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## EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion

### The Time To Start . . .

on any progressive program is when it becomes obvious that such a project is essential to the welfare of the community.

To shun away from the problem is only to delay progress and make the final disposition that much more difficult. Fortunately, action has been started on a number of programs which are essential to the growth and development of the community. However, as this new year begins, there is one program which we believe has been delayed long enough. It has been obvious for some time now.

We are referring to the necessity of a regular, full time fire department in the Farmington Community. When we say full time, we mean a nucleus of firemen who would be on regular duty at the various fire stations. These few men could be re-enforced by a corps of volunteers. This type of a program is now in effect in a number of communities around Farmington and is working to the advantage and protection of the people. A partial full time fire department has been mentioned in this column before and it has been discussed briefly at both the City Council and Township Board meetings. But thus far it has not gone beyond the discussion stage.

This type of program has become even more important in the past year due to the establishment of two new fire stations in the township. Both of these stations represent an investment in property and equipment . . . an investment that should be utilized to its utmost. The various volunteer firemen are doing an excellent job, but naturally their interests are divided because of regular work. As a result they can not be expected to devote the time which is now required to protect the ever-growing population.

Such a program costs money, taxpayers' money, and thus requires planning if it is to be efficient and effective. The employment of three men on eight-hour shifts each would greatly facilitate the handling of fires. Under such a plan a central call system could be established which would reduce confusion and result in quicker response to calls. Improved maintenance and upkeep of equipment would also be possible.

The anticipated growth and development of the community demands that immediate planning be started on this program so that it can be put into effect at an early date. The time to start any program is when it becomes obvious that such a project is essential to the welfare of the community . . . and it is our belief that the need for improved fire protection has become obvious.

### The Fight Against Polio . . .

is now under way throughout the Farmington community . . . and it is a fight in which all of us must take an active part.

Actually the fight against polio goes on day in and day out, but in the month of January we build up the ammunition, dimes and dollars, urgently needed to continue the battle. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has once again issued the call . . . and we know the people of Farmington, Clarenceville and Novi will answer. Through the March of Dimes, you can help stockpile the vital ammunition needed to beat down this dreaded enemy. Through the years a great deal of progress has been made against polio . . . and it has been largely possible through your aid.

A number of people right here in this area are alive and walking today because you put your dimes and dollars in those March of Dimes canisters. No, this isn't just propaganda or sales talk . . . it's an honest fact. The money collected through the March of Dimes is being put to work this very day in research and actual curative treatment of polio. You who give to the March of Dimes are making this winning battle possible.

Remember, polio may strike anywhere, anytime, and we must be ready to meet it. You can help protect your family and your neighbor's family by putting your dimes and dollars in the March of Dimes canisters now set up in your favorite store. Don't be a non-combatant in the fight against polio!

### GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 2600 Grand River Avenue  
 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 junior department  
 Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
 Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 a.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. 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, 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  
 10:45 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
 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.  
 8 p.m., 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.  
 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, 8 p.m.

**FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
 Sibley and 25th 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**  
 St. Mary's Street, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.  
 Holy Day Masses: 8:00, 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, telev. 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 Indiana 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.  
 Fire Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 6372.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
 2024 1/2 Shiloh 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. Morning Worship.  
 Sermon theme "Dead Motors".  
 10:00 p.m. Interim Intermediate Youth Fellowship.  
 Thursday, January 8, 8:30 p.m. meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the church.

**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 all ages.  
 During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.  
 7:30, Evening Worship service.

### 'To sleep! perchance to dream . . .'



### Leaders Urge Greater Support Of Driver Training Program

Definite plans for the expansion of driver training education in Detroit and Michigan high schools and colleges were outlined by James Mason, chairman of the Michigan Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee at the Detroit Athletic Club. Mr. Mason said recently of the auto companies, dealers and automobile insurance companies that their continued support of the program is needed to make it a success.

The driver training programs have already been inaugurated in more than 600 high schools and colleges in 350 communities of the state through the co-operation of the Michigan State Auto Dealers Association.

Urging greater public support of the program, Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State College, said that learning to drive safely is of no less importance than any other subject now on the teaching curriculum.

Auto manufacturers are just beginning to realize that something must be done to curb the accident rate on highways if their future plans are to be successful. Hannah said.

Mr. Eitzen, executive secretary of the Highway Safety Committee stated: "Recent reports show that of Michigan's 536 high schools, 338 offered both classroom and practical practice driver instruction during the 1927-28 school term. Last year, of 61,183 eligible students, only 28,421 were enabled to receive the complete course including classroom and behind-the-wheel training."

Further expansion of the program is needed if all our eligible high school students are to have the opportunity to take the complete training course.

Statistics indicate that trained young drivers have only one-half as many traffic violations and an even greater percentage cut in fatalities than the non-trained driver in the same age group." Mr. Eitzen stated.

"The program must receive full support if we are to help build a nation of competent drivers and help reduce the appalling toll of accidents involving those in the 15 to 24 age group."

In an effort to stimulate public interest in the subject, the motion picture industry has produced a motion picture film called "The Weakest Link". It outlines the problems encountered by the untrained driver and how they could be avoided through a short course on the subject.

**State Reports Gains From Gas, Oil Leases**  
 Gas and oil well leases on more than 27,000 state-owned acres were sold at the conservation department's final sale of 1927, held recently in Lansing.

