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It's Our Opinion:  
EDITORIALS:  
The Wheels . . .

are really beginning to turn as far as the proposed water system for the southern and eastern sections of Farmington Township is concerned.  
The announcement last week regarding the completion of the geological survey is good news to say the least. It is expected that the final reports on the possible well sites will be filed with the Board sometime next week. This will clear the way for the securing of land options and the awarding of contracts for the drilling of test wells. These steps are necessary before a bond issue can be sold.  
Thus a monumental step has been taken toward the realization of a project which has been the objective of a great many of our citizens. The need of water has been of the utmost urgency for some time in the "dry areas" of the Township. A lot of people have spent a lot of time in an effort to bring the facts of the situation to the Township Board and the public. Though progress has been slow at times, the wheels are really beginning to turn now.  
It is vitally important that they continue to turn as rapidly as possible. There is still much to be done before water actually begins to flow through the mains. Continued cooperation between the Board, the Water Development Committee, and the public is essential for the speedy completion of the project. The Enterprise is confident that if everyone continues to pull together and do his part, this dream will come true.  
The wheels are really turning . . . let's keep 'em going!

The Instrument . . .

known as the executive or closed session has been appearing on the Farmington scene rather frequently in recent weeks. It is used by various governmental agencies for the purpose of discussing business in private.  
Needless to say, there are times when it is necessary to clear a meeting room in order that business can be properly transacted, but these circumstances are indeed rare. Even then, the public should be allowed representation through the press. This is a fundamental part of our democracy based on the people's right to know. The Enterprise has been opposed to this practice in the past and will continue to oppose it in the future.  
Fortunately, the people of Farmington have been relatively free of the executive session. Only recently the City Council decided against a closed session by allowing the press to remain in the room. By so doing, they erased any possible suspicion and doubt, and they fulfilled their responsibility to the public. They are to be commended for their action.

The Enterprise never has and never will break a confidence, especially where the best interests of the public are concerned. A newspaper has a responsibility to the people, the same as do public officials. Their reason for being is to serve the citizens of the community. Thus a spirit of trust and cooperation must exist if the best interests of the public are to be served.  
It is important to remember that an informed public is an enlightened public. Both are essential to constructive progress!

What Has Happened . . .

to the civil defense program in Farmington? Four or five months ago a detailed plan was developed by the Civil Defense Council and presented to both the City Council and Township Board. The plans included a budget as well as recommendations for the appointment of a paid director. Since that time, nothing has happened.  
At present, the Farmington area has no director and no official organization. This is in spite of the fact that it is recognized on the county and state level as a key point in the civil defense program. Occasionally practice alerts are flashed to the police department through civil defense channels, but there they end. Farmington has no channel to disseminate the information and carry out the organization of the alert.  
We can't help but wonder what would happen if that alert ever came through minus the word "practice." We hope and pray that it never does, but if it should, will we be ready? As of now, the answer is "No!" However, it is not too late if we move quickly. Remember, our lives may be dependent upon it!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

- CHURCH OF GOD  
20341 Shilwaukee at Middlebelt  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m. & 7:30 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., 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
- 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
- FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH  
Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Church School 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday: 8:00 p.m.
- OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
3200 Powers Road  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 a.m.  
Fr. T. Benhan
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST  
Grand River at Oxford  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Prayer - 8 p.m.
- MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Services at 20341 Shilwaukee  
Clarenceville Odd Fellow Hall  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Rev. Roy Johnson
- ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH  
13 Mile Road at Greening  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m.  
Church School 10:45 a.m.  
Rev. L. L. Lord
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN  
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road  
Sunday Services: 8:30, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Rev. W. Rutkowski
- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
25000 Grand River  
Sunday Services: 8:30, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Stuckey School, 25000 Farley  
Rev. V. Halboth
- TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Services in Universalist Church  
Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School Children.  
J. B. Gulian
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Services in Farmington H. B.  
Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Rev. R. Geiger
- ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD  
20221 Angling Road  
Tuesday Service 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 Service: 9:30 a.m.  
All Sunday School: 9:30 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. 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  
10148 Gaylord Road  
Sunday Services: 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m. B. Y. F. 7:30 p.m.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH  
28701 Cass Avenue  
Sunday Service 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 2:45 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 p.m.
- FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
Warner and Thomas Streets  
Services in recess for summer.  
Rev. R. Lincoln
- KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST  
19001 Middlebelt Road  
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.  
E. C. Crandall
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
Grand River at Warner Ave.  
Worship Service and Church School at 8:50 a.m.  
Coffee Hour following services.  
Rev. R. Suraw
- BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
8900 Midland Road  
Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:45 p.m.  
Rev. J. J. Traub



