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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

A Word Of Advice . . .

was laid on the table during the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission Conference last week. We wonder how many representatives picked it up.

The advice came in the form of a statement from Paul M. Reid, planning analyst, to the effect that "growth will be paralyzed unless local government officials and leaders of private enterprise get together and form a sound method of cooperation." Reid stated that "the suburbs and outlying areas are less and less the dependent children of a hovering mother and more and more the partners and integral parts of the larger entity — the metropolitan community."

The Enterprise has continually urged the development of a coordinated program of planning in the Farmington area. We have pointed out repeatedly that both the township and city should maintain active planning commissions with close liaison between both groups. This is important not only from a standpoint of continued identity, but orderly development as well. We must take care of our own house and not look for others to do it for us. Farmington is an integral part of the metropolitan area and not just a dependent child. Recognition of this fact is the first and all-important step in the planning process.

Based on the reactions we have received from time to time, far too many citizens feel that either the situation is hopeless or that it will just work out by itself. Progressive communities are never built that way. The tremendous growth taking place in the city and township should serve as a challenge to every segment of the community. The city now has an active planning commission. The Township Board should take action to organize a similar group. These two agencies should be supplemented by a committee for economic development to promote commercial and light industrial expansion. And probably most important of all, these groups should receive the enthusiastic cooperation and support of the entire community.

Planning and development is largely a matter of attitude. We must really want a better shopping center, we must really want an improved tax base, we must really want an attractive and pleasant residential area. Once we have a singleness of purpose, the word "can't" becomes meaningless and the words "we will" become powerful tools of construction.

The Decision . . .

of the Farmington Township Board to proceed with the erection of temporary offices in the main portion of the Town Hall is, we believe, a very necessary step in the orderly operation of the government.

For some time now, the present office space has been wholly inadequate to handle the increased volume of business. The erection of temporary facilities should add greatly to the efficiency of the staff and officials as well as the convenience of the public. It will, among other things, allow space for police files, desks, and other necessary facilities which don't even exist at this time.

The addition of the offices will, to some extent, curtail the use of the hall for public meetings and gatherings. "Because of the limited amount of facilities for such activities, this will undoubtedly work a hardship on some groups. However, we feel that the proper functioning of government is of prime importance.

At the same time, we feel that every effort should be made to construct a permanent township office building at the earliest possible date. Such a building is urgently needed to meet the expanding needs, to add to the efficiency of the administration, and to protect the records of the township, as well as return and possibly enlarge facilities in the Town Hall for the use and convenience of the public.

A Fine Example . . .

of cooperation and responsibility was displayed in the Michigan House of Representatives last week when Republicans and Democrats alike joined forces to adopt a constructive highway modernization program.

For a while it appeared as though political wrangling would scuttle any effort to secure needed highways in Michigan, but at the last minute, reason gained a foothold and a compromise agreement was reached. "We sincerely hope that this will serve as a crowning example for action in connection with future legislation to come before the House and Senate. If it does, the people will be well represented in Lansing.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
20341 Shawansee at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Cambridge
Sunday Services, 8:45, 11:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Elsie Johns

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Services, 9:30, 11:40 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dr. G. Northrop 1277

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Church School at 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Nursery School unsanctioned during the worship hour.
Rev. Carl Schmitt 0214

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Sunday Services, 9:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
28915 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7, 8:30, 9:30, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 5:45, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Beahm 0324

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Church at River at Oxford
Saturday Service, 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at 20011 Inland Road
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Services, 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Rev. Roy Johnson 2124

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
18 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Services, 9:30 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. L. Lord 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services, 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski 1547

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
26000 Grand River
Sunday Services, 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. V. Halbois 2112

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in Universalist Church
Sunday Services, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 4 to 5 p.m., School Children.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services in Farmington H. S.
Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.
Church School, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. R. Geiger 2112

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD
20321 Anglin Road
Tuesday Service, 7:30 p.m.

MARANATHA EVANGELIST CHURCH
15383 Beech Road
Sunday Services, 11:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Rev. Stanley Low

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.
Sunday Services, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21122 Leach Road
Sunday Services, 11:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Bible School, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Services, 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH
10155 Gaylord Road
Sunday Services, 11:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
B. Y. F., 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
28701 Cass Avenue
Sunday Services, 11 a.m. at Town Hall, Sunday School, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West Point Park
Sunday Services, 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sunday Services, 11:15 a.m. & 8 p.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Rev. R. Lincoln 2639-W

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
10901 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
E. C. Crandall May 2-7374

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Services, 8:45, 11:15 a.m.
Church School, 10 a.m.
Rev. R. Suraw 0126

Hard to Please



STATE GOVERNMENT has money troubles again, a plight in which the taxpayers are forced to become a hero.

Through the winter and into the spring, legislators will tussle with two of the major resultant problems in their quest for a balanced budget. They are:

1. How to cut down Gov. Williams' \$292 million budget which runs \$46 million over.

2. How to raise enough money to cover the cost of state operations for 1955-56, figures they know will be higher than for 1954-55.

Republicans have committed themselves to a balanced budget, but the road will be rocky, even with the extension of the 30¢ million business activities tax.

"A balanced budget at any cost" is the slogan.

Authors of tax bills are holding back this year to wait for appropriations committees on both sides of the capital to find how much extra will be needed.

"We don't know yet how much it will be, but it won't be \$46 million," said Senator Creighton R. Coleman (R-Battle Creek).

Williams' budget was compared with existing revenue for 1954-55 — the first year the business activities tax poured cash into the treasury.

