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EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion

There's No Shortage . . .

of ideas in connection with the possible expansion of the City - Township Library, the construction of new Township Offices and the future use of the present Town Hall. Nearly everyone has a favorite idea and from observations they're very sincere about it, too.

The multitude of ideas being discussed by city and township citizens is an encouraging sign of renewed community interest. We hope that this discussion between individuals and groups will continue, not solely for the purpose of resolving this question, but for developing others as well. The process of exchanging ideas, of voicing opinions, of working together, produces a valuable commodity, known as community spirit, which is essential to the success of any project or any program.

But before we firmly establish our ideas and opinions, let's remember that committees are now at work studying the problems, sifting the facts, and preparing recommendations. We must continue our interest, share our opinions and develop new ideas, but we must do it with an open mind. We must not become so set in our beliefs that we can not see any value in others. The Farmington community urgently needs expanded library facilities, the township needs more adequate office space, the city needs a more centralized municipal set-up and the people need a real community center.

These are big problems . . . and they won't be solved over-night. There will be many facts presented and many ideas proposed, both by the committee and by individuals. It is our responsibility to weigh the facts carefully when they are presented, regardless of our personal opinions, and to realistically work together in achieving these community improvements.

The Rhubarb . . .

that seems to be developing over whether or not Alger Hiss will receive a government pension couldn't happen anywhere but in America. . . . the America that Hiss would have junked if he had his way.

Actually, it seems almost unbelievable that the rhubarb came up in the first place. Betrayal of one's country is hard enough to stomach, but extending the privileges of a democracy to such a person is beyond our comprehension. President Eisenhower, we believe, spoke for all Americans when he voiced his opposition to the granting of government pensions to any but loyal federal employees.

Employment by the government is more than just a job . . . it's a responsibility. Too many seem to have forgotten this fact. The people have a right to expect loyalty and service from their federal employees. In turn, they expect to pay for that service, and they are willing to grant certain benefits in recognition of time and effort. But when a government servant fails to fulfill his trust to the people by betraying his country, he forfeits his rights and benefits as a privileged citizen of a democracy. It is inconceivable to reason it otherwise.

Water, Water Everywhere . . .

but not enough to drink. It is hard to convince most people that in this area of the Great Lakes there is a serious water problem. Only last week, the city was compelled, because of the increased demands, to halt the sale of water outside the corporate limits. For many months, the township has been conducting a study to determine methods of bringing water to various "dry" areas within its boundaries.

Nor is the problem confined to the Farmington area alone. It is present throughout the growing southeast section of the state. The increased population and development of this area makes it ever more apparent that we can not continue to rely indefinitely upon our underground supply of water. We must go to the largest known source at our disposal . . . the Great Lakes.

Tapping the source, purifying it, and bringing it to our homes and factories is a major undertaking. The only way it can be accomplished, we believe, is by an overall authority made up of all of the communities involved. Considerable thought is now being given to such a proposal. It isn't going to be easy from an engineering standpoint or from a financial standpoint . . . but it will be far easier to do it now than it will be to wait until tomorrow. The health and safety of our citizens . . . the continued development of our communities, is dependent upon it.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD

20341 Shawansee at Middlebelt
8 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
8 p.m. Evangelical Service
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer
8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples' Service.

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.
Thursday Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
Youth Groups 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST

Farmington at Shawansee
8:30 and 11:40 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.
10:30 Sunday School with all-grade lessons.
6:00 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, Hi-BY, and Senior Youth Groups.
6:30 Adult Study Class
7:30 Happy Evening Hour
7:30 Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8:30 Wednesday, Senior Choir.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Survey 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

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00, 12:00, 4:00, 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-TV Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Servants at Middlebelt-School on Middlebelt North of Ten Mile
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Evening service at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week prayer meeting held at the home of the pastor at 21936 Tulane Street Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
(For bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH

15 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Sermon theme, "Managing Our Lives".
6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
W. C. S. business meeting at 8:00 p.m. Thursday.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m., nursery to senior department.
Divine services, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:00 p.m. Sunday over CKLW.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Grand River and Warner Avenues
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.
A Nursery will be maintained during the Worship Service.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. J. E. Giffen
Farm, 1049-N and 1049-J (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 through high school, Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Services and Church School at 9:30 a.m.
At Farmington High School Bldg. Westminster Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. at the Manor.

OAKLAND CHURCH OF GOD

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

Getting Too Close for Comfort



Michigan is a key state in the nation's political picture. Campaigns for the fall election will be watched with considerable interest by the country's doers in hope they can predict national trends from what happens in the Wolverine State.

Much is at stake. If Michigan stays in the Republican camp or goes Democratic it will have great national significance. Huge sums of money will be spent by both parties. More delicate maneuvering will be planned; harder fighting can be expected.

Big danger for both sides is a possible split in party ranks. Republicans are sure that controversy between GOP candidates in previous primaries produced wounds too deep to heal by general election time. They attribute Williams' victories in past campaigns to such intra-party fights.

They are taking great pains this year that candidates campaign against the Democrats as the primary -- not each other. While GOP leaders hold their breaths hoping that their candidates will select to what they call an "understanding," not to fight among themselves, Democratic leaders are holding their heads in fear that James Hoffa will lead a rebellion against the Williams leadership.

