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## EDITORIALS:

### It's Our Opinion

### Food For Thought . . .

by the platters full was spread out on the table last Tuesday evening by Ralph Uveling during a public discussion on the Farmington City - Township Library.

Uveling, who is Detroit Librarian and a nationally famous authority on library construction and management, gave a very revealing and inspiring talk. But most important of all, he outlined the course Farmington can and should follow in building the kind of library needed to serve the community. This outline was supplemented with facts and figures which clearly establish a goal to shoot for.

A new library building with all the necessary facilities can not be created overnight. It must be planned and executed over a period of time in a progressive manner. An educational program designed to create interest and enthusiasm among the people must be inaugurated. This program must graphically show the necessity for a better library as well as the many extra curricular community functions that can be realized by having such facilities.

We are confident that the newly organized "Farmington Friends of the Library", which sponsored the Tuesday evening public meeting, will develop and carry out such an educational program. Time and enthusiastic support will be needed, if this and many other related community betterment programs are to be realized.

You don't build a good house in a day . . . it takes planning, selection of quality materials and recruiting good workmen, but when it is done you are proud to call it your home. Thus it is with a community. You must plan, select and recruit . . . but when it is done you can be proud to call it your home.

### If You Drink . . .

don't drive, is more than a slogan as this holiday season approaches. To Farmington Police and safety officers all over the state it is a challenge and a warning.

Nor is this campaign just something that the police have dreamed up. In the past year the number of drunk driving cases processed through the Farmington Justice Court have increased alarmingly. Many of the cases have involved accidents in which persons have been killed or seriously injured. The problem is very real and it concerns every man, woman and child in our community.

Auto accidents cost Americans millions of dollars every year, not to mention death, permanent injury, suffering and just plain heartaches. Much of the pain and tragedy can be lifted from our streets and highways if all of us think before we climb behind that wheel or step off that curb.

Caution is even more important at this time of the year when the streets are crowded with cars and pedestrians. Full use of all our facilities is essential if we are to prevent tragedy. The police do not relish the sight of an accident with its dead and injured, or the job of breaking the news to other members of the family. They don't like it and neither would you!

So be particularly careful during the next few weeks. Be alert, keep your speed down no matter how busy you are, and above all else, if you drink . . . don't drive. Do your part to make it a truly Merry Christmas, not a tragic one.

### Keeping His Shirt On . . .

is a rough proposition for Harry Truman . . . even as he begins to fade from the big, bright limelight.

He managed to be quite calm and cooperative for a few weeks but it was just a little too much. Last week the old shirt came off again, minus even the buttons, as he lit into both President-elect Eisenhower and General MacArthur. He called Eisenhower's trip to Korea "political demagoguery" and lambasted MacArthur for not disclosing to the White House any plan he might have concerning a solution to the Korean war.

If there is any political demagoguery in Eisenhower's Korean trip, Truman has put it there by his political remarks. As for MacArthur, his recent reception at the hands of Truman was certainly intimidation enough that the President didn't want or didn't approve of any ideas that the General might have.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

- 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 9:40 a.m., nursery  
Senior department, 10:15 a.m.  
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW and at 8:30 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. S. C. S. on second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 1 p.m.
- FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
Sunday School, 10:00 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 Adult Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.  
Wednesday, every 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.  
Thursday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:20 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.  
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- SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
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**  
Stearns 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 BOWROWS**  
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**  
11222 Indian Road  
10:00 a.m. Bible School.  
11:15 a.m. Worship.  
Nursery provided.  
7:30 a.m. Evening Praise.  
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.  
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.
- CHURCH OF GOD**  
20341 Shilwassee 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 Peoples Service.
- ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
13 Mile Road at Greening  
10:00 a.m. Church School.  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship Service.  
Sermon theme: "The Unbeliever's Report".  
6:00 p.m. Christmas program and treat.
- 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.  
During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.  
7:30, Evening Worship service.



## Highway Safety Seminar Starts Move For Central Driver Licensing

(Reprint from Port Huron Times Herald)

A speeding auto, a crash!

And there sprawled on the highway is death in its ugliest form. There is suffering too, mirrored in the shocked, dazed faces of this man or that woman or this child who a few moments before was a carefree, happy individual.

Water from broken radiators and gasoline from smashed tanks trickles on the highway to mingle with the blood of the victims.

All this may sound exaggerated. But it isn't. It happens every hour of every day in many, many places across this land of ours. It happens in Michigan. It happens here.

To those of you who have been in a bad accident or who have chanced upon the scene of one, you know what we are talking about. Ask any officer or ambulance driver or doctor or priest or minister who has answered an accident call.

"They'll tell you some awful—and awesome—stories. It is difficult perhaps to imagine what terrible havoc two cars crashing together can cause. But it is all in the record books of the Michigan State Police.

The time has come to call a halt; to stop, look and listen; to take stock; to DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

This is not just a bit and miss undertaking. There is a co-ordinated movement under way in Michigan to make the highways safer. It is centered around the Michigan Safety Seminar, in which some 250 experts on all phases of the subject in the state have pooled their ideas to establish the groundwork for a long-range traffic safety campaign.

Michigan newspapers, solidly behind the campaign, selected as a start three basic recommendations of the Seminar as an immediate goal in this safety movement. If they are put across and followed through, they can't help but bring about a reduction in death, injury and property damage on our highways.

