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It's Our Opinion:

A Great Deal Of Talk . . .

is being expended these days on proposed changes in the present form of Farmington Township government. This talk has created some concern among thinking citizens, as well it should. It has also resulted in a great deal of misinformation which only serves to cloud the issue.

As a result, the Board has wisely decided to sponsor a public meeting to discuss the pros and cons of "charter township" government and possibly city government. This action, proposed by Mrs. Elise Avery, Board Trustee, is, we believe, in the best interest of all Township citizens. It should do much to clear the air and place the discussion of this important subject on a factual basis.

The Enterprise has stated previously that, in its opinion, "charter township" government is basically an organizational step toward city government. This does not mean that we favor either form of government at the present time for the Township. It does mean that we are strongly in favor of continuing public discussions on the subject so that all of the facts, both pro and con, can be laid out on the table for public examination and opinion. This is important because if any change is to be made in the future . . . the people will have to make it.

In any discussion it is essential to keep in mind that the form of government is only a tool. Each has its advantages and disadvantages dependent upon the circumstances and the will of the people. The real key to the success of any program depends upon leadership, interest and cooperation. When any of the three are lacking, we are bound to fall short of the goal, regardless of the form of government.

We only hope that when a public meeting is held on the subject, as many Township people as possible will attend and participate in the discussion. This is the practical, constructive and democratic way of getting to the heart of the issue. But it will be of little consequence unless you . . . the citizens and voters . . . take part in it.

The Trials And Tribulations . . .

of growing up are usually pretty hard to take, both physically and emotionally. This applies to a community just as it does to an individual. The Enterprise has not only long recognized the signs of "growing pains" in Farmington, but has attempted to do something about it, in spite of recent comments to the contrary.

As far back as April 17, 1947, The Enterprise commented editorially on the impending growth of the Farmington community and urged all citizens and all local government officials "to plan for the future." On February 2, 1950, The Enterprise suggested the formation of a community-wide organization to "plan for and encourage" commerce and small industry in order to improve the tax base for "our growing community." During the past ten years The Enterprise has repeatedly suggested editorially that more attention be given to future planning, improving the tax structure, widening the use of school facilities and general steps which might be taken to meet the inevitable growth of the community.

We are not looking for a pat on the back, this is our job and our responsibility. Farmington has been growing and it will continue to grow at an ever-increasing pace. It can not be stopped any more than you can stop the growth of a child. To attempt it is only to delay and enlarge the eventual solution of the problem. The answer lies in planning the growth.

It was known ten years ago that the Farmington community would need sewers, water, building regulations, zoning restrictions, more school facilities, better roads, additional commerce and industry and an improved tax base. Anyone aware of the situation knows that we need them now. Farmington has the leadership and the resources to do the job, if we are willing to face it head-on. Organize a community-wide group to promote commerce and industry, set up requirements in a master plan for the earmarking of sites by developers for school buildings, push for a community-wide water and sewer authority that can coordinate and take care of present needs while at the same time plan for the eventual connection with a larger outside system.

These are not new ideas. They have been suggested and promoted time and again . . . but they are still going and they are still needed, and when sufficient public interest has been displayed, they will become reality.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
 2034 Milwaukee St. 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, 8 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST
 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
 Sunday Services 9:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Dr. G. Northrop GR. 4-2983

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 Schaefer GR. 4-6880

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
 12 Mile East of Orchard Lake Road
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.
 Rev. Lloyd Shue GR. 4-5720

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
 28015 Powers Road
 Sunday Masses, 7, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45
 Fr. T. Beahan GR. 4-5720

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Grand River at Oxford
 Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
 Church Service - 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer - 7:30 p.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST
 11 Mile Road at Greening
 Sunday Service 11 a.m.
 Church School 10 a.m.
 Rev. L. Lord PL. 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
 Middlebelt Eight Mile Road
 Sunday Services 9:30, 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Rev. W. Raskowski GR. 4-6675

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 28015 Powers Road
 Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Stuckey Church, 26000 Farley.
 Rev. V. H. Helt GR. 4-6675

