighborhood gatherings. It isn't something that we should just ignore or call good enough. We should face the facts and do something about it!

Actually there is nothing wrong with the Farmington community that we, the people, can't correct. This has been proved elsewhere and, in fact, it has been proved here. Progress can be made if enough people enthusiastically and constructively take up the challenge. Nor is it a sin to be critical, if that criticism is helpful and honest. In fact criticism is the backbone of progress. Everything can be and should be improved if we are to keep step with the present and prepare for the future.

In the past several weeks we have had an opportunity to listen to the constructive criticisms of a number of our neighbors. They have had the interest to analyze the challenging question, "What is wrong with Farmington?" And they have come up with some equally challenging solutions. Sure, they like Farmington! If they didn't they wouldn't give one iota whether it progressed or not. They are sincerely disturbed and we think rightly so!

They talked about such things as the comparison between our terrific population growth and our almost dormant business district, about our lack of promotion both in developing our shopping area and in encouraging selected business and small industry. They spoke of the condition of our streets and roads, and the lack of cleanliness of our shopping center. They spoke of many little things that mean so much in making a community a better place in which to live.

But even more important, they spoke of ways to correct this situation. They talked about the trade promotion projects being carried on by merchants' organizations in other communities to stimulate buying at home. They talked about groups set up for the sole purpose of encouraging business and small industry into the community. They spoke about a program, backed by the local governments, designed to instill in all citizens a spirit of pride in having their community look clean and neat. They spoke about providing playground equipment for the youngsters in the City Park. They pointed out that other communities are doing these things, thus they know we can do it, too.

It requires leadership, community enthusiasm and a lot of hard work, but the rewards are tremendous. We have the tools to work with and the ability to get it done . . . so let's get at it before it's too late!

You Are Welcome . . .

to attend any and all of the meetings of the School Boards, City Council and Township Board. It is a fact that has been repeated over and over again.

It was re-emphasized once more to a group of citizens who attended the Farmington Township School District Board of Education meeting last Monday. They appeared before the Board to inquire about the abbreviated sessions initiated this fall for seventh grade youngsters. The parents strongly questioned the advisability of the plan and expressed their intention to attend more of the meetings. The Board pointed out that they were not only invited but were welcome at any time.

There are a great many existing situations in our school systems which are far from desirable. However, we are convinced that sincere efforts are being made to work out these problems in the best way possible under the present circumstances. We are drawing that conclusion from experience, as we attend nearly every School Board meeting held. A great deal of discussion, study and work has gone into the formation of this year's school program. Parents are apt to lose sight of this fact unless they see for themselves the work being done.

We do not mean to say that we always agree with the decisions, but we do appreciate the effort being made. Parents should attend the board meetings and they should participate in the discussion. A number of suggestions were made last Monday evening by parents which prompted the Board to continue its study on how to alleviate the crowded conditions. This type of participation gives the Board and the school administrators a chance to hear what you think, and to act on your suggestions.

Your schools are your business . . . be a part of them!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2560 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 3:30 p.m.
Sunday on CKLW and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 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 4 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.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Aid Fellowship.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m., the 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 Service at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.

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.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
A new department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Stanbury and 12 Mile Road
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.
"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.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2123 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.

CHURCH OF GOD
20841 Shawwassee at Middlebelt
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 People's Service.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Worship.
Sermon theme "The Man God Needs".
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.

A Sign To REMEMBER



Labor Department Gives Conditions For Employing Teen-Age Youngsters

Employment of teen-aged youngsters, now that church classes have been resumed, is permissible under the Child Labor provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, but only under the conditions set forth by this law and in accordance with the new national policy on employment of school age youth.

This new national policy, announced recently by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, spells out proper conditions of employment and urges young people, parents, teachers and advisors to see that boys and girls get as much education as possible. William S. Singley, regional director of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts division of the U. S. Department of Labor, emphasized the importance of keeping teen-aged youngsters in school rather than permitting them to drop out of school to accept full-time employment.

"Generally speaking, the federal Child Labor law prohibits employment of children under 16 during hours school is in session," Singley said. "Employment of a child under 14 in any occupation is prohibited by the federal law, unless such occupation is specifically exempt from the law. Children 14 and 15 years old may work no more than three hours on any school day or eight hours on any non-school day, and only in certain occupations. The maximum number of hours they may work is one week during any part of which school is in session is 18. When school is not in session, the maximum number of hours they may work is 40 in a week. All work done by 14 and 15 year olds must be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m."

