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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

Stormy Sessions . . .

are becoming more and more commonplace as far as the Township Board is concerned. This is to be expected to some degree as a result of the increased problems that always come with growth and development. And yet, a little more organization and planning would go a long way toward cutting these sessions to a minimum.

There is a need for greater attention to the more serious problems facing the Township, plus closer coordination between the Board and the people. Many of the situations confronting the Board today found their beginning years ago. A little planning then would have eliminated much of the difficulty. The Enterprise, as much as 10 years ago, urged the formation of a planning board to study and recommend procedures for the development of water, sewer and road facilities.

It is true that the Township Board is decidedly limited by statute as to what it can do. Many of the powers and responsibilities have been transferred to higher units of government. However, there are few restrictions on its authority to aggressively represent the people of the Township. In other words, to initiate constructive action on its own when the need arises, to carry the ball when higher authority is involved, and to maintain close liaison between the government and the people.

We do not mean to imply that the adoption of such a program will completely and abruptly eliminate all of the problems. They are too complex to be solved overnight. But such a program could, in our opinion, greatly speed the successful conclusion of these problems, and would create an effective spirit of cooperation between the Board and the people.

As we stated in an earlier editorial, the Board has, in the past few months, taken a number of progressive steps forward. They have established a building code, secured some additional office space, created an operating budget for the first time, and are proceeding with the formation of a planning board and citizens' road committee which were authorized at the last Annual Township Meeting.

The carrying out of the three-point program of initiation, representation and cooperation is essential if the Township is to meet the problems of today and the challenges of tomorrow!

The Announcement . . .

by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce of its plan to sponsor a Teen Age Road-e-o should create a considerable stir of interest on the part of the entire community.

This program has been extremely effective throughout both the State of Michigan and the Nation! It has been enthusiastically endorsed by traffic safety experts throughout the country. The Farmington Jaycees are to be commended for bringing the Teen Age Road-e-o to this community.

The program serves two very important purposes. It not only tests the skill of teen age drivers, but serves to emphasize the importance of safe driving. Many of our younger drivers have complained that they are wrongly classified as "hot rodders" because of the actions of a few. They charge that a lot of adverse publicity has been directed their way which is not justified.

We know that the majority of our teen-agers are good drivers. The coming Jaycees Road-e-o will afford a wonderful opportunity to prove it. We hope that every teen-age boy and girl in the Farmington area will take the opportunity to participate in the program, and we hope also that there will be a lot of parents on hand to see these drivers display their skill.

Safe driving is serious business . . . it can mean the difference between life and death, and that goes for everybody that slides behind the wheel of a car.

Once Again . . .

the State Legislature, hammer in hand, is about to drive another nail into the so-called temporary business receipts tax, making it a permanent fixture.

We doubt if very many people were fooled by that word "temporary" when the tax proposal was approved in the beginning. There is no such thing as a temporary tax, unless, of course, it doesn't produce enough green stuff. They may label it "temporary" for selling purposes, but once it's fastened to the wall it's permanent.

They may add another nail or two at a slightly higher cost, just to make sure, but taxes are taxes . . . and once up, they don't come down.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
20841 Silverdale at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 8 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, 7:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Cambridge
Sunday Services 8:45, 11:15 a.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. Northrup 1277

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

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Sunday Services 9:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
28615 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, 5, 8, 9:30, 10:45 a.m.
Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Baahan 0324

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School - 11:00 a.m.
Church Services - 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer - 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at 29311 Inkster Road
Clarenceville Odd Fellow Hall
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. Roy Johnson 2124

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. I. Lord Lt. 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services 9:30, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski 1547

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
29000 Grand River
Sunday Services 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
in Stuckey School, 26000 Farley.
Rev. V. Halbois

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in Universalist Church
Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School Children.

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

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD
29221 Angling Rd. N.E.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.

MARANATHA EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
15388 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 6, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
21122 Indian Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 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
10188 Gaylord Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m.
B. Y. F. 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
23701 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., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Rev. J. Lincoln 2839-W

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
10001 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
E. C. Grant MAY 6-3734

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Services 8:50, 11:15 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. R. Sars 0128

BETHLE MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
8900 Middlebelt Road
Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 7:45 p.m.
Rev. J. J. Traub 9-A-1910

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Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

GIGANTIC SALES FORCES are setting out to make people here glad they live in Michigan and people from other states wish they did.

It's the focal point of Michigan Week, May 15 to 21, to encourage people to count their blessings.

Retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers are the latest to join the annual campaign sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Department. The Department's day-to-day job is luring industries and businesses into Michigan, keeping a fine polish on the state's economy, and reminding folks that the grass is greener on this side of the fence.

The big project of the year is Michigan Week and this year the theme is, "I'm Glad I Live in Michigan."

More than 8,000 activity bulletins will be in the hands of retailers to help with promotional ideas and manufacturers have been brought into the project.

Various organizations, business leaders, government and industrialists all are playing a part.

Special programs will be staged, and a separate advertising corps composed of some of the best publicists in the state, will keep reminding Michigan of its attractions.

For instance, Minnesota has been advertising itself for years as the "Land of Lakes," eliminating 10,000 within its borders for sportsmen from all over the midwest.

Michigan has 11,000 inland lakes. Somebody counted them.

STATE POLICE and other law enforcement officers are behind a proposal to put reflectorizing material on license plates and return to the old front and back license plates.

Commissioner Joseph A. Childs already has made the switch on State Police cars.

Since the change to a one-plate system as an economy measure during World War II, officers claim they have been hampered in quickly identifying wanted cars from the front.

The proposal is to reflectorize the plates so the numerals, and presumably the state's slogan, "Water Wonderland," can be seen from 100 feet.