TRINITY EPISCOPAL
 (Temporarily Worshipping in the Universalist Church)
 Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
 Church School: Pre-School and Kindergarten - 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
 First through Sixth Grade - 10 a.m. Saturday.
 Seventh through Tenth Grade, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.
 Eleventh and Twelfth Grades, 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
 Rev. J. B. Guinan GR. 4-2860 or GR. 4-3734

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 26165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile
 Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.
 Church School at same time.
 Rev. G. Geiger GR. 4-1671

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

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY
 21122 Lidian 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LIVONIA
 Inkster Road

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
 33225 Grand River Ave.
 Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Township Hall
 Sunday School, 11 a.m., and Wednesday Service, 8 p.m., both at 33225 Grand River Avenue, corner of Liberty Street.

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

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
 Warner and Thomas Streets
 Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Church School at same time.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
 10001 Middlebelt Road
 Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
 R. C. Grandell GR. 4-4721

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 Grand River at Warner Ave.
 Sunday Services, 8:50, 11:15 a.m.
 Church School (nursery through adult) 10 a.m. Duplicate Church School, nursery through primary) 11:15 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m. (Int.) and 6:30 p.m. (Sr.)
 Rev. R. Suraw GR. 4-6573

BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 8900 Middlebelt 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 GA. 1-9140

GALLILEAN BAPTIST
 V.E.W. Hall - 25245 Seven Mile
 Worship Services: Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Y. P., 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m., nursery provided.
 Rev. Herbert Noe KE. 5-2273

Sure Sign of Spring



Michigan Mirror

Our 1955 legislature, bothered in other years by a lack of money, now faces problems created by prosperity before the scheduled April 6 window.

The problems involve the record budget expected for 1956-57 and unnumbered dozens of social issues.

For the first time in years, lawmakers have only to work out the details of the budget to assure a surplus for next year. Governor Williams has asked for items totaling \$50,000,000 more than this year.

Williams said this can be done without new taxes by using a \$25,000,000 surplus. Republicans, taking no chances, want to skip \$29,000,000 out of his request to make sure.

"We can do this and still be increasing the budgets for all vital services," said Senator Elmer R. Porter (R-Blossfield).

The major target in the request-cutting process will be a \$42,000,000 item for capital outlay - major building projects. Most of it is earmarked for education.

In past years, the technique has been to release only planning money for the projects, paying the actual building costs on the installment plan over the next few years.

Prosperty for the individual has created another problem - among welfare recipients.

As the costs of living increase, the standard of living goes to those receiving welfare allowances shrinks in its buying power.

Legislators have been asked this year to increase the maximum old-age assistance allowance from \$70 to \$80 and the maximum for recipients receiving medical care from \$80 to \$90.

The increases are necessary because of the higher costs of rent and fuel, said Welfare Director W. J. Maxey.

Principal experts said that the increases in old age assistance are generally followed by boosts in all other categories - aid to dependent children, the blind and disabled.

Along the same line, Democrats are in for increases in workmen's and unemployment compensation. Republicans are expected to resist any major upgrading of benefits because, as majority leaders say, Michigan "has one of the best

LOOKING AHEAD

An Associated Press dispatch notes that 14-year-old George Wright III, who won \$100,000 on the television program "The Big Surprise" would normally owe \$75,000 of it in income tax under existing laws. But there is a way, the boy's father says, through which George may be able to pocket a little more than \$25,000. Though a legal maneuver the boy may become the "head of the family" and claim his mother, brother and sister as his dependents. Lawyers figured this one out and apparently they are still searching for other maneuvers which might aid the boy's estate.

But all agree that even with recourse to all legal maneuvers, young George will not be able to salvage more than a few thousand above the \$25,000. This is a ridiculous situation - through no fault of the boy - even though the money was not earned in the normal way. A 75 per cent tax on income is ridiculous. And if it is much worse in the still higher brackets.

For instance, the president of a certain big manufacturing plant, who has a record of having provided constantly better jobs for nearly 10,000 employees, is worth more than \$100,000 a year in his company. He has a family of five. His income is ridiculous. And if it is much worse in the still higher brackets.

