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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS: It Is Obvious . . .

from the comments expressed at the public hearing Wednesday evening on the proposed revision of the City Zoning Ordinance, that a goodly number of property owners are opposed to the present plans for location of future commercial sites. Some of the residents voiced outright objection to any further commercial development while others suggested a relocation of proposed business areas.

In our opinion, the hearing was a very interesting and revealing demonstration of public opinion. The meeting was handled in an excellent manner, everyone was afforded an opportunity to speak, and the participants cooperated 100%. As a result, a great many facts and opinions were placed on the table for review and consideration.

For more years than we want to remember, The Enterprise has attempted to promote future planning in both the City and Township with particular emphasis on the attracting of selected commerce and light industry to the community. It is our opinion that an improved tax base is the only way in which we can meet the challenges that lie ahead. The only alternative to this program is higher taxes and probably curtailment of services and facilities. It is unfortunate that this planning was not started long ago, but looking back will not accomplish anything.

Thus the future course of action must begin with the present. Because of the existing residential development in the City, little land is still available for commercial sites. It was suggested by one group that the proposed commercial area on the west side of South Farmington Road be relocated on the north side of the Cut-Off anywhere from Nine Mile Road to Gill Road. This was proposed several years ago and was met with strong opposition by adjoining residents in the Warner Farms Subdivision. The suggestion that parking areas be set up on the south side of Oakland and the west side of Liberty have also been met with strong objection. Thus the problem goes on.

On the basis of projected population figures for the City and Township, additional commercial sites must be set aside now, even though they may not be needed for several years. This is imperative to the future well-being of the entire community. The location of the commercial areas must be governed by an over-all master plan as well as availability and practical use. The shifting of the problem from one place to another will accomplish nothing, yet if a constructive alternate to the present plan can be found, The Enterprise would support it. This far we are not satisfied that such an alternate is available.

Numerous Suggestions . . .

have been made in recent months regarding the curtailment of building in Farmington Township in an effort to ease some of the discomfort of our present growing pains.

As a general policy, we are opposed to such action because it only serves to delay the ultimate solution. We can not hope to find the answer to our problems by putting a stop order on future development. The improvement of property and the encouragement of a balanced variety of land uses is the only way in which necessary services and facilities can be provided, now and in the future.

We do believe, however, that strict regulations should be placed on land development to protect present and future property owners. Steps designed to accomplish this objective are now being taken by the Township Planning Board. In the meantime, it is our opinion that the Township has the authority and the obligation to restrict building unless adequate sources of water exist and unless proper sanitary facilities are possible. This is being followed to some extent at the present, but not completely and not under a uniform policy. It should be done to protect the health and safety of the entire community.

However, the policy should not stop there. Every effort should be made to establish the necessary authority for the planning and construction of proper facilities and, more important, to encourage land developers to cooperate in these efforts. Most of the developers would assist financially and otherwise in these programs if a uniform policy was established, because they would benefit along with the rest of the Township. It's time we drew a straight line from here to there and started traveling it!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

