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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

Once Again . . .

The Enterprise urgently suggests that a committee organization be established within the Township Board in the interest of greater efficiency and improved public service.

Such a step is, in our opinion, essential if we are to keep pace with the growth and development of the community. There has been some discussion in recent months by various groups and individuals regarding other forms of Township government. The present problem, for the time being at least, is not so much the form of government as it is the utilization of the full power and authority now available to us.

Considerable progress has been made in this direction during recent months. A planning board and a citizens' road committee have been formed for the purpose of studying and recommending action in specific fields. These groups were created out of a desire on the part of the public to meet the challenge of a growing community. Other citizens groups can and should be formed as particular problems develop.

However, much can be done within the Township Board itself to facilitate the orderly conduct of this growing business. The appointment of various committees, consisting of Board members, could do much to speed necessary action. This has been done in a number of individual cases with excellent results. Such committees would, unless otherwise directed, be primarily study groups. However, this spreading of responsibility would not only add greatly to the efficiency of government but would insure more thorough attention to specific problems.

The establishment of a police commissioner or committee, for example, would serve as a direct liaison between the Board and the Department. This would undoubtedly result in keeping the size of the police force in closer relationship to the needs of the village. Through regular reports and recommendations, the Board would be kept better informed of the work of the Department. These same advantages would be realized through the formation of other similar committees within the Board.

The operation of our Township government is big business, and it is growing bigger every day. It is important that we use all of the facilities available to insure maximum efficiency and the greatest possible service to the people.

Several Months Ago . . .

The City Council amended the traffic ordinance to provide for "no parking zones," particularly on Grand River both east and west of intersecting residential streets.

Up to the present time the necessary signs have not been erected and until they are enforcement is impossible. During the past several weeks, at least, two accidents have occurred at these intersections, not to mention the score on near misses. Entrance onto Grand River at these points is a real undertaking because of the limited visibility. It is necessary to creep far out into the through lane in order to see past the vehicles parked immediately adjacent to the intersection.

The Enterprise recognizes that the City is operating on a very limited budget, but this situation has become extremely serious. With the increased amount of traffic on both Grand River and the intersecting residential streets, it is a miracle that more accidents have not occurred. If funds are not available for the purchase of the necessary "no parking" signs, it would seem advisable to transfer some existing signs from less congested areas, for the time being, at least. This could well be a matter of life or death!

The President's . . .

direct suggestion for an exchange of military blueprints with the Russians has apparently left Communist officials a bit speechless, which is no easy task in itself.

Eisenhower's "bombshell" was undoubtedly the highlight of the Geneva Conference, and served notice on Russia and the world that the United States is not only thinking in terms of a lasting peace, but is willing and anxious to do something to achieve it. Unfortunately, however, peace is not a one-way street. We have taken a big step, which way will Russia move?

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
20841 Shawneese 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., 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. Northrup 1377

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Church School at 9:15 a.m.
Worship Services at 10:30 a.m.
Nursery School maintained during the worship hour.
Rev. Carl Schmitz 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
28015 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7:30, 8:45, 11:15, 12:10, 4:00, 7:30, 8:30, 7:45, 9 p.m.
Fr. T. Beahan 0324

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sunday Services 10:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer - 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at 20911 Inkster Road
Clarenceville Odd Fellows Hall
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Roy Johnson 2124

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
18 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Services 11 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Fr. L. L. Lord L 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45, 12:15, 7:30 p.m.
Church School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski 1647

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
26000 Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Stuckey Church, 26000 Farley, Rev. V. Halboch

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in Universal Church
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School Children.
J. B. Gulsan 1049-M or 1049-J

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Services at Farmington Road, Rt. 2
Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. R. Gelger 2113

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD
20221 Angling Road
Tuesday Service 7:30 p.m.

MARANATHA EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
15858 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 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
51129 Indian Road
Sunday Services 9:15 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
10188 Gaylord Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m., B. Y. F. 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
29701 Cass Avenue
Sunday Services 11 a.m. at Torah Hall, Sunday School 11 a.m., 2 Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Warner and Thomas Streets
Services in recess for summer.
Rev. R. Lincoln 2348

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. Grandall MAY 6-3744

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner and Church
Worship Services and Church School at 8:50 a.m.
Coffee Hour following services.
Rev. R. Suraw 0126

BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
3900 Middlebelt Road
Sunday Services: 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Rev. J. J. Crab GA. 1-9110

Sowing Good Seed



Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

HOT WEATHER POLITICS in Michigan has both parties manning for 1956 months before they go to the polls. Presidential year traditions hover over the scene as Republicans and Democrats point for another election of top state officers.

Republicans rallied under a "unity banner" behind Clifford O'Sullivan, a Port Huron attorney, whom they chose as national committeeman to replace David W. Kendall, of Jackson. Party leaders will carry over into the campaign the symbol of harmony they have all carried over into the campaigns for governor, and the others. They want to avoid the wrangles of other years.

Republicans here admit their most outstanding political characteristic is "intramural fighting." Candidates for governor in recent history have all survived bitter party-splitting primary battles.

