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EDITORIALS:

It's Our Opinion

Now That Water . . .

is once again flowing from all the faucets in the City of Farmington and conditions have pretty well returned to normal, it is essential that we take inventory of the situation with a view to the future as well as the past.

Throughout a large portion of the summer city residents have been required to conserve their water supply. In spite of the emergency measures, between a third and a half of the city was without water for a 12-hour period two weeks ago Sunday. A large number of theories have been expounded for the latest difficulty. Some appear to have considerable logic and reason while others seem to have found birth and abundance on the rumor mill.

Regardless of the theories and the wide-spread publicity, a serious situation did exist and apparently has existed for some time. Though not as bad as reported initially, it was bad enough to cause real concern. In defense of the Council and City Manager, several efforts have been made to secure data on the source and supply of the city wells in spite of unofficial claims that there was plenty of water. These efforts have been fruitless.

In the meantime, the city has experienced a rapid growth which has placed an ever-increasing load on the water supply. It is always easy to point out what should have been done after the situation has occurred. But The Enterprise has, for more years than we want to remember, attempted to encourage foresight and planning. The Council did, some time ago, authorize the drilling of additional test wells, which apparently should have been expedited. However, this should have been done years ago, when the first trends of growth became evident.

There has been considerable debate here and there as to who is to blame for the latest situation. Looking to the past is not going to solve the problem. It may serve as a reminder and a guide, but the solution can only be found in a view to the future. Many similar problems are beginning to loom on the horizon . . . now is the time to prepare ourselves, not after another "situation" has developed.

Another School Year . . .

is officially under way with a record number of students packing the classrooms. To many parents it is the signal for a deep breath and somewhat of a sigh of relief.

But to teachers and administrators, it is a time of adjustment and conjecture. How large will the enrollment be? How will the classroom load turn out? Will the transportation schedule be satisfactory? These are all major questions which develop at this time of the year in spite of projected figures and estimated statistics. But the biggest question of all is, "How much support, interest and cooperation will be displayed by the public?"

Both Farmington and Clarenceville have been fortunate as far as public participation is concerned. The continued improvement of this spirit of cooperation is essential to the building of better school systems. Parents can do a great deal to help. They can become active in parent-teacher groups and mothers' clubs. They can support extra curricular activities such as music programs, athletic events, and individual school projects. They can take a genuine interest in the problems confronting school officials and cooperate in trying to solve them.

With this type of participation and support, no problem is unsurmountable.

An Ever Larger . . .

broom is being used in an effort to sweep the "questionable" reading matter from the news and magazine racks of the State of Michigan.

The latest addition to the growing broom comes from Port Huron, where a committee of citizens has succeeded in promoting a grand jury to investigate "smut" on their news stands. Many communities are watching the proceedings with a great deal of interest for it may well set a pattern for constructive results.

Farmington is not as bad as some other communities, but there is room for improvement. We are confident that the various local dealers would cooperate if an objective public program were initiated. Maybe the Port Huron plan is the answer . . . at least it is worth watching!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
23841 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.

9 p.m. Saturday, Young People's 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
9:30 and 11:40 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.

10:35 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.

6:00 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, Hi-Y, and Senior Youth Groups.
6:50 Adult Study Class.
7:30 Happy Evening Hour.
7:30 Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8:30 Wednesday, Senior Choir.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
A nurses department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening.

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, 11:15 and 12:00.
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 9:45 a.m. Saturday.
Church 11:00 a.m. Saturday.
8 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

"Path 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.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services 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 21906 Tulane Street Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
(For bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 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. E. 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 departments.
Divine services, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25500 Grand River Avenue
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. B. Gulan
Farm, 1048-M and 1049-J
(Services in Unshelton 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 8 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Farmington H. S. Building
Richard Geiger, Pastor
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Nursery school and classes for children and young people through High School age.

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



There is little excuse for any Michigan community to be without a practical recreation program if people there want one.

A small office in Lansing with a big sounding name is ready, willing and able to supply important consultation and technical advice to help make such a program become a reality.

This office is particularly interested in working with communities of less than 5,000 in population, but it will tackle any problem concerning recreation anywhere in the state. And at no cost to the community!

To secure this service is simple. Only thing required is a request.

A letter can come from a town board, a village council, a city commission, a P. T. A., a school board . . . even an individual.

The inquiry should be directed to the Michigan Inter-Agency Council for Recreation, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing.

Ernest V. Blohm, executive secretary, will consider the subject, perhaps visit the area. He will aid in solving the problem.

"Citius" title for this activity stems from the days it was organized in 1936. The office had no official status as a commission or a department. Representatives from many state agencies were trying to help it along. Hence the "inter-agency" Council for Recreation.

At present 17 state agencies cooperate as part of the council. It is from these that Blohm can get the most reliable information is needed. He can find answers to questions about health, law, engineering, personnel, and many others by contacting experts in state administration.

This arrangement, efficient for recreational needs, is also economical for the taxpayer.

Cost of the Inter-Agency Council is only \$12,000 per year, an extremely low budget as state offices go. In other states, much more is usually set aside for similar service. A western state spends \$150,000 per year; a southern state spends \$100,000.