Hoffa, Detroit AFL labor leader who is described as being unhappy with what he considers CIO domination of the Democratic party, has taken some positive steps that worry the Williams administration more than a little. The challenge to leadership of the Williams faction leaves the governor's group wondering what manner of "enemy" they have within their ranks -- and how far he will go to have his way. Williams is reported to feel that the appearance of George S. Fitzgerald, former national committee

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Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.
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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

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH

West Seven Mile, E. of Farm. Rd.
Senior Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
Morning Worship, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Church School, 9:30 a.m., third through eighth grade.
Nursery through second and high school, 11:00 a.m.
Intermediate Youth Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
Senior Youth Fellowship at 7:00 p.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 Prayer.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation call FR 1-5372.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, FARMINGTON

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.
The spiritual basis of man's true independence will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday in the Lesson - Sermon entitled "God".

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LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President - Housing Cllg
Soc. Affairs

Here is something every taxpayer needs to know. What happens if Congress does not authorize raising the silver ceiling on the national debt? The government will have to cut out wasteful expenses and get by in the 1954-55 fiscal year on its estimated income of \$53.6 billion. That's all. Nothing else happens. The national debt would bump up against the \$275 billion legal limit, and that would be the end of operating our federal government on borrowed money -- at least until the present \$275 billion debt had been whittled down.

What is meant by wasteful expenditure? Just what it sounds like. The requested 1955 fiscal year budget is for \$65.6 billion. If only \$52.5 billion in income is anticipated, that means, to insure the budget, cuts must be made totaling \$3 billion. There is more downright waste than that in today's federal spending. That's actually less than 5 per cent of the budgeted expenditures. Hundreds of documented incidents could be cited of waste of tax money by loose spending and bad management.

Governor Francis Cherry of Arkansas, when he took office 18 months ago, made a thorough study of wasteful spending practices in that state. He went back 18 years and studied the pattern of government spending in Arkansas. He found that in the four quarters of each fiscal year, various departments splurged -- they spent on an average of 30 per cent more in these four quarters than in any other three months period during the fiscal year. Governor Cherry knew why. It was an "open secret," a tradition in the political management of the government.

If a department had an unspent balance at the end of the fiscal year, the department head could hardly go before the legislature's budget committee and ask for a larger appropriation for the fiscal year ahead. But if all his money had been used up by the end of the year, he could ask for the bigger amount. So he spent the last three months of each year he "unloaded." Governor Cherry estimated there had been about \$500,000 of wasteful, needless spending each year. This was just one small item which now has been stopped. Millions were being wasted in loose-spending highway construction. And there were many other incidents of waste which have been corrected.

Perhaps the fourth-quarter squandering practice does not prevail in Washington, but wholesale waste of a grand scale does prevail and can be stopped. It is my feeling, based on considerable study of the financial practices of the federal government, that more than 5 per cent of the \$55.6 billion budget proposed for 1955 could be saved by eliminating normal political waste.

It is waste of taxpayers' money for 2,743,801 civilians to be employed in the federal government, as reported this month by Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D.Va.). It is a waste of taxpayers' money for 7,047,000 persons to be on federal, state and local civilian government payrolls, as reported by the U. S. Census Bureau. That is too many people in government. That many are not needed. The official figures show that one out of nine of the employed people of the nation are on government payrolls, not counting those in uniform.

Can the national budget be balanced? Of course it can. The 2,743,801 civilians on the federal (Continued on Page 4B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 4, 1929)

Cell Block Building

Suggested erection of an additional building in the rear of the police booth on Grand River Avenue to house two jail cells now in the city building was approved by the City Commission Monday evening. The commission voted to expend \$150 for the building, providing the township agrees to supply an equal amount. The Township Board deferred action until other matters pending between it and the city are taken care of. Some opposition to the building was expressed at the last meeting of the Township Board.

Assessor's Plans

Proposals for the making of assessor's plans and a map of the city were laid before the Farmington City Commission Monday night by representatives of McAlpine Starr, Incorporated, of Birmingham. Three plans would be made, including property descriptions in the city into proper shape along with a map. The cost of this undertaking was estimated at \$3,000, and is now under study by an appointed committee.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 6, 1944)

School Elections

Voters of the various school districts in Farmington Township will go to the polls Monday, July 19. There is only one post on the school board to be filled with Jess A. Early filling the only petition for the post. Voters of District VI will decide on whether the board will transfer \$4,000 from the general fund to a building and site fund.

Recreation Program

The Farmington summer recreation program is now in full swing with several boys and girls participating in the playground efficiency tests being conducted. Awards are given on score obtained on a variety of different athletic tests of ability. Tennis programs are being arranged with matches to be played the latter part of this month. Tourneys are being scheduled for both adults and children.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 7, 1949)

Township Health Ordinance

A tentative Township Health Ordinance is now being drafted in accordance with a motion for the ordinance approved at the last township meeting. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard stated at the Board meeting Tuesday evening. The draft will be completed by the next regular meeting of the Board for study and possible changes. Exact provisions of the ordinance will not be known until the draft has been completed and approved by the Board.

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