The issues will be hashed out before labor committees in both the House and Senate before April.

Democrats are arguing that automation will create longer unemployment lines as factory workers are replaced by machines, and atomic energy is harnessed for peaceful uses.

Republicans feel that both these problems already have been preempted by the Federal government, but leaders recognize that in an industrial state they may be asked to help lead the way.

POLITICAL POTS ARE bubbling early this year.

For more than a week, Republican and Democratic spokesmen were firing at each other over the same issue, the first round robin politicking of the season.

It all started when Republican State Chairman John Feikens announced a number of major issues which he said party leaders would pounce on during the campaign.

They include charges that union members, some Republicans, were forced to contribute to Democratic campaigns, that the Williams' administration was guilty of favoritism in the collapse of the Kavanagh suspension case against Attorney General Thomas M. Kavanagh (four tickets), the optimum board scandal and other issues.

Democratic State Chairman Neil J. Staebler snapped back repeating the Taft "conflict of interest" case in the Eisenhower administration.

He said Williams straightened out the optimum board business with dispatch, that unions are only "educating" their members "practically" and issued a flat denial that Kavanagh was coddled.

Capitol veterans saw the whole (Continued on Page 5B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 25, 1931)
 Township Vote

The largest vote in the history of Farmington Township is expected in the primary election next Monday. A total of 23 candidates have entered the political arena and at least two candidates are competing for each of the ten township offices to be filled, with the exception of the office of treasurer. Incumbent Arthur Coe and Ward Eagle have filed for the supervisor's position. Competing for clerk are incumbent Willard Campbell, Mrs. Ina Sturman and George Schulkins. Clayton Goers, present highway commissioner, is opposed by Arthur Spaller and George Lee. Justice Walter Heederle is opposed for the justice seat by Leroy Curran.

School Suit

Papa's have been prepared for a suit against Farmington Township by the Clarenceville School District to recover money owed the district from the collection of 1925 taxes. Efforts have been made for several months to obtain money owed the School District without success. The suit is in the form of a petition to the Oakland County Circuit Court asking that a writ of mandamus be issued against Farmington Township requiring the payment of approximately \$13,000.

Milk Ordinance

The new Milk Ordinance of the City of Farmington will go into effect March 1. The ordinance prohibits the sale in the city of all milk that is not pasteurized or certified. Rigid rules in regard to bottling, selling and delivery of milk are incorporated in the ordinance.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 28, 1946)
 School Board

The Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District, in special executive session Tuesday evening, passed a motion not to renew Superintendent E. V. Ayres' contract for the coming year. Action was also taken to secure a new school superintendent for next year. Prior to the Board's decision, a petition signed by approximately 150 qualified voters was read, asking that Mr. Ayres be retained as superintendent. It was also indicated that several other petitions were being circulated for the same purpose.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 1, 1951)
 City Charter

Governor G. Mennen Williams has delayed signing the proposed new Farmington City Charter and has returned it to the city for recopying. It was announced Monday by City Clerk Harry Moore. The charter was returned with a letter from the Michigan Attorney General's office suggesting a number of changes in the form of the draft form in which it was presented and not in its contents. The fact that the draft was not uniformly printed or typed was the chief objection.

Merchant Festival

Approximately 2,500 persons attended the second annual Farmington Mid-Winter Festival held last Saturday and Sunday at the American Legion Memorial Home. A total of 30 merchants operated display booths and several others displayed banners in the building. The purpose of the carnival was to acquaint residents of the area with the merchandise and services available in the Farmington community.

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 21405 Farmington Road
 Corner Colfax (83 Mile Road)

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Youth Groups - 6:15 p.m.
 Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Midweek Service - 7:30 p.m.

Dedication of First Unit
 Week of March 4th - 10th
 FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor

Franklin Community Church
 26109 German Mill Road
 1 Block East of Franklin Road

IDENTICAL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

9:30 a.m. Church School, Grades 4-8
 11:00 a.m. Church School Nursery through 3rd Grade

Robert J. Sears, Minister

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