- CHURCH OF GOD: 20841 Shawassaw 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: 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: Sunday Services 9:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dr. G. Norlough GR. 4-8983
- SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH: Church School at 8:15 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery School maintained during the Worship hour. Rev. Carl Schultz GR. 4-6880
- NORSE HILLS UNITED METHODIST 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. 4-1543
- OUR LADY OF SOGHS: 25415 Powers Sunday Masses, 7:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 6:30, 7:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, 6:30, 8 a.m. Fr. T. Baahan GR. 4-5720
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST: Grand River at Oxford Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Church Service - 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer - 7:30 p.m.
- ORCHARD METHODIST: 438 E. Orchard Sunday Service 11 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. Li. 2-8016 Rev. L. I. Lord
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN: Middlebelt at Right Mile Road Sunday Services 9:30, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Stuckey Church, 26900 Farley. Rev. V. Halbois GR. 4-0875
- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH: 25900 Grand River Sunday Services 9:30, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Stuckey Church, 26900 Farley. Rev. V. Halbois GR. 4-0875
- TRINITY EPISCOPAL: (Temporarily Worshiping in the Universalist Church) Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. Church School: Pre-School and Kindergarten 9:30 a.m. 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. Gulnan GR. 4-2860 or GR. 4-3374
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 26165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. Church School at same time. Rev. R. H. Hall 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 Services 6:30, 7:15 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.
- SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY: 14223 Indian Road Sunday Services 11 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 p.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LIVONIA: Inkster Road
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH: 33525 Grand River Ave. Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Township Hall. Sunday School, 11 a.m. and Wednesday Service, 8 p.m. both at 33525 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. Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH: Rev. W. Kellison 23664 Warner Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Church School at same time.
- KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST: 10001 Middlebelt Road Sunday Services 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m. R. C. Grandell GR. 4-4731
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH: Grand River at Warner Ave. Sunday Service 8:30, 11:15 a.m. Church School (nursery through adult) 10 a.m. Duplicate Church School, nursery through primary) 11:15 a.m. & 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
- GALILEAN BAPTIST: Y.F.W. Hall - 22245 Seven Mile Worship Services: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7:30 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

Promise for a Troubled World



STATE GOVERNMENT. COSTS will set a new record for next year but everybody expects a balanced budget.

These peculiar forecasts are based on prosperity of the past 12 months with the increases in tax yields just barely offsetting the increased costs of government.

Legislators, juggling such things as the "growth factor" of taxes - the bigger net yield which normally follows a business boom - and expanded services are into the final stage of budget business.

At the moment, the 1956-57 budget looks something like \$315,000,000.

Governor Williams asked for \$309,000,000. Republicans in the senate aimed for \$310,000,000. House finance leaders hoped to pare more off the requests, ending with \$305,000,000.

Williams based his budget figures on a \$25,000,000 surplus, which he said could be used to cover part of the requests. Republicans said the surplus was more like \$17,000,000 and hoped to avoid spending it for operations.

"If we did, we would have a government next year that we couldn't afford," said Rep. Rollo G. Conlin (R-Tipton).

Already banging away at Republican cuts in his requests, Williams is charging that more than \$1,500,000 was slashed out of the public health bill.

He said that a tuberculosis case-finding program will suffer, along with other major projects.

"We always have and always will take care of the financial needs of any program to safeguard the health of our citizens," said Elmer R. Porter (R-Blissfield), appropriations committee chairman.

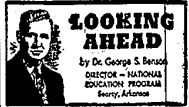
SENATOR CLYDE H. GEERLINGS will run again for the seat in the legislature he occupies for Muskegon and Ottawa Counties.

Earlier, he said he would quit because he was tired of "being a champion of lost causes."

Folks back home rounded up petitions, bombarded him with mail and resolutions from civic groups, urging him to reconsider his decision.

So Geerlings, a Republican who often supports ideas representative of the conservative Republican view but who at times lacks support in his own party, reconsidered.

"His major irritation was the in-



During a period of 25 years the United States Congress has had numerous special committees investigating subversive organizations in America, particularly the communist conspiracy and its operations here. From the great wealth of factual material compiled the Congress has now published "A Handbook for Americans" on The Communist Party of the U. S. A. This 100-page booklet should become the key-stone in every American's understanding of Communism, what it is and how it works to achieve its goal.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from The Bookmaker, Box 101, Murray Hill Station, New York 15, New York. The handbook was edited by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the U. S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Its contents were approved by the full committee membership: Democratic Senators James O. Eastland, of Mississippi; Olin Johnston, of South Carolina; John L. McClellan, of Arkansas; and Price Daniel, of Texas; and Republican Senators John Marshall Butler, of Maryland; Herman Walker, of Idaho; Arthur W. Watkins, of Utah; and William E. Jenner, of Indiana.