At first glance, legislators predicted it would raise \$35 million. Then they revised it down to \$20 million. The State Department of Revenue fixed the actual yield at \$28 million.

But last year's budget came out with a \$2 million surplus — a huge certain to be reduced by deficiencies from overpaid state agencies.

MILK: THE NECTAR OF THE FARM. Is big business in Michigan. F. M. Skiver, chief of the dairying bureau of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, proved it with statistics showing that the state's 5,000,000,000 pounds a year.

It comes from 105,000 dairy farms, which provide milk for processing into a dozen different milk-derived foods for the nation's tables.

Half the milk, he said, is sold as fresh milk and cream. Other products are 10 per cent to condensed or evaporated milk; 7 per cent to cheese, mostly American style, and 8 per cent to the manufacture of other products.

Always fill in the holes you make.

Learn the proper and correct fit of your ski equipment.

Always use safety straps to prevent runaway skis.

Wear goggles to prevent snow blindness.

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LOOKING AHEAD
By GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Michigan Railway Employees' Ass'n

The railroad workers in Great Britain have called off their scheduled strike. They reached a settlement of their wage dispute with their employer, the British Government. The news of this event may have been read by many Americans, but it is doubtful that the significance of the event was given more than passing notice. They should be read and re-read by every person who desires progress and loves the liberties of America.

The details show that Socialism is a fraud when it says that public ownership creates a "workers' paradise."

These 400,000 workers in the British National Union of Railwaymen. When they voted for public ownership of the railroads they fully expected to see the wages rise beyond those of railroad workers in America. But after nearly 10 years of public ownership of the railroads, they have come to a point where they have wages ranging from \$18 to \$26 a week.

Two years ago the 400,000 workers in England's publicly-owned railway system asked for the wage raise. After two years of negotiation, the Government now has agreed to raise the wages of the 400,000 workers to \$17.50 to \$23.34 a week — a weekly increase of 34 cents, or 10 cents a day. The highest paid railroad men in the English — receive \$25.50 weekly, and their raise will be a few cents a day more than that given the lower rated employees. The union has accepted this settlement.

But the railway workers receive wages which are, on the average, about three or four times higher than those of their counterparts in England. And though the skilled engineers on our modern trains get \$60 to \$80 per cent more than the English engineers who are living and working in the "workers' paradise" of public (or Government) ownership.

The plight of England's railroad employees shows us the economic facts of life in a nation which has embraced the Socialist program of public ownership. Socialism has gone so far in England in just a few years that even the co-called "Conservative Party" government has been unable to revitalize a spirit of private ownership and enterprise. There are other facts of life in England's present situation. St. John Ervine, noted British writer, discusses the Englishman's freedom in the magazine, "Freedom First," published in London.

"When we contemplate the bureaucratic with his passion for secrecy, his nervous reluctance to accept responsibility for his actions, and his extraordinary arrogance, the prospect of finding the bulk of the population enlisted in the Civil Service may well fill us with dismay," he writes.

"What is to become of liberty in a nation where all the major industries are nationalized?"

St. John Ervine answers his own question. Personal liberty cannot continue in a nation in which the government owns and controls the industry. "How will a man who is not servile to his bosses earn a living when he is sacked?" asks Ervine.

A man who is dismissed because he dares to have opinions of his own cannot remove to another town and enter the postal service there. So far as the Post Office is concerned, he has had it!

And the same now applies to most industrial employees in England. "Formerly," Ervine opines, "the worker was free to quit his job at any time."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 6, 1930)

The For Supervisor

The astonishing tie vote for the nomination of Farmington Township Supervisor reported in the primary election Monday will be left to the decision of the people. It was announced Thursday afternoon. Both candidates, Supervisor Harry N. McCracken and Arthur P. Coe, agreed to submit the question to the people at the April election. The names of both candidates will appear under the Republican insignia on the regular ballot as they did on the primary ballot. Both candidates expressed the feeling that this would be a far better solution to the dilemma than for both to demand a recount. The tie vote, 357 each, is believed to be the first tie vote in a primary election in the history of Oakland County, so far as is known, there is nothing in the law to cover such a situation.

Garbage Service
Continuance of the City of Farmington's garbage collection service, at least through the coming summer, was confirmed by the City Commission at a meeting Monday night. The matter was before the commission due to the small number of persons making use of the service through the past winter, causing the city to make up a considerable deficit each month. Three possible solutions were offered: to continue the present service by which the collector is guaranteed \$50 a month, discontinuing the service, or provide the service free to the entire city. A proposal was made by the collector to charge \$10 a year per car for less than 150 persons, \$8 a car for 150 to 250 cars, and \$6 a year per person for from 250 to 500 cars.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 8, 1945)

Salary Schedule

Despite widely different views, the Farmington Township School District Board of Education adopted a teachers' salary schedule for the coming year as proposed by E. V. Ayres, superintendent. The salary schedule system is now in use by almost all school systems. The salary base is determined by the cost of living and the amount the teacher receives above the base rate is set by the amount of training, degrees, and experience in teaching.

War Fund Drive
Special effort is going into the Red Cross Fund Drive locally this week in an effort to increase collections to the \$12,000 quota set for Farmington. According to Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, drive chairman, collections are running far behind. Most of the house-to-house calling has been completed, she added.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 6, 1930)

Coal Rationing

Despite the fact that the coal strike has been settled, an emergency still exists. Residents of the Farmington area may apply for coal necessity certificates at the Farmington City Hall, according to Joseph DeVriendt, Farmington city administrator. DeVriendt was named coal administrator last week and by Mayor Belos Hamilton after an emergency meeting was called regarding the coal shortage at the direction of Governor G. Mennen Williams.

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