Recreation, already big business

THE DETROIT GOSPEL TABERNACLE
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FILL 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 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

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
West Seven Mile, E. of Farm, Rd.
Church Service, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School - 2nd to 8th Grades, 9:30 a.m.; Beginners, 10:00 a.m.
2nd Grade, 11 a.m.; High School, 11:00 a.m.

Int. Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m. Sen. Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m. Prayer meeting Wed. at 8 p.m.
SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21125 E. Warren 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.
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NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30, Morning Worship Service. Special music by the choir. Illustrations by the choir.
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.

Gaylord Baptist Church
12188 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.
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LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Lansing College
Saginaw, Michigan

"Thirty million American boys and girls are entering school this month. They are the luckiest and smartest on earth. They have the greatest measure of freedom and the greatest degree of economic welfare of any children anywhere. In spite of the many things that need to be corrected or improved in our school system, these millions of young Americans have the best educational facilities in the world, and during the school year they will eat better, be clothed better and will enjoy more childhood pleasures than children anywhere else have enjoyed at any time in human history.

But do our American boys and girls entering school this month really know how lucky they are? My feeling is that only a very small percentage do. One of the major responsibilities of our school system is to see that every child is well acquainted with the facts about the blessings of American citizenship. And this responsibility must be accepted and carried out not merely by our school administrators and teachers but by the parents too.

For a great many years I have been advocating the development of a course in American citizenship for every school in the nation. This need, it seems to me, is a challenge to the parents and the school people in every school district in the land. There are some things that the educational people should be taught in such a course:

1. An understanding by every school child of the Christian origin of the American form of life. Faith in God gave the American founding fathers the spiritual strength needed to open and develop a primitive world and to overcome the great obstacles in the building of a new kind of life and a new kind of government for mankind. God's laws were acknowledged as supreme and were made the foundation for our social, economic and political order.

2. An understanding by every school child of the structure of the unique American system of government, and its benefits. The Declaration of Independence was a people's defiance of an autocrat and a government which denied individual freedom. The United States Constitution welded the freedom philosophy into an instrument of government, the first step in the development of the new Republic and the only Republic of its kind on earth. It is important that our children know that true democratic ideals cannot be achieved in a pure "Democracy" but that to survive, they need the basic principles of a Republic.

3. An understanding by every school child of the structure of the unique American economic system. Our economic system is called capitalism. It is founded on the right of individual citizens to own property. Youngsters can get an understanding of our system from the story of Plymouth Colony where it was gradually developed out of trial and error.

Basic need for private ownership, the wholesome power of the profit motive, the spur of competition in a free market, and the character building influence of self-reliance—these are the lessons available in the history of Plymouth Colony.

4. An understanding by every school child of the relative social, political and economic advantages of the American system over any other system known. The basic advantages, stated briefly, are: the greatest degree of freedom given any people in this world; the greatest degree of prosperity achieved by any people in the world; the greatest opportunity for economic progress.

Real value of the Inter-Agency Council is that of a clearing house for recreational problems.

It can provide warnings about common pitfalls so that one community can benefit from the experiences of others. It can adapt the program of one area to fit the needs of another with minimum difficulty.

Recurring problems in most cases, says Blohm, are leadership, cost and lack of facilities.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 12, 1926)

Farmington has an opportunity to get construction started on the proposed Farmington Drain within 30 days, it was disclosed by County Drain Commissioner Arthur W. Spencer this week. He stated that his office is preparing to proceed with work on the project on short notice. Spencer has promised to come to Farmington Monday night with a member of his staff to develop the proposed project in detail to Farmington City and Township residents.

Church Plans Centennial
Officials of the Farmington Methodist Church are now making plans to celebrate the centennial year of Methodist preaching and services in this community. The celebration will start October 27 and continue through the following week. A "Reminiscence and Homecoming Evening" and a large banquet will be featured during the celebration. Centennial preacher will be Dr. Clarence E. Allen of Erie, Pennsylvania, who began his ministry in the local church, FIVE YEARS AGO (September 15, 1944).

Plan New Library
Considerable discussion was heard Wednesday night at a meeting of the Farmington City Council regarding the possibility of getting a new library for the city and township. The suggested project would be part of a post-war improvement program. Representatives of the City and Township Library Committee, along with architect M. R. Burrows, were present at the meeting and presented three suggested building blueprints to the Commission. One of the three drawings has now been submitted to the State Planning Commission.

School Boards To Meet
The Boards of Education of the various school districts in Farmington Township will meet Monday night, September 18, to discuss plans for the reorganization of school districts in this area. E. J. Lederle, County Superintendent of Schools, will be present at the meeting to aid the group in its decision. At an earlier meeting it was deemed desirable for the various school districts to plan together. Residents of the community interested in improving the educational facilities of their children are urged to attend this meeting.

It was learned this week that the tax allocation set by the Oakland County Tax Board for the Farmington Township School District will fall \$13,000 below the budget set up by the local school board. O. E. Hunkel, Superintendent of Schools, said that one of two courses would have to be done in view of the cut. Either school services will have to be curtailed or the system will have to take into account the state aid it will receive next year for the extra 265 pupils being inducted here this year and draw on future receipts.

Petitions demanding the enactment of a zoning ordinance will be submitted to the Township Board next Tuesday night at its regular meeting, a member of the Township Zoning Committee stated. The Township Board is now making plans on what action it will take following receipt of the petition.

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