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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

The New Policy . . .

adopted by the City Council, requiring that public matters to be included on the meeting agenda be filed in writing on the Friday prior to the next Council session, is not only a common practice but a sound one as well.

It is already a standard procedure with the Farmington School Board and the Township Board. The policy enables the governing body to investigate the problem prior to the meeting and to have recommendations ready at an earlier date. In the past many of these problems have been "sprung" on the Council without any future notification. As a result a great deal of discussion ensued without any possible action. This not only consumed a great deal of time but added nothing to the efficiency of the government or the satisfaction of the individual or group presenting the request.

Under the new policy, it is possible that many matters can be disposed of at the first meeting while others will be greatly facilitated. This should go a long way toward eliminating the "midnight and after" sessions, which have been all too common in the past. It will also reduce the possibility of hasty and ill-advised legislation which sometimes comes as a result of fatigue during hours-long meetings.

Only one caution must be observed in this procedure and that is not to deny the public the right to participate. We are confident that the Council will respect this right. They have already made provisions for the waiving of the policy in case of emergency. Definite regulations are necessary out of respect to the public and to the governmental body as well.

Full cooperation on the part of all elements of the community are essential to the success of this new program. The rewards are greater efficiency, more prompt action and real progress.

The Unanimous Decision . . .

on the part of the qualified electors attending the Annual Township Meeting last Monday, to adjourn the session to an evening hour, is symbolic of the need for a change in the existing State Statute.

It is our opinion that in Township of 10,000 population or more, Annual Meetings should be held beginning at 8:00 p.m. on the first Monday in April. This would eliminate a great deal of the inconvenience which is now necessary in order to insure adjournment. At the present time it is left for a handful of conscientious citizens to attend the 1:00 p.m. meeting and to take proper action to protect the majority. Without proper vigilence it is possible for a small group to control the meeting and thus enact vital legislation which might not be in the best interests of all the people. We don't say this would happen, but it could.

There was a very definite reason for the provisions of the present law, in fact they still exist in the smaller Townships. Since most of the Townships are composed of farm population, it is more convenient for the electors to meet in the early afternoon than in the evening. However, this situation has changed in Farmington Township as it has in most of the more heavily populated areas. Thus the establishment of requirements based on population would not inconvenience the electors in less populated Townships and at the same time would serve an important need in the larger communities.

Laws must be changed or amended from time to time to meet the needs of the people and as as far as this law is concerned, we believe the time for a change has come!

The Tornadoes . . .

that whipped across western Michigan last Tuesday night bringing death and injury to hundreds of people have revived th importance of Civil Defense as an essential peace-time organization.

Stories of the tremendous job which was accomplished by Civil Defense organizations in the Grand Rapids area is living proof of what can be done. The Enterprise has, during the past several years, urged the formation of an emergency organization for the Farmington area. Repeated efforts have been made to establish an effective plan, to no avail. It is unfortunate that disaster must strike sometimes in order to open our eyes. Let's hope that this ill wind will blow some good!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
29341 Shiawassee 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. 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 Schultz 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. 4-1543

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
23615 Power Road
Sunday Masses, 7; 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30. Holy Days, 5:30, 7, 8, 9. Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Beahan 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
13 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. I. Lord LI. 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0675

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25600 Grand River
Sunday Services 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Stuckey School, 26000 Farley.
Rev. V. Halboth

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 12th Grades, 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
Rev. J. B. Guinan
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. 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 6, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY
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.

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 23694 Warner
Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Church School at same time.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
10601 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
R. C. Crandell GR. 4-4731

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Service, 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 Fellowships, 6 p.m. (Int.) and 6:30 p.m. (Sr.)
Rev. R. Sursaw 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
V.F.W. Hall - 25245 Seven Mile
Worship Services: Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Y. P., 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m., nursery provided.
Rev. Herbert Noe KE. 5-2273

Could Happen

Michigan Mirror
INTERPRETING THE NEWS

REPUBLICANS ARE LOOKING for a new speaker in the House of Representatives, hoping they will retain the voting edge in 1957 that makes the search necessary. The party holding majority selects the speaker.

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Speaker Wade Van Valkenburg (R-Kalamazoo) is retiring to his private law practice after the 1956 session. "The way things have been going in the past four years anything can happen next year," said one oldtimer.

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Republicans now hold 59 seats and Democrats 51 in the 110-member House. This balance is fine enough to be upset for the first time since 1937 unless a lot of work is done in the hustings.

And if Republicans do hold control in the House, the party will have to come up with a speaker. Among others, his job concerns the delicate task of molding party opinion and keeping the party members from straying too far.

