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EDITORIALS:
It's Our Opinion

The Suggested

expansion of water main facilities in the township as proposed at a special meeting of the Board of Health last week is, in our opinion, the Number One problem facing the township in the next few years.

It isn't a program that can be accomplished overnight, a lot of thought and future planning must go into the formation of such a project. And yet, it is something that must be done to insure the orderly development of the township. An overall study should be started at once with the objective of setting up an expanding water system in the township.

This would be an excellent starting point for a township planning commission. A great deal of investigation and research is required if a sound program is to be developed. Sources of supply must be determined, engineering and cost estimates must be secured and a program of financing must be devised. As we stated before, this will require a considerable amount of time. The Board can not be expected to handle all of the minute details in addition to their regular work. Thus it would seem logical to set up a special research and planning group to work out the program.

The establishment of a water system in certain sections of the township would not only be a valuable convenience to the people and an asset to the property, but, more important, would eliminate much of the unsanitary conditions that now exist. As was pointed out at the Board of Health meeting, full enforcement of the Township Health Ordinance is dependent upon the existence of water.

With the rapid growth and expansion of the township, health and sanitation become an ever-more important problem. These vital protections must be provided as soon as possible if Farmington is to continue as a modern and attractive community.

When A Government

regardless of its size or scope, chooses to conduct public business behind closed doors, it automatically assumes the defensive. These are not new words, they have been written and spoken many times by many learned Americans.

The City Council, by going into executive session last Tuesday, did in one moment what may take years to overcome. The personalities, the issues and the final result have no bearing on the question we are discussing. This is a matter of basic principle and involves a far greater field than Farmington and this particular incident.

The Enterprise is satisfied that the conclusions released by all parties after the meeting Tuesday were complete and honest. But it can not be satisfied with the manner in which it was conducted. It is our firm belief that newspapers have a solemn responsibility to the people and the communities they serve. This responsibility includes more than just clear and objective reporting. It includes fairness, and a strict adherence to principle rather than personalities.

We believe, with equal firmness, that an elective governmental body has a responsibility to the people it represents. When either a newspaper or a group of public officials fail to fulfill that responsibility they are not only open to criticism, but are unknowingly contributing to the deterioration of our fundamental rights. Good government is built on confidence and trust, and the only way that it can be strengthened is to eliminate question and doubt.

As we stated previously, this is strictly a matter of basic principle which must one day be resolved, not just in Farmington but in every community throughout the free world.

Two Startling

facts were announced this week by Michigan Civil Defense officials, which should cause everyone to do some pretty serious thinking.

The first is that the Reds can fly an atom bomb from Siberia to Detroit in 4 1/2 hours. The second fact is that the Ground Observer Corps is so weak at the present time that an enemy bomber could easily slip over Detroit without warning. We don't say that this will happen, but it could, with tremendous loss of life and property.

We in the Farmington community should be proud of the work being done by a handful of civilian air spotters and at the same time it should bother us considerably to think that they are being required to carry the burden for the rest of us.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

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

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 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 CKLV.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenues
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
(A nursery is maintained during the Morning Worship.)

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Church School, third grade through high school, 9:30 a.m.
Nursery through second grade at 10:45 a.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Canfield and Grand River
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
Special Advent service Sunday morning, 11:15.
7:30 Sunday evening, special musical service by the Junior choir, all girl choir and youth choir.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST
Farmington at Shawansee
9:30 and 11:40 a.m., Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.
10:45 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.
5:00 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, 11-17, and Senior Youth Groups.
9:30 Adult Study Class.
7:30 Happy Evening Hour.
7:30 Wednesday, Hour of Power.
8:30 Wednesday, 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
Sundays: 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: 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 8:30 a.m., CKLV Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21125 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.
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.

CHURCH OF GOD
20341 Shawansee at Middlebelt
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Christmas message: "The Long Road" special music.
7:00 p.m. Christmas program by the Church School.

Gaylord Baptist Church
11818 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.



Michigan Mirror
INTERPRETING THE NEWS

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 was the origin of man and the universe? That interesting question is explained in the Lesson - Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, December 20, under the subject "In the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force". The Golden Text is from Hebrews 1:10: "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thine hands."

PHILANTHROPIC CHURCH
Meeting in the new high school building. Use east entrance.
Morning-Worship and Church School at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
On Sunday, December 20, Mr. Luther's sermon will be "A Christmas Mystery" based on a story by William J. Locke. Morning service at 11:15 a.m.

There will be a special Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m. December 20. Members of the Church and School will present a Christmas Pageant adapted from the story "Once There Was a Little Boy". Music by both the Junior and Senior Chorus.

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.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at Middlebelt School, Middlebelt North of Ten Mile
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. (For bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)
Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.
Evening service at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week prayer meeting held at the home of the pastor at 21956 Tulane Street Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. D. Co. (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.

