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EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion Issues As Important . . .

as zoning should be placed before the people for study and public debate. The Enterprise has taken this stand before and it re-emphasizes it now.

In the past few weeks the Township Board has declared its intention to amend the present ordinance. Some of the proposed changes have originated with the Zoning Board while others were started by the Township Board. In two cases the Board declared its intention only to rescind its action at the next meeting.

Last Tuesday a proposal was presented and a motion was made to draft a new amendment. The parties making the proposal, as well as the Enterprise representative, left the meeting with the impression that the amendment would be drawn up and filed with the Zoning Board. Apparently, however, in the final action of the meeting it was turned down. This was done after we were informed that there was no further business.

It is not our intention to discuss the merits or demerits of the issues involved. We believe this should be the responsibility of the people. Once a sound amendment has been proposed it should be allowed to follow the channels prescribed by law. This is the only way the Zoning Board and the Township Board can determine the feelings of the people.

Making decisions at one meeting and then reversing them a week or two later only adds to the confusion. Additional amendments to the ordinance will be proposed from time to time. Thus future issues should be simple and clear-cut and the procedures should be thoroughly understood.

On issues as important as zoning, the people should have an opportunity to speak. And given the chance, they will.

Let's Get Noisy . . .

about the coming April 6 election! We have had a quiet primary in the township and an even quieter registration period in both the city and township . . . so now let's begin talking it up.

Don't get us wrong, we aren't advocating a big ruckus or anything like that . . . just some plain old-fashioned Americanism. We want to see another record vote and some healthy, constructive interest in the affairs of our local and state governments. We don't want to see another 14% vote such as was recorded in the last Township Primary . . . and once more, we don't think you want to see it either.

Although the Spring Election is minus much of the glamor and build-up experienced in Presidential Elections . . . it is nonetheless of equal importance to the people. In fact, the election of local and state officials should be of even more importance. These officials are much closer to us. They are the front line of democratic government.

So let's resolve right now to vote on April 6, and at the same time to launch an individual "talk-it-up" campaign. Let's talk voting every place we go . . . our club . . . our neighbors . . . our friends. It is our responsibility to vote every chance we get and to encourage others to do the same.

A Long Overdue Program . . .

is now under way in Washington which has a lot of politicians shaking their heads. But there is nothing new about the head-shaking, they have been doing that for years. In fact, every time this type of program was proposed they shook their heads in a horizontal motion and then just sat.

The program we are talking about is the cutback in the number of employees on the government payrolls. It isn't going to be an easy job, because for years more and more employees have been pouring into government offices. But the job is under way and results are being achieved in spite of the head-shaking.

It is interesting to note that in spite of the reduction in employees the government has not fallen apart, in fact, there are already some evidences of increased efficiency in a number of departments. Many governmental experts have pointed out in the past that quantity does not insure efficiency — in fact, it often impairs it. But the political head-shaking went right on just the same.

The success of the program in Washington should set the pattern for similar successes in our State Government. Yes, even in spite of the shaking of heads.

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 to senior departments
Divine services at 8:30 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 Avenue
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.
9:45 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., large, enthusiastic Sunday School
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship
6:30 p.m., Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST
10:00 a.m., Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship
11:10 Sunday School with all-graded lessons
6:30 p.m., Young People's Choir
6:30 p.m., Hi-Hy, 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.

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
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sabbath School 8:30 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 Service
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.

CHURCH OF GOD
20841 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.

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.

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.

Time Out for Intermission



Representative Estes Reports Minority Responsible For Lack Of Funds

The Governor, in his weekly conference with the tax committees of the Legislature, did a right-about-face and reversed his position of a year ago on the "rob Peter to pay Paul" policy. A year ago he severely criticized any thought of such an idea, but (despite his message to the Legislature on January 15, wherein he not only recognized the existing emergency, but stressed the imperative need for immediate action) in support of his new position, called upon his Comptroller to furnish figures to the effect that no emergency existed and that 35 million dollars was on hand. The latter was prepared as directed. However, when pressed for an explanation, the Comptroller admitted that a large sum was still due the schools for January, the installment for the soldiers' bonus bonds was about due and that one-cent of the sales tax for the first quarter would need to be paid as required by the Constitution.

Following this, the House considered and S. B. 1002, advising the due date of corporation franchise fee payments from August 31 to May 15, came up for consideration and final debate. In a long and very bitter debate which followed before a vote was taken on the bill so urgently needed, now to insure needed cash this month to meet the March payment to schools, and we have been assured by the large corporations that they will pay as soon as this bill becomes law, it was very evident that the Democratic members were determined to keep the bill dangling in mid-air until they can force, with their pressure tactics, the entire Legislature into their way of thinking. In one breath, they deny its need for the March payments, and in the next breath, plausibly proclaimed they would vote for it if it were accompanied by a package tax to meet the overall needs of the state. Yet, recently condemning the bill as a stop-gap measure, they expressed fear that if it were enacted into law it would make it legally impossible to increase or change the tax on corporations this year. They maintained their position even though an Attorney General's opinion, citing a Supreme Court decision, refuted the claim. The bill came to a vote and was passed strictly on party lines — 66 to 32. An effort to give it immediate effect, without which the bill is useless, since any bill not having immediate effect does not go into effect until 90 days after final adjournment, failed by one vote. The vote here again was strictly on party lines with every Democratic voting against it. In an effort to allow the Democratic members a chance to reconsider after thinking over the effect of their action on the passage of the bill, the bill was reconsidered for the purpose of tabling the bill, and the bill went to the table. The following day it was taken from the table and reconsidered. Again the Democratic members voted solidly against giving it immediate effect. Sixty-seven votes are necessary for immediate effect, and there are only 66 Republicans — two-thirds. The bill has gone back to the Senate, where it originated, and it is hoped that before the final chapter is written on this particular bill, at least one Democratic House member will have a change of heart and be willing, for the good of the state, to quit playing politics to describe the situation.