Under Van Valkenberg's regime there developed the "Young Turks," whose membership ranged between five and seven. On important votes in which they side with the Democrats, they controlled the chamber.

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This happened in the 1955 session on the highway bill and again during the special sessions last fall on facilities for mentally retarded children.

Candidates for the job -- assuming they are re-elected next November -- include Reps. George M. Van Peursem, of Zealand; Thomas M. Burns, of Saginaw; Andrew Bolt, of Grand Rapids and others who are still thinking about it.

Bolt is a veteran in the chamber, Burns represents the Young Turks, and Van Peursem is a young committee chairman not identified with any special group.

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Rep. Arnett Engstrom, of Traverse City, who lost the speaker's post to Van Valkenberg by one vote two years ago, has bowed himself out of the race next year.

Engstrom said he would rather remain on the ways and means committee where his role has been growing in importance for the past four years.

If Democrats win control of the House, the speaker would be Rep. Ed Carey, of Detroit. If the majority is too thin, he would rather not take the job and, in that event, the field is wide open.

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THERE IS STILL talk that Republicans are getting ready to stage a draft movement for Detroit's Mayor Cobo to their candidate for governor.

Cobo is reluctant to make any move of encouragement, but a group of party leaders is still courting him.

Discussion of Rep. Alvin E. Bentley, of Owosso, and Rep. Gerald Ford, of Grand Rapids, as choices has diminished in the past few weeks.

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Ford has announced his decision to try again for Congress. Bentley has taken an elaborate poll among his constituents which showed they think he is doing a good job in Washington.

Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State University, takes every opportunity to decline the candidacy. There have been no other takes considered seriously.

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The only major hopeful on the horizon at the moment is Cobo and he has announced he would stay in Detroit to "finish the job," but has left the door open for a draft movement.

As one Republican stalwart said:

"Right now it looks bleak, but I suppose we'll have somebody when the time comes."

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DISCRETIONARY POWER for the conservation department over Michigan's deer herd is still waiting its biggest legislative battle.

Bills to restore the power were bottled up in a House committee. The Senate passed its own version as an amendment to a House bill, thus avoiding the same fate again.

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House members who are critical of giving the department power to set season dates and let it reduce the size of the deer herd to fit its food supply came up with an-

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LOOKING AHEAD
by Dr. George S. Benson
DIRECTOR — NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Searcy, Arkansas

Nothing the Communists are now doing should lead Americans to think that it is their intention to tolerate the Christian religion in the lands they control. Communism itself is based on a scientific explanation of the universe and mankind. One of its fundamental aims is to create a godless world. If it compromised to any extent with the Christian religion it would be inviting the destruction of its whole structure and operation. It won't do that.

Here are statements from official Communist documents published in Moscow in recent years: "As the Party bases its activity on scientific foundation, it is bound to oppose religion." (Page 58, Molodoi Bolshevik) "No Communist can believe in God and there can be no compromise on the matter." (Komsomolskaya Pravda, April 1951). "Truth lies in Karl Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin — and nowhere else." (Komsomolskaya Pravda, April 1951). "Have we suppressed the reactionary clergy? Yes, we have. The unfortunate thing is that it has not been completely liquidated." (Page 69 Leninism, International Publishers).

These are the documentations For those who cannot believe the Reds are genuinely anti-religious I recommend Lt. Thomas A. Dooley's book "Deliver Us From Evil," (Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, N. Y.) which was published in condensed form in the April Readers' Digest.

A young Navy doctor stationed in South Viet Nam when the Communists took North Viet Nam, Lieutenant Dooley organized a makeshift refugee camp and emergency hospital for the wretched Vietnamese who fled the horrible consequences of Red victory in the North. Hundreds of thousands escaped after the Communists took over. Lieutenant Dooley's camp heeld 12,000 refugees at one time last spring.

In one illuminating section of his shocking story, medical doctor Dooley writes: "As the weeks passed I found myself puzzled not only by the growing number but by the character of Communist atrocities. I was accustomed by now to patching up emasculated men, and women whose breasts had been mutilated, and even little children without fingers or hands. But more and more I was learning that these punishments were linked to the refugees' belief in God."

He gives vivid details on the cases of preachers, horribly tortured, who were brought down to his medical station out of Communist Viet Nam under cover of darkness. He gives details of other fiendish anti-religious acts of the Communists. "On (one) gruesome day," he relates, "there came to my hospital tent seven little boys and an emaciated young man who was barely conscious. The children looked like zombies. Thick pus was running from their ears. Two of them still had queer-looking things protruding from their heads. Chopsticks!

