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EDITORIALS:

It's Our Opinion

Greater Representation . . .

of the people in their government has become a very live and vital question in recent years.

This has been particularly true in areas of the state where large increases in population have taken place. The City of Farmington is now entering such a period of growth and more representation is being called for. A proposal has been made that the City Charter be changed to allow for a seven-man Council instead of the present five-man group.

When the City Charter was drafted this growth was not as apparent as it is today. In addition, the Charter Commission apparently felt that with an entirely new governmental organization the five-man Council would be more workable. We believe their judgment was sound. The increased efficiency of our city government is proof of that.

In the meantime, we have learned a great deal under the new charter. We have seen its merits and its defects and like all good governments we must recognize them if we are to progress. The Charter Commission realized that new situations would occur and thus made provisions for progressive changes, based on approval by the people.

The proposal to increase the size of the City Council is, we believe, of vital importance. The city has grown considerably in the past several years and every indication points to even greater increases in the population in the future. The people now need more adequate representation. The larger Council would also afford greater participation in government, which is fundamental to our democracy.

Equally important with the other two points is the questions of Council action on important questions. Under the present organization three Councilmen constitute a quorum. If more than two members are unable to attend a meeting no action can be taken until the next regular meeting or until a special meeting can be called. On extremely vital questions the Council hesitates to act with less than a full Council of five members present. This has, of necessity, resulted in some delay.

Greater representation is essential to the progress of a growing community and we are growing.

It May Be Sorta Chilly . . .

out on the street corners next Friday and Saturday or there may even be some rain and wind, but no matter what happens a group of Farmington area men will be right out in it peddling their wares.

The wares are special newspapers and the men are Farmington Goodfellows. Over the years they have waded through all kinds of weather to bring a bright and happy Christmas to our less fortunate neighbors. They will be right out there again on December 12 and 13 with the same enthusiasm and the same determination to bring Christmas to every Farmington home.

We know that everyone in our community will capture the same spirit and respond with the same enthusiasm. A large number of our neighbors will need help this Christmas. They will need food and clothing and, of course, toys for the kiddies. And we aren't going to let them down either, are we? The Farmington Goodfellows are willing and eager to leave their busy stores and offices and to stand in the cold in order to do their part. They know the warmth and satisfaction that comes from helping others.

You can capture that warmth . . . you can make your Christmas brighter and more meaningful if you give to a Goodfellow this Friday or Saturday. Let's make it a really Merry Christmas in every house this year.

Sounds Of The Election . . .

are still with us in spite of the fact that the actual voting took place over a month ago.

The sounds are in the form of probes, investigations, charges and counter-charges. This is no great surprise as it was expected and even predicted weeks before the election. The confusion stems from the fact that more people than ever before went to the polls November 4 and our election organization and procedures just weren't geared for it.

We can put partisanship in the question or anything else, but we can't hide this fact. Modernization of our election laws and machinery is the first answer.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2800 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 and Grand River
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 over CKLW and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenues
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. & C. St. on second and fourth Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 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 Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship, 8 p.m., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FIRST BAPTIST
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 7:30 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 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 nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

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, 8:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 8:30, 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
2122 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. 5372.

CHURCH OF GOD
29341 Shilohwood 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: "Motives in Worship - Bible Sunday".
5:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
6:00 p.m. Junior and 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.

Peace, or War?



Postmaster Passes Along Hints On Mailing "Perfect" Christmas Card

Based on his many years of service in the Post Office, Postmaster Charles A. Habermehl has some special ideas about how Christmas can be made merrier.

In fact, he's planning to send the perfect Christmas card! Naturally, the Postmaster hopes the rest of us will follow his example, because actually it's the only way a Christmas card should be sent.

"Once this card was selected," he began, "I'd make sure it was delivered at the right address and in plenty of time. Time, it seems, is the keynote to his plan. For each year the Post Office receives thousands of Christmas cards too late for delivery by December 25. And many a Christmas package has suffered the same fate."

What to do about it? Well, here's the Postmaster's answer: "This perfect Christmas card of mine would be mailed before December 15 if it was going outside this state. Or at least a week before Christmas if to a local address."

"I'd send it by first-class mail, because you get better postal service for only a penny more. Put a three-cent stamp on your Christmas card envelopes, and they will be dispatched and delivered first. Also they will be forwarded or returned if necessary."

"What's more, you can write a personal message on them, which isn't authorized for third-class mail. Just a little note makes your Christmas cards a lot more exciting to receive."

Christmas card etiquette is equally important, the Postmaster explains. He points out that the trend is to be as informal as possible.

So sign your Christmas cards like this: BOB . . . ALICE . . . or ALICE AND BOB, if married. The names of children, or even "Tabby" the cat, may be included—since Christmas is truly a family affair.

"Mr. and Mrs." may be used, but mainly for formal or business acquaintances. However, personalized Christmas cards (on which this signature is imprinted)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Farmington Town Hall.
1:30 a.m. Sunday School at 23701 Cass Avenue.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.