This latest figure hikes the total of state-owned land under petroleum lease to a record high of about 355,000 acres. And the total number of wells on state land, also a record, stands at about 356 for oil and 23 for gas.

Of the total sold in the final sale, 24,896 were wildcat acres, 137 were proven. Bonuses totaled \$6,029 on wildcat land, \$18,826 on proven land.

More than 50,000 acres were offered.

### Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS  
BY GENE ALLEMAN

Governor G. Mennen Williams would have been a mighty fine Santa Claus this year, but the Michigan senate stole his thunder in a move involving a possible split in G. O. P. ranks as well as "politics as usual."

The governor had dropped very fine appointments in the stockings of John J. Kozarek and Charles R. Smith, Kozarek, Hamtramck Democrat, had been reappointed to the liquor control commission.

Smith, Detroit Negro attorney, had been named for the workmen's compensation commission. Neither appointment had been approved by the senate.

And so when the lawmakers came back December 18 to authorize the special session he made it the state's schools they turned both men out in the cold, throwing wet blanket on any hot rumors that the olive branch would fly over the capitol.

Williams has assumed his third term as governor apparently determined to cooperate with Republicans as far as humanly possible. The governor's career timetable long has been a question, but it most certainly includes a crack at Ferguson's senate seat in 1931.

It follows that Williams will lean over backwards to promote harmony between his office and the legislature to set his house in order in Michigan before taking a go at the senate. Just before the special session he made it official when he asked the C.I.O., P. A. C. to keep its criticism constructive.

But the Republicans apparently are not about to accept the spirit of olive the Democrats are offering. Says one, just after the governor's latest appointments had been turned down: "This is one way we can hurt Williams." This remark sounds a bit shortsighted, but the Republicans don't want Williams in Washington any more than they wanted him to be governor.

However, the vote on Kozarek's reappointment to capitol observers has suspended for some time there is strife in the senate G. O. P. ranks. Republicans held a 25 to 7 majority in the upper chamber.

But the vote to confirm Kozarek was 14 to 14. Some place along the line seven Republicans jumped the political fence.

Cause: The younger Republicans have been trying to take over the senate reins. Under the leadership of Senators Creighton Coleman (Marshall) and Carlton Morris (Kalamazoo), the "young Turks" have been edging out some of the old timers. And the old timers do take too kindly to this treatment.

Wise in the ways of political maneuvering, the older heads are sure to come up with something to counteract the so-called coup of the youngsters.

In the hassle over senate control, Governor Williams may be able to sneak through some of his (Continued on Page Six)

### Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 5, 1928)  
 Paving Program

The proposed paving program for Farmington suggested a week ago at a meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club was declared by President G. Frank Weaver at the meeting on Wednesday to be the most important work of the coming year. President Weaver presided at the club meeting for the first time Wednesday.

Fever  
 A father taken with scarlet fever, following a similar illness of four children, and the quarantining of the family of Superintendent of Schools Archie G. Leonard, marked the toll of scarlet fever in the neighborhood for the past week. Quarantined out of his home, probably for a month, Superintendent Leonard is staying temporarily at the home of Miss Ida Steele.

To Come  
 Reassurance that the widening of Grand River Avenue to Farmington will be started early in the spring is given in a letter from Governor Fred W. Green, who some time ago indicated that Grand River Avenue was among the first on the list of state projects for 1928.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 7, 1928)  
 War Clubs

Within a few weeks it is expected that Neighborhood War Clubs will be formed in the Farmington area. Virgil Campbell is in charge of the program in the Clarenceville area and expects to call a meeting sometime during this month. Formation of the clubs has been slightly delayed by the holiday season. Neighborhood War Clubs are planned to eliminate participation of all households for Civilian War Services.

Depots  
 To facilitate the collection of tin cans, war production's prime salvage material at this time, 553 specially designated collection depots have been established by the Oakland County Salvage Commission.

New Officers  
 Deles Hamlin took over the office of president of the Farmington Exchange Club at the meeting Wednesday noon. New officers of the Farmington Exchange Club took over their duties at the meeting held Wednesday evening. The president's gavel is in the hands of Ed Pierce, with Al Ross completing a most successful year. The annual meeting of the Farmington Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association was held Monday and Mrs. Leo Gamache was elected president for the coming year.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 8, 1928)  
 Theft  
 Burglars broke into the Farmington Town Hall sometime during the night Monday and ransacked both the township offices and the Masonic Temple, on the upper floor of the building. In the opinion of the police that entrance may have been gained through a coal chute in the basement. Approximately \$101.00 in dog tax money and some \$70.00 in stamps was taken.

Fire Call  
 Nov's Fire Department was called to Walled Lake early Tuesday morning to assist the Walled Lake Fire Department in fighting a blaze that destroyed a number of stores, offices and two apartments. The fire seemed to have started in a vacant restaurant in the building.

New Exchange  
 Cutover of telephones in the North Farmington area from the Farmington exchange to the newly created Longacre 5 zone will begin next week. Walter B. Faulmer, manager, announced this week. Costing approximately a half million dollars, the new dial-operated exchange, located in the West Bloomfield area, is an entirely new one, created out of portions of the Birmingham, Pontiac and Farmington exchanges. It is the first since the war to be established on a complete dial basis.

Even Then  
 Farmington Police report that several minor accidents have occurred over the holidays in Farmington. Some were caused by the condition of the streets, while other drivers were charged with driving while under the influence of liquor.

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