Here are some of the facts presented:

The Communist Party U. S. A. is "a Russian-inspired, Moscow-dominated, anti-American, quasi-military conspiracy against our Government, our ideals, and our freedoms."

The Communist Party functions "at all times of the year, every day of the week, and at all hours of the day. It is a full-time organization which is not restricted to election campaigns. It persistently seeks to permeate every phase of American life for its own subversive purpose. Communist agents may be found wherever and whenever there is opportunity for Communist propaganda or the promotion of civil strife, whether it be the factory, the union, the church, the school, or the neighborhood."

Fully aware that "if it appears to be in its true guise as a bridgehead of a hostile, foreign dictatorship, the Communist Party, U. S. A., would attract little sympathy, its methods are based primarily upon deception."

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, has testified: "No longer are Communist Party membership cards issued, maintenance of membership records is forbidden." And yet, Igor Gouzenko (and others) have testified: "On every Communist in Moscow, for every Communist in the whole world there is a file at the Comintern."

The conspiracy apparatus in America is composed of the following: open party members, semi-concealed party members, members at large, members of the underground apparatus, non-party Communist sympathizers, Communist Party supporters, conscious fellow travelers, unwitting fellow travelers.

From the Communist Daily Worker newspaper: "It is an exaggeration to state that besides the . . . Communist members, there are today tens of thousands of individuals who are active in every field of the progressive movement, carrying out the line of the Party in practice. They work shoulder to shoulder with

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 2, 1931) City Election

Indications were in evidence this week that the Farmington City Election on Monday may prove more exciting than had been expected as the result of a movement to name Commissioner Amos Otis for mayor as a sticker candidate. While stickers have not yet appeared, it was stated definitely that the slips would be distributed and that an active campaign would be conducted to elect Otis. It is anticipated that this contest and the interest exhibited in a state capital punishment bill, which is to be voted on at the same time, may result in a much larger turnout at the polls than had been expected.

Township Election

With candidates of only one party on the ballot, the fire protection proposal is expected to hold the chief interest of Farmington Township voters at the polls Monday, April 6. This, along with the capital punishment question is expected to swell the vote in an election which otherwise would be quiet due to the lack of competition. On the fire issue, voters of the Township will be asked to decide whether the Township Board should be authorized to purchase, and house fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment, and whether or not an appropriation of \$4,000 should be granted for that purpose.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 4, 1946) Zoning Board

Official notice was received Wednesday by Township Clerk Harry McCracken from Arthur E. Moore, Oakland County Judge of Probate, of the appointment of the Township Zoning Board. Moore appointed Guy A. Durgan and Thomas T. Tardy for four year terms and Mrs. Frances Billing and Frank Hults for two year terms. The Board is expected to hold its first meeting soon to appoint a chairman and a secretary. They will then begin work on a zoning ordinance for the Township. Requests have been received for some time to initiate zoning in the Township. Zoning ordinances are already in effect in all of the townships around Farmington.

Bands To March

A mass parade will be staged in Farmington Friday evening when the Clarenceville and Algoma High School Bands march up Grand River prior to a joint band concert at the Farmington High School auditorium. The parade will begin at 7 p.m. and the concert is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 5, 1951) City Charter Wins

By a vote of 411 to 252, the residents of the City of Farmington last Monday approved a new city charter, setting up the machinery for city manager government. A near-record off-year vote was recorded when 672 ballots were cast. The new charter will become effective May 21, 1951. A special election will be held May 14 to name a new five-man City Council.

Township Salaries

Farmington Township officials were granted pay raises and car allowances at the annual meeting on Monday, April 2. Raises of \$600 each were granted to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, boosting their salaries to \$4,600, \$3,600 and \$3,100 respectively. For the first time in the history of the Township, car allowances were granted to the three officers. The supervisor was granted a \$500 car allowance and the clerk and treasurer each received \$250 allowances.

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Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Midweek Service - 7:30 p.m.

FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor

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

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