Heavy Bowing Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

We may look to God for help, no matter what distressing conditions may arise, shown in the Lesson - Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches under the title "God the Preserver of Man," on Sunday, December 14. The Golden Text is from Psalm (25: 2, 21, 32): "O my God, I trust in thee . . . Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. Redeem Israel, O Lord, out of all his troubles."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Preaching service and Junior Church at 11 a.m. Sunday.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. B. Guinan, 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 21595 Tulane Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Gaylord Baptist Church
13185 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. F. p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.



By GENE ALLEMAN

If G. Mennen Williams is re-elected as governor by the recount, there may be a true flag in the office.

For four years now our Democratic governor and his Republican legislature have been bungling heads over a tax program. The lawmakers won't accept Williams' corporation tax program. Williams won't sit still for the Republican loophole plugging plans of the legislature.

The result is a \$55,000,000 deficit. The state is broke. Now that Auditor General John B. Martin has announced publicly that the state will be able to meet only half of its \$40,000,000 payments to local school districts in January, all hands raise the financial crisis of the first magnitude has finally arrived.

Bickering and haggling will benefit neither side, as the last four years have determined. The hour for action is upon us. But how can the governor and the legislature compromise their opposing tax views?

As the recount is over, Williams—if he winds up again in the gubernatorial chair—is expected to take the lead in suspending hostilities.

He must be able to chop again for a corporation tax as the simplest solution to the money problem. But he may offer Republicans a chance to offer a better answer—so long as it is not a personal income levy or a nuisance tax on soda pop, motels, etc.

It must be remembered that four years ago when the corporation tax was first proposed, many Republicans favored it. Confident of its passage the governor then began pounding the drum on Democratic achievements and expounding on what the Democrats were doing for the "common man."

The Republicans voted against the bill in a body and have continued to do so since.

The Republican plan of tightening existing tax laws and plugging a few loop-holes was stymied by the Williams veto.

But now in this great new era of enforced co-operation, Williams may well suggest a combination of the Democratic-sponsored corporation profit levy and one or two other revenue ideas suggested by the Republicans.

What happens after that appears to be up to the Republicans. Will they accept the compromise or again defy the governor?

If the governor does make a serious effort to restore harmony in our politically-split state government, the Republicans might well take another look at his program. They may find him ready to meet them half-way in working out some acceptable money-raising program.

Such a compromise won't be easy. Too many harsh words have been tossed about in the last four years. But an attempt—any attempt at compromise is encouraging.

Although the results of this year's three-day open season on (Continued on Page Six)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 8, 1927)

Approval by the city of the plan for a new athletic field and stadium in Waterworks Park appears likely following expressions of opinion on the subject by members of the Farmington City Commission at the meeting Monday night. The Commission, after expressing opinions on the proposal, voted to refer the matter to the State Attorney-General, with the object of learning the proper method of procedure to consummate the lease.

Fine Thing!

Henry Miller, Farmington garage man, had a thrilling and rather unpleasant experience early Thursday morning. It was two o'clock and about zero, when he was called to pull a Buick car out of the ditch on Grand River east of Farmington Junction. Miller hauled the car out, and the two men, who had been riding in it, instead of paying him, displayed a revolver and gave orders to "beat it" back to Farmington. No attempt was made to rob him, Mr. Miller reported.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 10, 1942)

Feto Grid Squad

Kiwanians are anticipating the football banquet honoring the football squad of the Farmington High School, to be held Wednesday. Members of the Exchange Club are meeting with the Kiwanis Club for the occasion, and other guests will be about 35 members of the squad, coaches and teachers.

Pack Boxes

Members of the Farmington Garden Club packed 15 boxes, weighing from seven to nine pounds each, for the boys in the service. The boxes were held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. J. Spicer. Assistant hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. George Newlin and Mrs. R. W. Ballantine.

New Appointments

The Farmington City Commission met briefly Wednesday evening with little business coming up. Paul Schreiber and Bayard Tupper were appointed to the Board of Appeals under the Zoning Ordinance, each to serve a three-year term beginning September 1, 1942.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 11, 1947)

Restore Lights

Several brief reports were made by City Commissioners at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening, comprising the greatest part of business transacted during the evening. Discussion was heard on the lighting of boulevard lights along Grand River west of the business district. The Detroit Edison Company requested permission to remove the utility poles but the Commission felt that the additional lighting was desirable and voted to have these lights, which had been turned off several years ago, turned on again.

Youth Canteen?

A movement has been started to organize a Teen Age Canteen for Farmington boys and girls. For many months several of the young people have been trying to enlist the cooperation and assistance of various groups and individuals in the community in obtaining a canteen center.

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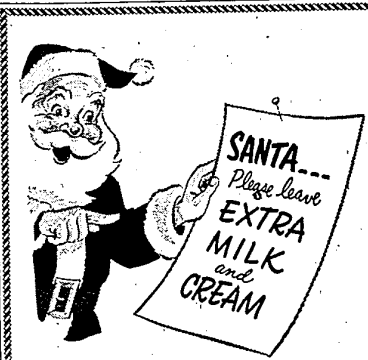
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