Michigan Mirror

INDUSTRY AND LABOR have turned politics and laws to pay-tury in Lansing.  
Republicans increased weekly benefits to idle workers from \$42 to \$54 maximum, keeping the \$30 maximum for single men. Governor Williams signed the bill but didn't like it.  
Williams said Democratic plans would have given workers — all workers — 50 per cent of their regular earnings during idle periods. Republicans say their plan already does that.  
Realists and those with adding machines say both are right, except that Williams is referring to take-home pay and Republicans to gross wages.  
Republicans say the benefit increase gives Michigan the "best unemployment compensation law in any industrial state." Williams calls it "pitiful" and says the average boost is 71 cents.  
That part of the argument is natural.  
Labor and management in Detroit, by negotiating modified guaranteed annual wage settlements at General Motors and Ford, set new scenery for attitudes.  
The new contracts allow idle employees to collect state unemployment benefits, then the companies add in a percentage to give the idle worker a certain percentage of his weekly wage.  
There is a need for legislation to erase the ban against receipt of unemployment compensation from otherwise receiving income while idle. Republicans are in favor of the changes.  
Williams hinted at the possibility of Republicans raising benefits next year, so the proportionate share of the industries will be less when the benefit claims come in.  
Williams, always in favor of higher benefits, said he might be joined by Republicans in the legislature who, he claims, have ignored his appeals for increases.  
"It will demonstrate again the tender regard of the Republican party for big business," he said.  
The fortunate participants in the controversy are the workers. Whatever happens now, they will benefit under any version of the plan — and most workers vote on election day.  
RESORT AREAS DEPENDING upon tourists in all seasons of the year for their existence had some welcome news this week.  
The Michigan Tourist Council

LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON  
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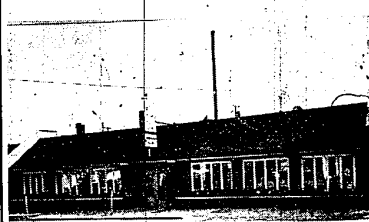
A wise philosopher once said, "Waste not, want not is a law of nature." Thinking people readily accept this truth. I once heard a great "fireball" baseball pitcher, who had retired from the game at a relatively young age, put it in these words: "Apparently there are just so many fast ball tosses in a man's arm. I've thrown mine all in a bunch, and I'm through too early."  
There are just so many tons of iron ore, so many barrels of petroleum, so many cubic yards of topsoil available in our nation, and it is disturbing to realize that it is disturbing to realize that few of us have given any real support to a conservation program in Federal government spending.  
Wealth comes from our natural resources and their processing through production. It can come from no other place. When that portion of our wealth which goes to Washington in taxes is subjected to wasteful handling and spending, then the future of all of us is being undermined. The Hoover Commission represents a great organized conservation program in government spending. I wonder how many people have written their congressmen supporting specific recommendations of the 1954-1955 Hoover Commission?  
The Hoover Commission task force which studied the Federal method of service reports that many millions of dollars, coming out of our stockpile of natural resources (and our pocketbooks), are being wasted in the overlapping hodgepodge of Federal medical services coating taxpayers \$4,149,000,000 in 1954!  
Twenty-six Federal departments and agencies engage in one or more similar activities. A large part of their \$4 billion yearly spending goes for medical services for service men and veterans. In this area, the overlapping hodgepodge is most apparent, according to the Hoover task force.  
Not far from my home the Veterans Administration built a \$20 million hospital a few years ago, although just five miles away was a huge VA hospital facility and 50 miles distant was one of the finest Army-Navy hospitals in the nation. Today the Army-Navy hospital is being closed down. The Defense Department says there is

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 24, 1930)  
School Board  
Farmington's new Board of Education was organized Tuesday evening. Newly-elected Board member A. L. Ross was chosen by the group to serve as president. Mr. Florence Lee was re-elected secretary and Arthur Lamb was named treasurer. The Board voted to retain the same tax rate as last year, 12 mills.  
City Water  
Residents of the City of Farmington can now enjoy their drinking water with new satisfaction. The water has always been good, but may taste even better now that residents know that the steel water reservoir is paid for. The eight year bonds, amounting to \$8,000, have been redeemed. It was disclosed this week by City Treasurer George C. Gildemeister.  
Gala Days  
Plans for the annual Gala Day Celebration of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, are now taking shape. All of the popular features of previous gala days will be afforded again this year and some new ones will be added, officers of the Post said. The popularity contest for young ladies of the community, held for the first time last year, will be repeated. An auto will be given away, and ball games and other athletic events will be staged.  
TEN YEARS AGO (July 20, 1945)  
Post Office  
The Farmington Post Office recently received a first class rating. It was disclosed this week by Postmaster Norman Lee. When Mr. Lee assumed his present duties in 1934, the office was listed as third class. A second class rating was obtained in 1937. Under the first class rating, more help will undoubtedly be authorized.  
McCracken Honored  
Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, was honored on his 80th birthday last week with a family birthday held in his honor at the Bostford Tavern. McCracken was born July 14, 1865, in a log cabin on the site of his present home at 250 Twelve Mile Road. Mr. McCracken has maintained a keen interest in politics in Farmington Township, serving as supervisor in 1929 and 1930 and twice as clerk. He was superintendent of Farmington Schools for a time and published The Farmington Enterprise for two years.  
Ground Observer Post  
Farmington has been selected as one of the thirteen spots in Oakland County for the location of a ground observer post. It was disclosed this week by Fred S. Galloway, Royal Oak, county air defense chief. Operation of the Farmington Post will be in the hands of a local supervisor, whose job it will be to recruit, train and supervise volunteer personnel to man the post.



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