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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.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
That matter is found to be "unstable in human experience" is shown in the Lesson-Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, March 22, under the subject of "Matter".
The Golden Text is from 1 John (5:21): "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sermon by Dr. Frank D. Adams at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 22: "Meaning of Biblical Word-Pictures," an explanation of the use of metaphor and other scriptural figures of speech. Special invitation to young people. Junior church in Adams Hall at same hour.
Interpretive dramatic recital of "Death Takes A Holiday" by Dr. Adams at 4:30 vesper service.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. D. Guinan, Farm. 1049 (Services in Universalist Church)
9:30 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, "Life Attitudes".
6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
Choir rehearsal at the church Wednesday night at 8:00.
W.S.C.S. at church Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

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 21291 Tunawana Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH
15188 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.



New prison riots can be expected at Jackson unless the legislature acts immediately to appropriate \$15,000,000 for new prison facilities.

This was the dramatic report voiced by Austin H. McCormick, national penal authority, before the Michigan Legislature.

The compelling circumstances of the state deficit are already exerting terrific pressure on legislators to impose new taxes. Senator George N. Higgins suggested that public schools bring suit against the state for some \$35 million back payments. This move, he hopes, would force Democrats to drop their insistence for a corporate profits tax.

But the plight of state solons who have 76% of the budget automatically earmarked for various departments is neither pleasant nor simple when a report of the nature of Mr. McCormick's comes along to threaten great expenses unless immediate expenditures are made. The only answer is more tax money — but the big question remains who will pay it and how soon will the decision be made.

The situation of Jackson prison was held before the legislature on Tuesday night before they started, said Crime Expert McCormick. He referred with great emphasis to the unbelievable mixing of all types of inmates necessitated by overcrowding. Highest on his list of recommendations to bring prison situation under control is a new "intermediate" size prison for 1,200 inmates. Suggested location for this is Ionia, completely separate from the mental institution there.

This will cost about \$13 million today. It could have been built, he said, for \$3 1/2 million in 1934 or \$10 million in 1940. Without this new prison, or some other means of creating room at Jackson, the unrest which has existed among prisoners since last April might break out into rioting at any time.

On the day of the big riot about 5,000 prisoners were inside the walls . . . 1,200 is considered the top ideal number for one penal institution. All sections of the prison had been crowded for so long a period that segregation was impossible. This lack was considered the primary single reason for the riots. Criminal psychopaths were freely mixed with other inmates; sexual perverts could be found in every cell block; free to molest many of the younger prisoners.

Lifers and other hardened criminals were mixed with inmates whose crimes were of such mild varieties as failure to pay alimony, unlawful use of automobiles, contempt of court, game law violators. The mixture of sane and insane, old and young, perverts and mild lawbreakers led Penologist McCormick to describe the situation.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 15, 1928)
New Sweaters

Farmington businessmen have joined this week in contributing toward a fund to purchase new sweaters for the Farmington High School basketball team, in honor of their winning the league championship. It is expected that the team will have the new outfit in time for the start of the second tournament which they expect to enter.

Emergency Landing

J. W. Cornair, on whose farm Col. Charles Lindbergh landed last Thursday when he was forced down on a short flight, was, until a recent date, a resident of Farmington and manager of the Atlantic and Pacific store meat market until the latter part of December when he moved to Lathrup Townsite. Lindbergh's landing enabled him to "Make the front page" of metropolitan newspapers.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 18, 1943)
Blinkies Honored

Vic Bligieskee has been named second vice-president of the newly formed organization to be known as the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. The club was started Tuesday evening in Pontiac, at a meeting of sportsmen from all over Oakland County. The purpose is backing conservation in all its aspects, and they propose to carry out a constant program of objectives.

Bond Sales

Joseph Himmelspach, Farmington chairman of sales of United States Defense Bonds and Stamps, is asking the cooperation of Farmington businessmen and sportsmen in the launching of Farmington bonds and stamps. The plan of selling bonds which has proved so successful in Pontiac. Women volunteers who will serve without compensation will take over the retail sales of bonds and stamps.

Honor Roll

The dedication service of the "Honor Roll" of the young men and women in service at the United Church in Clarencerville was held last Sunday. The service will undoubtedly be remembered by all who attended as long as they live. Service people so honored, and who were present for the ceremony, included Barbara and Lowell Ryall, who were home on leave.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 18, 1948)
Honored

Patricia Ann Everly and June Beverly Toth were named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively, of the Farmington High School graduating class of 1948 in a formal announcement made Thursday at the National Honor Society assembly by Miss Ruth Bailey, committee chairman.

Complete Home

Groves - Walker Post 346, American Legion, will hold a regular meeting on Thursday evening of this week at the New Memorial Home. Work on the home has been rather delayed due to the shortage of brick, but they are ready to start in again. Legionnaires have given freely of their time on Saturdays and Sundays, and because of the splendid cooperation, a good deal of work has been accomplished.

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