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## EDITORIALS:

### It's Our Opinion

#### A Place To Park . . .

is the No. 1 problem in most growing communities of the state. The success or failure of the individual business and of the entire shopping area hinges to a large extent on the existence of suitable off-street parking facilities.

Recognizing this problem, the new Farmington City Planning Commission has, and wisely so, given the future parking problem a top priority. The Farmington area has been fortunate in having several public parking lots available. These, coupled with a number of individual store parking lots, have done much to ease the problem. However, if the business area is to increase and the community grow, we must look ahead.

With the rapid development of the Warner Farms and Kelly subdivisions, it is not inconceivable that the city population alone will double in the next few years. From all indications this growth will be matched, if not surpassed, by the township. This, of necessity, will require an increase in size and scope of the shopping area. If this increase is to keep pace with the population growth, if it is to be efficient and effective, plans must be made now for proper and attractive off-street parking facilities.

Many communities have had to learn these facts the hard way at a terrific expense to the merchants and the community. Farmington has an opportunity to eliminate the expense and headache experienced by others by acting now while facilities are still available.

Looking ahead is a job for everyone who is interested in the growth and progress of the Farmington community. We are standing where many have stood before . . . it is up to all of us to profit by their experience . . . it is up to us to gear our thinking to the days that lie ahead.

#### Three Weeks From Today . . .

the citizens of the Farmington area will once again be faced with an important decision. How will they answer?

Will the voice of democracy be strong and resolute or weak and indecisive? Only time will tell. We are talking about the coming Biennial Spring Election set for April 6. You say that is no decision, we hope you are right! The decision on how you vote is not the decision we are talking about . . . it's whether or not you will vote!

In the last Township Primary Election only about 14% of the registered voters bothered to go to the polls. To many citizens the election may have seemed unimportant, but in a democracy every right of the individual is important if it is to be preserved. When we let the minority set the pattern, we invite possible disaster. It is written in the history books from beginning to end. We must be vigilant . . . if we are to remain strong.

On April 6 both the city and township will elect local officers who will be responsible for the operation of your government! In the case of the city, the balance of legislative power will be affected as well as the naming of new court officers. Is the function of local government important to you? The answer should obviously be "Yes"; but what will it be April 6? Besides the naming of local officials, residents will be invited to elect key state educational and judicial officers. Is this important to you? Again the answer should be obviously "Yes!"

We all have a responsibility and an obligation to perform on April 6 . . . let's not leave it to 14% of the citizens to do!

#### Another Approach . . .

to that golden hill of tax dollars is being attempted by the State Legislature. Maybe it's just the time of the year or something, but this latest offensive on the public's pocketbook is not being celebrated with shouting in the streets.

No Michigan citizen can honestly deny that the financial condition in the state is anything but sorry. While at the same time no one can deny that the taxpayer is and has been catching it right in the neck.

Maybe our memory is a little foggy, but it seems as though there was quite a little shouting not long ago about a complete overhaul of the financial set-up of the state and we don't believe they were just shouting about new taxes, either.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 2500 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 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
 Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 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. 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 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., 1953, 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.  
 8:00 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.  
 5:00 Young People's Choir.  
 6:30 Junior, Hi-BY, and Senior Youth Groups.  
 6:30 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**  
 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**  
 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**  
 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.  
 3 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.  
 "Faith for Today" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.  
 "Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 5:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 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 Prayers.  
 Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.  
 Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5572.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
 2524 1/2 Shawanese 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.

**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.  
 11:30 p.m. Thursday, prayer service.

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

## Whose Master's Voice?



### Lansing Notes:

#### State House Seeks To Advance Due Date Of Corporation Franchise Tax

Early last week, new hope was given for revival of the constitutional amendment revising the sales tax diversion amendment, but it was short-lived when conference between House and Senate members to persuade the Senate to reverse its decision and bring out and pass H. B. 75, allowing two additional weeks for legislative action on proposals to be submitted in the Spring election, were unsuccessful.

Conferees between the tax committees and the Governor, however, and while hope is expressed that some progress is being made, it is of such importance that the going is naturally a little slow. In the meantime, the State's cash position is such as to draw a warning from the Auditor General that only a small part of the 31 million dollars due to the schools can be sent out next month.

The proposal to advance the due date of the corporation franchise fee from August to May to bolster the State's cash position and bring in 35 million dollars, would alleviate the current pressing situation. The House tax committee reported out this bill and it will be up for final passage in the House next week. It is argued this is not a solution, but a stop-gap measure to ease the immediate need.

Following a bitter floor fight, the House passed and sent to the Senate H. B. 14, prohibiting any

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
 23701 Cass Avenue

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Farmington Town Hall.  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 23701 Cass Avenue.  
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting.  
 Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
 "The real substance is Spirit and not matter" is shown in the Lesson - Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, March 15, entitled "Substance".

The Golden Text is from Ecclesiastes (3:14): "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it."

#### FIRST UNIVERSALIST

Warner and Thomas Streets  
 The Rev. Morley R. Hartley of Lansing will preach at the 11:00 a.m. service Sunday, March 15, on: "Michael Servetus: A Liberal Who Frank D. Adams, the pastor, will conduct the service. Junior Church in Adams Hall at the same hour.

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Rev. J. B. Guinan Farm. 1049 (Services in Universalist Church)  
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon. Holy Communion on each third Sunday.  
 Church School: Pre-school to third grade during Sunday service. Fourth grade and up on Monday afternoon at 4:00 at 32015 Valleyview.