Formerly, they have split into factions, with influential groups following both successful and defeated primary hopefuls - fragmenting the vote. "We must unite to defeat a very formidable opponent, the opposition party," said O'Sullivan. Republicans hope O'Sullivan and his views are the first step in reversing the tradition.

To pick O'Sullivan, the party passed over such names as John B. Martin, Jr., former auditor general and campaign manager for the spring campaign; Owen J. Cleary, former state chairman and ex-secretary of state; and Berry Beaman, of Parma, former finance chairman. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, a power in Michigan politics still, was credited with negotiating harmony.

He conferred with the candidates, told of the problems. Who the other three talks were responsible was unannounced. But the others withdrew and O'Sullivan got the job.

Democrats, confident and well-organized, are whittling things in to shape for next year, too. Chairman Nell J. Staebler is concentrating on local party organizations, building power where the voters reside and trying a technique that Republicans have long ignored.

Democrats have Detroit sewed up with a heavy labor vote. Republicans know this and have made only passing attempts to con-

LOOKING AHEAD
by GEORGE S. BENSON
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In this period during which our Federal government is spending about 70 per cent of all the tax money collected on national defense, veterans' benefits and international affairs we need to do everything humanly possible to cut waste and secure the utmost efficiency in the operation of these major activities. For the years immediately ahead any drastic economy in government spending, and thus any sizable Federal tax cut, must be achieved in this area of national defense.

For the present fiscal year \$4.0 billion is being spent on national defense, \$1.8 billion on international affairs, and \$4.6 billion for veterans' services and benefits. This totals more than \$16 billion. Interest on the national debt takes another \$6.3 billion. All the other services of the Federal government cost taxpayers \$3 billion. There is ample opportunity to substantially reduce the \$9 billion in domestic government spending, and we should do it at once. But the big cut obviously must come in the big defense operations where the big spending is.

The Hoover Commission's findings and recommendations in the area of national defense are thus vitally important to every taxpayer in America. Included in the findings were some fantastic facts relating to food and clothing procurement and handling by the Defense Department. During the last fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, about \$1.3 billion was spent on food and clothing, and the total inventories exceeded \$700 million for food and \$2.7 billion for clothing. Why this cost is so huge can be partially seen in the following findings:

Although a Navy manual estimates that canned meat and poultry have a "keeping life" of 24 months, a study of 14 Naval supply depots showed: 719 months' supply of canned hamburger, 79 months' supply of canned beef and gravy, and a 75 months' supply of canned ham chunks. Another item: The Army paid freight on 807,000 pounds of canned tomatoes it bought in New York and shipped to California; and the Navy paid freight on 775,000 pounds of canned tomatoes it bought and shipped to the East coast. This constitutes costly mismanagement in the Defense Department.

The Hoover Commission recommended that a civilian agency be set up within the Defense Department to administer purchasing, inventory control, and certain other services - now handled wastefully by less experienced military personnel.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Twenty-five Years Ago (July 31, 1930)
City Lighting

A new plan of lighting Grand River Avenue in Farmington City after the governing of the highway is completed was approved by the City Commission last week. The present boulevard lights in the business section will be retained and their candle power increased. East of Grove Street, where the boulevard lights are, overhead lights will be installed every 250 feet instead of every 400 feet, as is the case at present. Overhead lights will be replaced by boulevard lights from Farmington Road west to Cass.

City Sewer
Farmington's sewer construction job is expected to get under way within two weeks. On Thursday the city received approval by attorneys of the action taken by the City Commission preparatory to the sale of bonds and the awarding of contracts. Bids for both the bond issue and construction work will be opened on August 11 in order to save as much time as possible.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 2, 1945)
Zoning Changes
At a meeting of the Farmington City Board of Zoning Appeals last Tuesday evening, a request was submitted for a change in the zoning of property on the south side of Grand River Avenue west of Maple Avenue. The request was made by Irvin Fausman of Detroit, who planned to erect and operate a laundry on the site. The Board ruled that a laundry would be classified as light industry, and could not be operated in that area. The area is presently zoned as Commercial B.

Ration Books
War Ration Book Five, "smaller than a dollar bill" and containing just half as many stamps as the last book, will be distributed through the public schools in December, Chester Bowles, administrator of OPA, announced this week. At the same time, the new "Gas" Ration Books will be distributed. Books will be distributed through the local schools from December 3 through 15.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 3, 1950)
Street Repairs
The Lake Construction Company of Chelsea, Michigan, has been employed by the City of Farmington for the resurfacing of a number of streets throughout the city. It was announced last week. Hard topping has already been applied to the streets of Floral Park. The new city grader has been used to prepare the road for the new surfacing. Shawwassee, State Street and Macomb, as well as several other streets, are slated for leveling and resurfacing. The city has authorized the expenditure of \$10,000 for street repairs this year.

Forced Down
A small two-passenger training plane made a forced landing in a wheat field off Farmington Road, north of Seven Mile Road Saturday. Considerable excitement ensued, but the plane and its occupants escaped unharmed. Mechanical failure, resulting in the engine conking out, made the landing necessary.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor

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Cor. Oxford and Grand River
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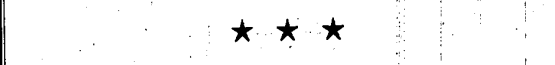
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