"POLITICIAN - TALK" is getting stronger that Governor Williams will try next year for something on the national scene.

His travels and speech-making in all parts of the country and the apparent grooming of his successor in the executive office have done nothing to dispel both hopes and fears.

Republicans would like to see Williams elected to something outside of Michigan. He has grabbed all the political marbles since 1948 and the GOP is tiring of the tradition.

Williams' latest trip was to Israel via Washington and New York where friendly Democrats were impressed with his energy and record back in Michigan. Presumably, his visit to Israel was non-political.

Some of Williams' duties have been turned over to Philip A. Hart, the personable young man who came from almost nowhere to become lieutenant governor last fall. In his first try at elective office, now he runs the Senate as president and whips about the state on missions for Williams and the party. He leaves in his wake a feeling he might just be willing to try for the top office in Michigan - if and when Williams leaves.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY will again be asked to foot the bill for expanding state government. And they seem willing to accept the burden on their terms. Because of this, the business receipts tax is a "popular" one; its algebra

LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President - Hurdley College
Stacy, Arkansas

When fair-minded and intelligent men sit down together, each with an appreciation of the other's self-interest, progress can be made towards solving some of the most difficult problems confronting individuals, groups, and the nation. At the 16th Freedom Forum, just concluded on the Harding College campus, progress was made in one of our most troubled fields of human relationship - the area of employer - employee or management - labor relations.

The Forum brought together 122 people from all walks of life, all receptive to developing a better understanding of varying interests and viewpoints. One of the two basic problems explored at the five-day Forum was that of bettering management - labor relations - at a time when the forces of Communism and Socialism are effectively working to create conflict, to arouse group against group and otherwise tear our nation apart.

At the Forum were organized labor officials and union members, industrial and business executives, clergymen, college presidents and professors, public school administrators, civic club representatives, and a good cross-section of America. Leading the discussions on "Our Responsibility in Good Management - Labor Relations" were William North, assistant to the manager of the Ashland Works (Kentucky) of Armco Steel Corporation, and Perrin D. McElroy, of Kansas City, president, Western States District Council, International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers (A. F. of L.).

Both men are intelligent and far-sighted. Each showed an appreciation of the other's viewpoint, self-interest and organizational interest. And both clearly evidenced a sense of responsibility to a third group which is labor - management troubles - the public. The discussions ranged from specifics to broad generalities. From exchanges on the controversial "Freedom to Work" laws and industry-wide bargaining to what local unions and individuals and companies can do specifically "for the common good."

Here are some excerpts from the thinking of Perrin McElroy, who was step by step through the ranks of organized labor to become a widely recognized leader.

"Employees have absolute responsibility unto themselves and to their local union. They have a qualified responsibility to the community and to the public. Two many times in negotiations both employer and employee forget the third man at the table, which is Mr. John Q. Public, unless he can and will buy that which is produced by labor and management, then we had better look for another goose, for we are going to kill the one that is laying the golden egg (the American economic system)."

"I have oftentimes told labor groups that if we want to be square, not only with ourselves but with our community, there must be foresight. There is your side, there is my side, there is the public's side and then there is the right side. And the right side invariably embraces part of each of the other three sides."

"Any representative of labor can put his people on the street and take them out of work. The intelligent labor representative is the one who can keep his people working and get for his people that for which they ask or that for which they are rightfully entitled. Any worker can pick up a small piece of wood and a piece of silk and sit down and determine how much he is going to lose (Continued on Page 3A)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Twenty-five Years Ago (May 8, 1930)

How to eliminate double parking on Grand River Avenue in the business section of the City of Farmington without working a hardship on motorists doing shopping here is a problem now being tackled by the City Commission. It was brought out by Mayor Arthur J. Campbell at a meeting of the City Commission, held last night, that double parking, especially on Saturday evenings, is almost a necessity if people are to shop at local stores. Much of the trouble was believed to be due to the fact that local business men are parking up considerable space at the curb where their cars remain parked for hours at a time. No definite action was taken by the Commission on this matter at its last regular meeting.

Twenty Years Ago (May 10, 1935)

Memorial Home
The site for the Groves - Walker Post American Legion Memorial Home has been selected and purchased. The home will be erected on the south side of Grand River on the property opposite Lakeway Avenue. The plot is 100 feet wide and 400 feet deep, affording ample space for attractive landscaping and space for recreational facilities. Assets of \$15,000 have been obtained to date for construction of the Memorial Home. If an additional \$15,000 comes in as quickly as did the first, work should be started on the building in the near future.

Stray Dogs
A solution to the stray dog problem was offered to the City Commission at its meeting Wednesday evening and prompt action was taken agreeing to the proposal. Maurice Graham was appointed pound master for the City of Farmington and will pick up all stray dogs in the city limits. The city will pay Graham 10 cents for each dog he picks up and disposes of. He will also be given \$1 per day for each dog picked up suspected of being rabid, which must be held and kept under observation. He has also been authorized to collect delinquent dog taxes.

Five Years Ago (May 11, 1950)

Lighted Field
A slim 36-vote margin Monday night spelled defeat for hopes of procuring a lighted athletic field for Farmington High School. The proposition to levy a one-mill tax for two years to pay for the field on Gill Road between Nine Mile Road and the City-Off was voted down 34 to 215. Seven ballots were spoiled for a total vote of 679 out of more than 3,500 registered voters.

Half Day Sessions
Some grades in the Farmington elementary school system may begin half-day sessions in September, it was decided by the School Board Monday evening. According to school officials, the system will be short seven classrooms next year. The half-day system may be used in some cases to eliminate the necessity of using basement rooms in some schools.

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