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
 13 Mile Road at Greening  
 10:00 a.m. Church School.  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.  
 Sermon theme "A Lenten Meditation"  
 8:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.  
 Choir rehearsal at the church Wednesday night at 8:00.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Services at the Middlebelt School  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Youth meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening service, 7:30 p.m.  
 Mid-week prayer service in the home of the Pastor at 21396 Tuane Wednesday 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., 6 p.m.  
 Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.



By GENE ALLEMAN

The Michigan Legislature last week looked to business and industry for \$35 to \$40 million in additional taxes.

Here is the tax package by Republican members of the House of Representatives in party caucus:  
 1. Tax manufacturers and wholesalers one-fourth of 1 percent on their annual gross receipts with no exceptions for out-of-state sales. This, by itself, would yield \$35 to \$40 millions in new revenue each year.

Advance the date of the corporation franchise tax to May 15 in order to produce another \$35 million for the present fiscal year (ending June 30).  
 3. The treasury would have from the primary school fund, now paid in state inheritance and gift taxes, while granting \$18 million to the schools—a gain of \$8 million by re-negotiating the just-quoted transfer tax defeated last year.

Members of Senator George Higinbotham's committee were talking of doubling the manufacturer-wholesale levy for the first 12 months in order to retire one-third of the whopping gap in the State's treasury which is approaching the \$90 million mark.

Add these together and you get \$80,000,000 in so-called one-time taxes, sufficient to retire the State's debt in 1954. With the manufacturer-wholesale tax going down automatically from five to two and one-half mills on July 1, 1954, the State treasury would have around \$35,000,000 in additional revenues annually to bridge the gap caused by constitutional diversion of taxes back to local governments.

If the manufacturer-wholesale tax, which is frankly a hidden consumer levy, fails to get enough support in the house and senate, then Governor Williams' corporation profits tax has an excellent chance of becoming a law. Legislators may dress it up a bit to give it a new appearance, such as having the levy apply to unincorporated business and partnerships. But basically it would be the Williams plan.

Republican leaders feared the so-called Conlin plan, calling for constitutional amendments, would provide Democrats with political ammunition for the 1953 spring election to correct a few flaws, the necessary changes should be made in one package. Except for municipal elections, there will be no other elections after this spring election until the fall of 1954, and inasmuch as the Legislature will meet in regular session in January of next year, the committee will have plenty of time to work out whatever changes are necessary in an orderly manner.

An amendatory bill, H. B. 121, making it legal to sell or furnish cigarettes to minors 12 years of age was reported to the floor with a recommended amendment increasing the age to 18. Action on the bill was deferred this week due to the absence of the introducer, and the bill will come up next Tuesday.

This ear-marking of tax money for local governments, now totaling about \$400,000,000 a year, is the basic cause of the state's unbalanced budget.

This system works to the advantage of local governments.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 15, 1928)

A huge bouquet of 100 red carnations marked the one-hundredth birthday of Farmington's first centennial on Tuesday. So far as is known, Mrs. Beulah Gibson Noble, of Switzer Lane, is the first resident of this section to attain 100 years of age. N. H. Power, a personal friend of Mrs. Noble, talked with her on her birthday, and Mrs. Noble said that she "hoped he would call and see her on her next hundredth birthday."

For Better Business  
 A "Better Business Day" to foster closer relationships between the businessmen and residents of the community is being planned by a committee as part of the anniversary celebration of the Farmington Exchange Club.

Present Operetta  
 An attendance of 212 at the children's matinee Wednesday afternoon provided an auspicious start for the performances of "The Ghost of Lollipop Bay" given at the Farmington High School. The main performance is scheduled for Thursday evening.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 11, 1943)

All Stars Win  
 On Sunday the Farmington All Stars local bowling team, defeated the Plymouth Garden All Stars at Livonia Recreation in a match game. A return match will be bowled on March 14. Mark Cotter, Fred Lane, Clarence Billings, Henry Tubbill and Robert Davis made up the winning team.

Garden Center  
 Announcement was made this week of plans to establish a Victory Garden Center in the Farmington City Hall. The Center will be under the supervision of Mrs. Warren Vay, recently appointed Victory Garden Chairman by DeLois Hamlin, chairman of the Civilian Defense Council.

Real Battle  
 Farmington firemen had a real battle on their hands Saturday night, responding to a call from Walld Lake. Impeded by the zero weather and a high wind, firemen from Walld Lake, Novi, Southfield Township and Farmington worked at great disadvantage. Flames spread and completely destroyed five houses. The residence of C. A. Hoffman, superintendent of Walld Lake Schools, was included in those destroyed. The property damage was very high.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 11, 1948)

On The Way  
 A total of \$643 has been collected to date in the 1948 Farmington Red Cross Drive, it was announced Wednesday. O. E. Dunkel, local chairman. Farmington's quota has been set at \$2,387.

Sock Scrap  
 The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will open a city-wide scrap metal drive this Saturday, it was announced this week by Bud Felton, finance chairman. The proceeds will be used to finance the Junior Chamber of Commerce movement in Farmington.

Falcons Trojans Lose  
 Farmington's Falcons and Clarenceville's Trojans closed their 1947-48 basketball season officially last week as they both went down in defeat in the District 29 Basketball Tournament held at the Farmington High School gym.

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**FRIDAY THE 13TH**  
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 will be a  
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 for the  
**FARMINGTON**  
**LITTLE LEAGUE!**

In support of the Farmington Little League, the TOWN CLUB will sponsor a card party at the Farmington High School Gym on March 13, at 8:00 p.m.

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 • Style Show  
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