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## EDITORIALS:

### It's Our Opinion

#### What Would Happen . . .

If someone told you, a registered elector, that you couldn't vote next Monday in the Biennial Spring Election? Or what would happen if someone told you that you could only vote for certain candidates? You wouldn't like it, would you?

Well, no one is going to tell you you can't vote if you are qualified and they aren't going to tell you how to vote, but it could happen. In fact, it has happened in a lot of fallen democracies throughout the world. And one of the major reasons has been indifference on the part of individual citizens. They couldn't see any reason for voting or they were just too busy to bother about it. The result . . . a minority group took over and the people lost their rights and obligations as free men.

Someone says, "Oh yes, but that couldn't happen in the United States, in Michigan or Farmington." That's what they said in Germany, Italy and many other former democracies . . . but it happened! In a light election a well-organized minority can take over and, once in power, strip the majority of its rights and privileges. Our greatest assurance of lasting freedom is vigilance and individual responsibility. We must take advantage of every opportunity to use our democratic machinery lest it rust and fall in decay.

The citizens of Farmington Township and City will have such an opportunity next Monday. How many will take advantage of it? The answer will tell us how strong we really are as a community and a nation.

#### Call It Spirit . . .

or class or pride and you will be right all three times. These are the three little words behind the present campaign to raise money for new Farmington High School band uniforms.

The Farmington P.T.A., along with a lot of other community-minded citizens, is going all out to bring a new spirit and pride to Farmington. But they can't and shouldn't do it alone. We should all be proud of our community, our schools and particularly our boys and girls. Here is a chance for each of us to show just how proud we are.

Not only does the band add color and pageantry at football games and entertainment at concerts and school festivities, but they repeatedly form the backbone for community activities. This is an added reason why everyone should participate in this worthwhile campaign.

A lot of time and hard work is put forth each year by Lloyd Smith, band instructor, and his students to perfect a wide variety of band selections. As a result the Farmington High School band has won numerous honors down through the years. Many have thrilled to their music and marching formations, but we have an idea the music will be even more stirring and the formations more impressive when the band steps by in brand new uniforms.

You, the people of Farmington, can make it so!

#### Words Can't Describe . . .

the feeling we had last Thursday when this headline jumped out and hit us right between the eyes, "TB Hospital Beds Empty".

You may recall an article which appeared in The Enterprise several months ago about the tragic plight of a young Farmington man who was critically ill with tuberculosis and couldn't find a hospital that would accept him. It took all night and some pretty drastic action by a couple of local citizens before he was able to get hospital care.

Now we read that there have been empty beds in a number of our state TB hospitals, one as close to Farmington as Howell. At the same time our county hospitals have been jammed to overflowing. We don't know how many cases like the one here have occurred throughout the state, but one is enough.

According to the news story the State Senate is investigating, but they had better do more than investigate. They had better insist on some system of admittance and checking that will make it possible to get a critically ill man in a hospital and give him the care he needs without having to turn the State of Michigan upside down.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2500 Grand River Avenue  
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Ladies Service, 11 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Middlebelt at Elgin 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 3:30 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 Thursdays of each month at 3 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  
Middlebelt 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 Weekly Adult Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., evening, the Prayer Service.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST  
10:00 a.m., Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.  
11:10 Sunday School with all grades lessons.  
7:30 Young People's Choir.  
6:30 Junior, Hi-Bi, 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 BORMOS  
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.  
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.  
Daily Masses: 8:30 and 9:00.

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  
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. 5372.

CHURCH OF GOD  
20241 Greenness 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, planned for all ages. During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.

7:30, Evening Worship service.



## New Secretary Of Interior McKay Has Interesting Personal Philosophy

By GEORGE S. BENSON  
President of Harding College

"If the American people ever lose their self-reliance in any great numbers," Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay said to me, "our nation will be destroyed." We were seated in his office in the Interior Department for the second time in this series of interviews with key members of the Eisenhower administration. The key word in the American language, Secretary McKay feels, is "opportunity." The government's primary responsibility is to protect and expand it. Secretary McKay considers the number one job of the Interior Department to be the safeguarding of the natural resources so their development may enrich the lives of all Americans. He believes that in most cases private enterprise can best serve in such developments. At his request Mr. McKay related a bit of his life story, but the most interesting details came from talks with some of his intimate associates in the department.

Douglas McKay's Scotch-Irish forebears helped settle the West, but his parents were of such modest means that young Doug, at 14, was driving a butcher's delivery wagon while getting his high school education piecemeal. He worked his way through Oregon State College, but the beginning of his career was cut short by World War I. He enlisted in the historic battle of the Argonne Forest, his outfit engaged in the fiercest action. Of its 201 men, only 28 survived. McKay, his right shoulder terribly shattered, was given little chance for life. He was hospitalized for months and had to adjust to a lifetime of being handicapped.

At war's end he got a job selling Ford cars in his home town, Portland, Oregon. He lived thriftily, saved his money, and in 1928 bought a small Chevrolet dealership in Salem. Some of his capital was borrowed money and this he paid back early in the depression because he felt the future was so uncertain he might not have it.