"We pieced together the story. The young man was a school teacher. The Communists had caught him leading his class in the Lord's Prayer. They made him repeat it for them, line by line, and made a mockery of the words. (Then) two Viet Nam guards held a child by the arms, and another grasped his head. Then the leader jammed a chopstick deep into each ear, Splitting the canal and shattering the inner ear.

"When all seven children had been 'treated,' the guards turned to the teacher, They drew forth his tongue with pinchers and sawed it off with a blunt bayonet." In Lieutenant Dooley's improvised

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 16, 1931)

Taxes Owed

Seven and possibly eight of the ten Farmington Township School Districts will join in placing before the Circuit Court in Pontiac their shares in the $36,000 owed the districts by the Township from 1929 tax collections, it was determined Wednesday night. Representatives of all the Districts met in Farmington Town Hall Wednesday night at the call of attorney for the Township, James H. Lynch. Clarenceville District recently obtained $7,000 in their total claim for the total amount of $13,659.20 due hem. It was the opinion of Circuit Court Judge Covert that the Clarenceville District was wise and just in doing what they did. He indicated, however, that all Districts should now take action in the same manner so that in paying off the remaining debts all would be treated equally.

Present City employees were re-engaged by the Farmington City Commission in action at a meeting Monday night but at reductions in salary which average about a ten per cent cut. General City workers' salaries were cut from 50 cents to 45 cents per hour. William Mans, superintendent of public works, was rehired at a salary of $1,900 or a $200 salary cut. His assistant, Harvey Blough is to receive $1,400 or $100 less than last year. Chief of Police Lee Doyle will receive his same salary, $1,800 a year, but maintenance on his car, borne by the City in the past, will be required to be paid by him after May 1. Officer Thomas Armstrong will receive $1,600 a year instead of $1,800.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 18, 1946)

School Budget

The Farmington Township School Board at a special meeting Monday night approved a school budget for 1946-47 including a salary schedule granting a substantial raise for all teachers. Provisions were also set aside for the replacement and repair of heating systems in the Farmington school buildings. An increase in the school tax levy for next year of approximately 2.5 mills will be necessary to take care of these added expenses, school officials estimated.

Red Cross Drive

A total of $5,325.33 was collected during the 1946 Red Cross Fund Drive a final report by Mrs. W. Allen Nelson, local chairman, disclosed this week. This was slightly short of the $6,000 quota set for the community this year.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 19, 1951)

City Election

Monday, April 23, is the final day of registration for the special City Council Election to be held May 14. Residents of the City will elect five Councilmen under the provisions of the new City Charter. Seven petitions for Councilman have been filed. Others may still come in before deadline time April 27, Harry Moore, city clerk, stated.

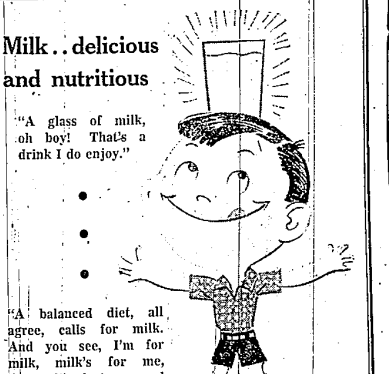
Farmington Road

Hopes for new pavement on Farmington Road was strengthened this week when surveyors from the Oakland County Road Commission continued efforts to determine of resurfacing the highway from Eight Mile to Grand River. Plans also call for improvements on Middlebelt Road between Eight Mile and Grand River if funds for the project can be raised.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
21405 Farmington Road
Corner Colfax (8½ 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.
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. Searls, Minister

Milk . . delicious and nutritious



"A glass of milk, oh boy! That's a drink I do enjoy."

"A balanced diet, all agree, calls for milk. And you see, I'm for milk, milk's for me, 'cause it's just as good as good can be."

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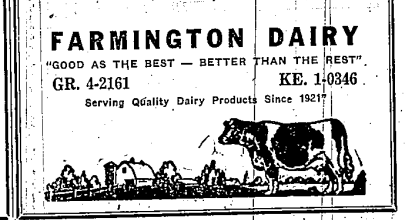

OPENING
BASEBALL PRACTICE
LITTLE LEAGUE
Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.
ATHLETIC FIELD
Shiawassee West of Powers
All Boys 8 to 12 Years of Age
Living in the Farmington Area
South of 11 Mile Road
THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN
GReenleaf 4-0180 DETROIT: KEnwood 1-7284