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## EDITORIALS:

### It's Our Opinion

#### Now That Spring . . .

is almost here, hearts and eyes are turning to the open areas of our township. But what the eyes see is not always too pleasant, and the comments which come back are not always too complimentary.

We had an opportunity last week end to follow up one of these comments and it certainly was justified. The comment pertained to the continued dumping of rubbish and garbage along our township roadways. There is no bigger let-down than to see a beautiful valley in the distance and, upon arriving at the scene, find it strewn with tin cans, boxes, waste paper and miscellaneous bottles.

Keeping these areas free from such debris is a difficult problem, particularly where policing is limited. At the same time, it is serious enough to deserve some sound study and thought. If we are to keep our township inviting to prospective home builders and attractive to those who have already made an investment here, some action must be taken. Prosecution of persons caught in the act of dumping will help, but this is, of nature, an individual and isolated situation.

A step in the right direction, we believe, would be the establishment of a township dumping area. This has been suggested before and it is still a constructive approach. The purchase or lease of a piece of land in the rural area by the Board would, in our estimation, do much to eliminate the present condition. It could be so situated that it would not be obnoxious. It could be on land that needed filling and thus would not be too expensive. It could be periodically covered so that it would not become an eyesore.

Such a dumping area would provide the residents of the more concentrated areas with a suitable place to dispose of their rubbish. It would centralize it where some control and supervision could be realized. However, if such a dump is to be set up, it should be located now while there are some wide open spaces left.

This, we believe, is the easiest and least expensive answer to a problem that must be faced eventually. To put it off is only to make the finding of the answer that much more difficult.

#### During March . . .

the people of the Farmington and Clarenceville areas will be asked many times to contribute to the American Red Cross Drive. They will be asked by many people in many different ways, but it all adds up to the same thing. Your help is urgently needed if others less fortunate than yourself are to get the break they deserve.

We have heard a lot of stories, and you have too, about the Red Cross and some of them have not been too complimentary. Some of them may be true, we don't know, but we do know from first hand experience the fine job they are doing right here in Farmington. That, after all, is the best measuring stick we know of. The Red Cross is a giant organization and, like all big organizations, has its good and bad.

Let's consider our home community for a minute. In the past year the Red Cross has conducted two blood banks here. The blood which you contributed has undoubtedly already been used either to save a life in Korea or a life right here at home. The local Red Cross Disaster Chairman has, during the past year, furnished food, clothing, shelter and even medical assistance to a surprisingly large number of families in the Farmington area. The Red Cross has provided valuable swimming and life saving instruction to the boys and girls of the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation Commissions. This the Red Cross has done right here during the past year.

Even if nothing else were considered, we feel that our contribution has been worth while and we will continue to help our servicemen in Korea, and neighbors at home, by giving to the Red Cross. We hope you will, too!

#### Cutting Off The Water . . .

before the pail is full is just a waste of time and effort, and that goes for a Federal budget just as much as a pail of water. Yet Congress already has its hands on the tap ready to cut the flow of income even though the bottom of the pail is just barely covered.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2550 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**  
Midlebelt at Eight Mile Road  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m., nursery to senior department.  
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.  
9:45 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 Midlebelt.  
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 Adult Fellowship.  
7:00 p.m., the Evening Service.  
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

**FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10:00 a.m., Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.  
11:15 Sunday School, with all-graded lessons.  
6:00 Young People's Choir.  
6:30 Junior, H-B-Y, and Senior Youth Groups.  
6:45 Adult Study Class.  
7:00 Pre-service prayer meeting.  
7:30 Happy Evening Hour.  
7:30 Wednesday, Hour of Power.  
8:00 Friday, Senior Choir.

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Bridgman at 14 Mile  
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 METHODIST CHURCH**  
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: 5:30, 7:00, 8:30 and 9:30.  
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 16:30 a.m.

**SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
21122 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.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
20841 Woodward at Midlebelt  
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.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
Grand River at Midlebelt  
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.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10:30, Morning Worship Service.  
Special music by the choir, illustrated children's message.  
11:45, 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.

**15185 Gaylord Road**  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.  
B. Y. F. 6 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

## Keep Him Guessing



## Letter From Representative Estes Notes Legislation On School Aid

Under present law any constitutional amendment to be submitted in the April ballot must be in the hands of County Clerks 49 days prior to the election. This means that unless the law is amended any and all amendments to go to the people for a vote in this spring election must have been in the possession of the County Clerks by Monday, February 16.

To clear the way for the possible submission in the April election of amendments, H. B. 75 amending the law to allow an additional two weeks time for legislative consideration and action on proposed constitutional amendments was reported favorably to the floor of the House. This change would apply only on questions to be submitted in spring elections.

A hearing was held on House Joint Resolution "C", a proposal known as the Conlin Plan, to re-empower the sales tax diversion amendment to put state aid to schools on a current basis, liquidating the veterans' fifty million dollar trust fund to substantially reduce the state deficit and guaranteeing an annual appropriation of \$12,500,000 to the veterans. This sum is the equivalent of the earnings of the fund. Although opposition to the proposal was voiced by some attending the hearing, and some thought admitting the proposal to be a good one, objected that time was too short now to educate the people as to the worth of the same. It is felt that much headway was made, greatly encouraging the proponents of the plan.