After the weathered the depression by cutting expenses to the bone. Today his automobile business, built up gradually over 25 years, is prospering. Larry Smyth, veteran writer on the Oregon Journal, was persuaded by the new Secretary to take a leave of absence and work with him for a time in Washington. Smyth covered McKay's political career in Oregon. "When Douglas McKay got in business for himself and began to progress in Salem, he also got into civic work," Smyth told me. "His theory was and still is, that those who take something out of a community should put something back." McKay's civic work led to his being elected mayor. He next was sent to the state senate.

When World War II started he cut short any further political career and, although handicapped and over-age, he enlisted in the army again. He remained in service until the Japanese had capitulated. Back in his Salem automobile dealership once more, he was stunned one day in 1947 when the Governor, the Senate President, and the House Speaker all were

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By GENE ALLEMAN

You will pay more state taxes in 1953. Legislators agree, for the most part, with that. The argument continues to be the same: How? How much, for how long, how will it be collected?

Democrats, who have pluggled for years to enact a corporate profits tax of some sort, have adopted a "show me a better way" attitude. Representative Walter H. Nill has intended for some time to introduce at this session, a tax on corporations profits.

Remember, since the legislature's opening day, have sought a solution to the state's \$90,000,000 deficit and a means of raising an additional \$35,000,000 each year to offset future deficits. They hope to pass a tax that directly affects a large number of people so that once the deficit is reduced, there will be wide pressure to do away with the tax.

For a time they studied the idea of taxing wholesalers; then a proposal for a tax of five mills (half a cent) against payroll excepting employees of federal, state and local governments, and non-profit religious and social agencies. This bill would expire automatically in June 1955. Other suggestions include using part of the money set aside for veteran bonus purposes, taxing cigarette and liquor sales, and taxing the sale of used cars.

Bills to tax personal and corporate incomes were introduced in both houses. The idea is to charge a percentage between one and five percent, in proportion to the amount paid to the federal government. To make the idea more acceptable, the plans call for repeal of the state sales and corporate profits taxes and specifies that schools and local forms of government will receive about the same amount of money as at present. Dropping the sales tax in favor of an income tax is a measure long favored by some groups as a fairer means of taxing those who have the ability to pay.

It has been predicted that unless the Republicans can come up with a workable solution to tax problems, they will be faced with passing, for lack of something better, a bill akin to the one Governor Williams has been advocating for at least four years.

Action and decisions should soon become the keynote of the legislative session since May 22 has been set as adjournment day. This means that all but money bills have already been introduced and the time for counting votes is here.

An increase in the cost of fishing licenses is one bill that will come up for consideration. Representative C. Betz (Republican) introduced a measure to raise the price to \$2 for residents and non-residents, eliminate the husband-wife single license and to require licenses to fish the Great Lakes.

A bill to deny hunters the right to sue for damages resulting from

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (April 5, 1928)

To Move Store  
An announcement of unusual interest to Farmington residents and business men is that of the moving to Grand River Avenue of the grocery and meat business operated by Henry Pauline. It is expected that the change will be completed about May 1.

Another Bad Member  
That Farmington will have another member on the County Board of Supervisors in the near future, and that Assessor Arthur Lamb will be selected for that position, appears likely following an announcement by Mayor Wells D. Butterfield to the City Commission Monday evening.

Judge "Drafted"  
Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington on Saturday completed a week of pinch-hitting on the judge's bench of Justice Harry Harpster of Pontiac, who was ill. Harpster's illness threatened to block entirely the crowded calendar, but Judge Schulte readily responded to a hurried call for aid.

TEN-YEARS AGO (April 1, 1943)  
Fete Soldiers  
There's going to be some excitement in and around Farmington next Saturday night—in more ways than one. It is all occasioned by the fact that approximately a hundred soldiers from Fort Wayne will be on maneuvers, working on night problems in the district north and east of Farmington. Plans for their entertainment before the maneuvers begin have taken shape and we'll bet that there will be a hundred more soldiers thinking that Farmington is one of the swiftest little cities in the state!

Student Writers  
Some of the names in the masthead of the "Blue and White" school page were: Managing Editor, Alfred Wallbank; Reporters, Clara and Cord Billing, Dave Sullivan, Joe Myrles, Bill Cheekett, Jim Maloney, Suzanne Warner, Joyce Brown, Jane Leach, Nancy Moore, Shirley Barber, Marie Slusser, Mary Tamm, Harry Zarish, Doris King, Shirley Kekkunen, Joyce Hahmehel, Florence Cairnes and Katherine Louie.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 1, 1948)  
Although weather conditions held down practice considerably both Farmington and Clarenceville's 1948 baseball teams were hard at work this week preparing for the opening game of the season between the two teams on April 16.

Life-A-Bike  
The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce announced this week plans for a "Scotch-Lite-A-Bike" safety program which will be held Saturday on the Farmington High School grounds. The purpose of the "Scotch-Lite-A-Bike" is to make bicycles safer at night. The reflecting tape can be seen for considerable distances by a motorist whose car lights strike it. The tape is resistant to weather and lasts indefinitely.

Present Cane  
Earl VanAlstine, a war veteran who lost his sight during World War II, was presented with a new plastic cane last week by the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

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