These three targets are:

1. To obtain from public officials and to publicize in news columns the names of all persons who have lost their driver's license.

2. To acquire the public with the need for a centralized driver's licensing bureau. Why a centralized bureau? So that driver's licenses can be issued with more efficiency and with more regard to the safety of others.

It is no secret that in many places, where licenses are issued by local officials, it takes only a lick and a promise to get one. Good old Joe comes in to have his license renewed. Joe can't see the eye chart, but Joe's a good guy, so Joe gets his license, and NO ONE IS THE WISER.

Except when Joe kills your wife or your child some early evening driving down the street. A centralized bureau operating State-wide with experienced and impartial personnel would make C.R. TALK that all the requirements are fulfilled before the public extends to anyone THE PRIVILEGE OF DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE. And it is a privilege earned by the public. And with (Continued on Page Six)

## Sincerely Yours

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Unsigned correspondence is discarded. The editor reserves the right to edit and to use all material published in the issue of December 18, 1952.

Dear Editor:

In the interest of good government, I find it necessary to take exception to your editorial published in the issue of December 11 entitled "Greater Representation".

In cities with Council-Manager types of government, the small Councils have proved far more popular and efficient. Farmington, with a population of about 2,500, has five Councilmen or one for every 500 of better men, more effective participation by each member, a shorter ballot, and more effective control by the voters.

In your editorial you mentioned greater efficiency in our local government since the advent of the new Charter. I firmly believe that a part of that increased efficiency is due to replacing an unelected seven-man plus Mayor Commission with a five-man Council including the Mayor. Manager-Council government has proved more efficient as a general rule, but the very life of our new type of government hinges on the efficiency of the Council. A wrangling Council can mean sudden death to the Manager plan through no fault of the plan itself. There are still those in this fair city who would like to sabotage our new government. Let's not give them ammunition and further jeopardize something which most of us feel has already proved its merits in efficiency.

You mentioned the need for more men on the Council in order to assure a quorum at meetings. I don't feel that excessive or continued absenteeism on the part of the present Council is sufficient grounds for amending the Charter and enlarging the Council in contradiction to the principles of good government.

We assume that men running for public office do so because of a desire to serve their community. Surely the financial returns don't justify the effort expended. That being the case, I don't think it too much to expect them to be on hand when meetings are called. As the meetings now are scheduled once a month, certainly the Councilmen can arrange their personal affairs in order to have that one night open. Adding two more men will not stop absenteeism.

On occasion, present Council meetings run as long as five hours and more. What assurance have we that two more men won't add two more hours to the deliberations? There will be two more opinions to be heard on each issue, two more men to present ideas, two more votes to consider. Two more men to make their decisions . . . that all takes time. If the present some legislation must be postponed because of a lack of time, more legislation may have (Continued on Page Three)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 15, 1927)

Opera Land

The leading role in "Aces Wild", the University of Detroit Union opera, playing at the Shubert-Lafayette Theatre, Detroit, next week, will be played by P. Owen Pauline of Farmington. More than 150 students tried out for parts in the opera.

Home Wanted

And now Farmington, having just acquired a blacksmith shop, faces the possibility of losing it. With the coming of the new Farmington Oakland-Pontiac Sales, the shop at Division and State Streets taken over recently by J. F. Hopp, must close. The high school is looking for a blacksmith shop within many miles of Farmington and there are many who need a shop of this kind here. Who will save Farmington's blacksmith shop from the relentless advance of the motor car?

Heavy Loot

Daniel H. Starkey, proprietor of the Farmington Concrete Works, is the victim of what is probably one of the oddest cases of thievery on record. With the aid of a cement block manufacturer's association, he is seeking a number of men who, Mr. Starkey says, have stolen 1,900 concrete blocks belonging to him.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 17, 1942)

Goodfellows Sale

Farmington Goodfellows were well repaid for their efforts last Friday, with over \$500.00 turned in from the annual paper sale. The men all turned out, with their usual enthusiasm, but high selling honors went to a newcomer who was selling papers for the first time. Paul Schaeper sold papers to a figure of \$63.25, which is really selling papers in any man's language.

Who's Who

"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will contain the names of two Farmington young people in its next publication. Dorothy A. Johnson, 2444 Orchard Lake Road, a student at the University of Michigan, and Bill Pink, of Route One, Farmington, are those being honored. Miss Johnson is a senior at the University and Pink will graduate in June from Alma College.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 18, 1947)

Christmas Tree

The giant pine tree in the Farmington Town Hall Park was lighted with Christmas tree lights last Monday evening for the first time in a number of years by members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. The tree will be lighted every night from now until after Christmas.

Schools Win

Farmington High School's basketball team broke into the win column during the past week on their own floor when they downed Northville last Friday night 23 to 22 and tripped East Detroit on Thursday night 24 to 22. A strong last period surge gave Clarenceville's Trojan basketball team their first victory of the season Tuesday afternoon as they downed Dearborn's Roosevelt High School quintet 23 to 14 on the Dearborn five's home floor.

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### Horse-and-Buggy Methods for Paying Bills

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First Universalist  
Walter and Thomas Streets  
Preaching service and Junior Church at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Rev. J. B. Gulman, Farm. 2029-J  
(Services in Universalist Church)  
9:30 Morning Prayer and sermon.  
Church School (9 to 11 years) during the service.

Free Will Baptist  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
9:00 a.m., Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m., Evening service.  
7:00 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 11996 Tuhane 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.