Another proposed amendment which has attracted a great deal of interest is one to put a ceiling of five per cent on corporation profits which may be taxed.

Discussions and conferences continue while we await the report of the Tax Study Committee with its recommendations.

The question of apportionment has created intense interest and the committee, having invited assistance and suggestions, has not lacked for advice. Many plans and maps have been submitted, no two of which are alike.

A bill increasing the share of the required population to retain their representative district, face the danger of being eliminated or being consolidated with others.

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By GENE AULEMAN

Michigan highways will soon receive heavy travel of outstate vacationers.

According to Charles W. Ziegler, state highway commissioner, the coming construction season will see more detour signs than in recent years as a mark of progress.

Here's the prospect.

The state treasury expects to collect a trifle more money in '53 for highway building and maintenance than the \$125 million which it received last year.

Revenue comes from the state gasoline tax (average in all states is now six cents), from a graduated weight tax on commercial vehicles weighing 8,000 pounds or more, and from federal aid to the tune of \$16 millions.

Of this amount the state highway department will get 44 per cent.

Michigan, the tax collector for local governments, will return 55 per cent back to counties and cities.

The \$3 county road commissions will get 37% and the 488 cities and villages are counting on 19%.

Commissioner Ziegler expects to spend about \$19 million maintaining Michigan's 9,318 miles of state roads. About \$28 million will be set aside for construction of new roads and bridges, \$2 1/2 million will be ear-marked to retire bond issues on Detroit, expressways and another million to the committee, having invited assistance and suggestions, has not lacked for advice.

There are 5,073 miles of state concrete highways, 3,085 of bituminous surfaced roads and 1,160 miles of gravel.

Two big question marks in the highway department for next year are toll roads in Michigan and the bridge across the Mackinac Straits.

Commissioner Ziegler's view on toll roads is a "middle of the road" stand: improved roads are needed so badly that any legal method is better than no attempt to raise funds. Although he favors a free highway system, he would not oppose the creation of a tax road authority.

Ziegler said he favors the Mackinac bridge idea after making sure of two factors. One was that the project was practical from an engineering standpoint - this has been established by technical authorities. The second is that it is financially sound. This seems satisfactory also, for there is indication that bonding companies will be ready to finance the venture.

Present schedules call for work to begin on the bridge in the spring of '54 with completion the fall of '56.

Another big problem is that of safety. The first 11 months of 1952 recorded 1,541 fatalities on Michigan highways, an increase of 24 over the same period in 1951.

Economic loss resulting from personal injuries and property damage in the state from January through November, 1952, amounted to \$145 million.

The commissioner was recent-

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 23, 1928)

New Dining Hall  
An attendance of several hundred people marked the formal opening last Saturday night of the new home of S. A. Engel's Original Old Southern Style Barbecue at Farmington Junction. Throughout the afternoon and evening hours the rooms of the new dining hall were filled to capacity.

**Humor - 1928 Style**  
That there is no situation without its humor was again illustrated Tuesday afternoon in the City Commission room. The Commission was discussing the widening of Grand River and when a particularly unsatisfactory aspect of the project came up, indicating that the car tracks might be eliminated, City Clerk N. H. Power remarked, "Well, if they let Grand River go to ruin, tear up the car tracks, shut up the Town Hall and put the Masons in the street, we surely will be in a fine fix." Everybody joined in the hearty laughter that followed.

**"President's Wives"**  
At the February 15 meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club Mrs. Hendryx was in charge of "Mrs. Coolidge Gives A Test." Members attended the tea attired in old-fashioned costumes. Those taking part in the acting were Miss Hard, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. Herman Schroeder, Mrs. Heeney, Mrs. Osmus and Mrs. Pierce.

**TEN YEARS AGO (February 25, 1943)**

**Predicts End**  
A most interesting and informative talk was given at the Farmington Methodist Church Sunday evening when Professor Howard McCloskey of the University of Michigan and Washington, D.C., predicted the end of the war with Germany in 1944 and with Japan in 1945.

**Tournament**  
Plans are nearing completion for the annual Basketball Tournament to be held in the Farmington High School gymnasium on March 12, 13, 19 and 20, according to an announcement made by E. V. Ayres, high school principal and tournament manager.

**War Club Head**  
Virgil Campbell has been appointed War Club chairman for the community and plans are now going forward for formation of Neighborhood War Clubs. These clubs form a most important link between the Civilian Defense Council and residents of the community.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (February 26, 1948)**

**Win Honors**  
Several Clarenceville music students won honors in the South-eastern Michigan Solo and Ensemble Festival which was held in Royal Oak recently. Winners included Fred Grose, John Shultz, Maureen Wasack and Bobby Chappel.

**More Service**  
Over 200 residents living in the eastern section of the Farmington area will be added to the Farmington Post Office effective March 1, it was announced by Postmaster Norman C. Lee this week. Residents living in the area west of Inlander Road between Seven Mile Road and Nine Mile Road will be served by the Farmington Post Office.

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