Singley pointed out that these same prohibitions exist in the field of agriculture, but that record keeping provisions have been simplified for farmers who hire children under 18 years of age. Under recently simplified regulations the farmers' records must show the number of hours worked.

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.
A better understanding of man's true status as a son of God is brought out in the Lesson-Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, September 7. The Golden Text is from I John (3:1): "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sunday morning worship and Junior Church at 11 a.m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Farmington
(Services in Universalist Church)
9:30 Morning Prayer and sermon. Church School (2 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 21996 Truane 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. P., 8 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.



By GENE ALLEMAN

The editor of The Enterprise doesn't like to write obituaries for traffic victims.

Last year he and his colleagues on Michigan's 400 daily and weekly newspapers had to write death notices for 1,640 persons who died on the highways and streets of our state.

They had to write about 48,418 people who were hurt in auto accidents—many of them permanently crippled. They had to report on 176,587 traffic accidents in 1951.

Those aren't just statistics, they are people. Some of them are friends and relatives of Michigan editors. Some are friends and relatives of yours.

So that they won't have to cover so many funerals of highway victims—and also so they and their readers are spared the grief that every such needless death brings, Michigan editors are uniting to use the full force of the press toward arousing their readers and fellow-citizens to the tragedy that rides in our autos.

In regional conferences throughout the state in the next few weeks, editors will discuss the solution to the problem.

That solution, simply, is this: Bring all the facts to the public. An informed public opinion can be counted on to push through the necessary changes in attitudes and laws.

Basics of the press program is "a report by Michigan people to Michigan people on how to check mounting highway injuries and deaths." That's the subtitle of the report by the first Michigan Highway Safety Seminar held on Michigan State campus last Spring. The report was unveiled yesterday at a meeting of the Michigan State Safety Commission called by Fred M. Alger, Jr., secretary of state and commission chairman.

Michigan editors are just one group of 100 different organizations that are joining forces to battle the appalling increase in death, injury and loss that mar our streets and roads.

Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State College, was seminar chairman. General Motors, the Gas and Oil Association of Michigan, the Michigan Auto Club and the Michigan Press Association were just a few of the organizations which took an active part in the seminar.

All of these organizations, representing every type of industry, commerce and profession in Michigan, realize that only the public can make highways safer.

The attitude of Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page Three)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 8, 1927)

Fire Destroys Barn
A season's harvest, two head of cattle, a barn and a dog were destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning on the farm of Frank Purjes, Nine Mile Road in Novi Township. Direction of the wind prevented flames from spreading to the house. Fire departments from Farmington and Northville went to the scene but could do nothing except prevent the spread of flames to other buildings. A motorist travelling on Grand River Avenue discovered the blaze. Cause of the fire is unknown. The loss was covered by insurance. To Speak.

Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan Joseph B. Moore, 82, will speak Saturday, September 10, at Walled Lake during the homecoming celebration. Judge Moore received Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws degrees from Hillsdale College in 1888. He entered private practice in Lapeer and after holding many public posts he was elected to the Supreme Court in 1895. He was Chief Justice in 1904, 1905, 1912 and 1920.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 10, 1942)

To Hold Harvest Show
Saturday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall, show officials announced this week. The show is sponsored by the Farmington Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association. Entries for the show may be made up until 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Guy Targan is general chairman this year. There are division arrangements for annual and perennial blooms, roses, dahlias, gladioli, hardy chrysanthemums, artistic arrangements, vegetables, fruits, house plants and canned fruits and vegetables.

Band To Play
The Farmington High School Band will play Saturday evening at the Town Hall Park. The band, under the direction of E. V. Ayres, will begin its concert at 7 p.m.

Squadron At Krist-Port
A branch of the Civil Air Patrol has been established at Krist-Port, the airport located at Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile Roads.

FIVE YEARS AGO (September 4, 1947)

Confer On Sewage Problem
City Commissioners Roy Miller and Howard Otis and City Clerk Harry Moore were in Lansing last Wednesday to confer with officials of the Michigan Stream Control Commission regarding alleged pollution of the Rouge River and plans for a sewage disposal plant in the City of Farmington. At the present time plans for a disposal plant are being made by L. N. Hayden, consulting engineer, at the request of the City Commission.

Horse Show Set
Some of the finest horses in the State of Michigan will arrive in Farmington this week and to take part in the Second Annual Autumn Horse Show presented by the Farmington Valley Saddle Club and sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Farmington Post 4033. According to Mrs. Ray Eichler, secretary of the Saddle Club and chairman of the entry committee, entries have been received from all parts of the state.

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