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.

OAKLAND CHURCH OF GOD
20221 Angling Road
Between 7 Mile and 8 Mile
Worship, Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

THE DETROIT GOSPEL TABERNACLE
19000 Winston
SUNDAY GOSPEL
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Young Peoples Meeting each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
Ladies Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Old Fashion Prayer Meeting Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lester Road, 1 Mile N. of 8 Mile
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 a.m.
E. C. Crandall, Minister
Phone 34149 6231

LOOKING AHEAD
by GEORGE S. BENSON
President-Biology College
Spring, Atlantic

"Let it be taught in schools, in seminars, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, in spelling books and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation." Abraham Lincoln said. He was speaking of the United States Constitution. Lincoln also said: "As the patriots of 76 did it the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution. Let every American pledge his life, his property, and his sacred honor."

Lincoln knew, as well as any man of history, that the great founding documents of America breathed the spirit of Christianity and provided the framework for maintaining the nation's strength and the individual's freedom. Benjamin Franklin, who authored the Constitution, had known this too. When the work on the Constitution had been finished, he said to the Convention delegates: "You have a Republic - a free one, keep it!"

Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence, revered the Constitution, though he had no part in its writing. He helped prepare the "Bill of Rights," the first ten amendments which were attached two years after the Constitution itself was ratified. And why was the Bill of Rights necessary? Many of Jefferson's colleagues asked that question.

Jefferson replied that although most of the freedoms set forth in detail in the proposed amendments were written into the Constitution itself in general terms, he felt they should be spelled out and re-emphasized. The writers of the Constitution had noted that each state had its own Bill of Rights; and that these contained all the freedoms.

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"A great many Detroit industrialists are laboring under the theory that Detroit is being gyped to keep much of the rest of the state in the comforts of life," wrote Publisher Rice.

Behind this attitude is a clever and extremely appealing campaign being conducted by certain large taxpayers for the sole purpose of securing a modification of the sales tax diversion amendment.

"For enlightening hot-shot executives from Detroit a little historical briefing would be appropriate." At the time in Michigan history when Houghton County paid lion's share of the state's total taxes, during the period when the northern Michigan copper mines were producing 25% of all the copper in the world, there was no complaint from the Upper Peninsula that it was carrying more than its share of the load.

Untapped and about to be tapped assets of the U. P. promise (Continued on Page 7A)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 20, 1928)
First Goodfellow
With over \$200 collected by Thursday morning, Farmington's first "Goodfellow Fund", instituted within the next week by Graves Walker Post and the Farmington Exchange Club, was well on its way to success. All needy families of Farmington City and Township will be cared for at Christmas time with the funds.

Pavement
Thomas Street, Farmington's shortest thoroughfare, may win the honor of being the first street to be paved in Farmington. It appears certain, at least, that the first petition for paving to be circulated in the city will be drawn up for that street.

Gift Time
Following its custom of last year, the Farmington State Savings Bank is presenting to ladies of the community who call at the bank between now and Christmas, pairs of long wax tapers. The candles are in a variety of colors.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 16, 1943)
Present Program
The annual Christmas program of the First Baptist Sunday School will be presented at the church on Friday evening. Main feature of the program will be a pageant-play entitled "Two Books", presented by the young people of the church.

Snack Candidate
The six candidates for this year's D. A. R. award are Betty Aschenbrenner, Dorothy Gustafson, Shirley Johnson, Edith Kargetta, Audrey Lathrup and Kathleen Tassie. Announcement of the winner will be made by Miss Hammon at the school Christmas program on Friday.

First Game
Farmington High School won its first home game of the 1943-44 schedule when they defeated Walled Lake, 26-19, in their second game of the season. Coach Hutton's boys took an early lead and were ahead 12-7 at the half.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 16, 1948)
Floral Park Approved
The combined voters of the City of Farmington and the Floral Park area, by a better than four to one majority, approved annexation of the Floral Park subdivision to the city at the special election held last Thursday.

Adults To Study
Organization for the formation of adult education classes in the Farmington Township School District was initiated by the Board of Education at their regular meeting held Monday evening. Courses will be established for any subject for which equipment and teaching personnel are available and which are approved by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Head-Graben Club
Mrs. Ray D. Eichel, has elected president of the Farmington Garden Club at the regular meeting held Wednesday afternoon. Other officers will include Mrs. John W. Grant, Mrs. Otto Shumacher, Mrs. Glenn Leland, Mrs. Trace Conroy and Mrs. F. J. Henry, Jr.

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NOTICE
Place Your Order for Holiday Egg Nog Now!

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NOW OPEN JOIN TODAY

NOTICE
We will close all day on the Saturdays which follow Christmas and New Years. On the Thursdays preceding these holidays we will remain open all day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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