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## It's Our Opinion:

### EDITORIALS:

#### The Big Question . . .

In Farmington Township right now has finally been resolved. As of last Tuesday, sufficient signatures were filed with the Township Clerk to assure a referendum vote on the race track issue.

While the big question has been resolved, it will not be settled until all the eligible voters have an opportunity to express themselves. As The Enterprise has stated before, this is as it should be. The registered property owners of the Township who signed petitions are to be commended for their part in placing this important matter before the people.

Between now and the date of the election, The Enterprise will attempt to bring factual information on the pros and cons of the question to its readers. At the same time, the columns of "Farmington's Own Home Community Newspaper" will be open to comments and opinions from citizens. By these means we hope to stimulate interest in the issue as well as assist individual voters in formulating a constructive decision. This is a major undertaking which will require the cooperation and support of a great many people.

It is especially important that a majority of the voters go to the polls on election day. A great deal of time and effort have been devoted to getting the question on the ballot and we sincerely hope that a successful drive will be launched to get out the vote. It would be unfortunate indeed if this vital issue was left to a decision of the minority.

Thus the big question has been resolved . . . the rest is now up to you, the people of Farmington Township!

#### The Three Greatest Problems . . .

Being the growing Farmington area are undoubtedly water, sewage disposal, and roads. All three have been the subject of continuing concern and debate before the Township Board and the City Council. With few exceptions, the problems have been only temporarily solved.

This in itself is not particularly unusual, since many communities in the metropolitan area have been trying for years to find the answers to these three problems. In recent months the City of Farmington has been making more progressive strides toward a permanent solution. The Township, however, because of its governmental limitations and its greater area, has not been as fortunate.

An analysis of the Farmington area problems brings out several significant facts. Relief can and should be provided, wherever possible, through the leadership and initiative of the local governmental bodies. The entanglement of special assessment districts for water, sewer and road improvements is one method which is being used successfully. This requires the willingness and cooperation of the people as well as the support of public officials if it is to be successful. It must also be sufficiently sound and practical to insure necessary financing. Specific orders or assistance from the State is another method. However, this does not occur very often and then only in extreme cases.

The most promising permanent solution to these problems, not only in Farmington but throughout the metropolitan area, lies in community cooperation. They are too vast in scope to be handled by any single governmental unit, either from an engineering or a financial standpoint. With this realization in view, an inter-county committee, composed of representatives of the various counties in the metropolitan area, has been meeting regularly to discuss common problems. We believe that once this important discussion blossoms into a concrete plan, good things will begin to happen . . . things which the people of Farmington rightfully want and need. In our opinion this is the straight path to the permanent solution of Farmington's three greatest problems!

#### Rising Unemployment . . .

is undoubtedly the No. 1 problem facing the people of the State of Michigan. There is no denying that it is very real and very serious. Temporary relief in the form of increased unemployment benefits and new defense contracts provides a partial answer. But if as much energy was expended in a cooperative effort to encourage and strengthen business in Michigan as is being wasted in political bickering we might have something to hang our hat on. As it is right now some people aren't sure they are even going to end up with a hat!

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
20844 Shawnessy Middlebelt  
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 8 p.m.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, 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. 4-2988

**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  
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**  
28015 Powers Road  
Sunday Mass, 8:00, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 8:30, 7, 8, 9, Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.  
Fr. T. B. Kozlowski 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**  
28000 Orchard Road at Fremont  
Sunday Service 11 a.m.  
Church School 10 a.m.  
Rev. L. Lord LL 2-8010

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
Middlebelt at Right Mile Road  
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0875

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
25000 Grand River  
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.  
In Study School, 26000 Farley.  
Rev. V. Halbois

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL**  
26880 LaMuer Drive  
1 Mile north of 11 Mile between Orchard School and Middlebelt Rds.  
Sunday Service — 10 a.m.  
Rev. J. B. Guinan GR. 4-2880 or GR. 4-3374

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
28165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile  
Sunday Services, 10:30 a.m., Church School at same time.  
Rev. R. Gelger GR. 4-1671

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.  
Sunday Service, 8:30 a.m.  
All Six Sunday Schools, 10 a.m., Youth Fellowship 6, 7 p.m., Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

**SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY**  
61125 Indian Road  
Sunday Service 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.  
Sunday School, 11 a.m., and Wednesday Service, 8 p.m., both at 33525 Grand River Avenue, corner of Liberty Street.

**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, 23604 Warner  
Sunday service 11:15 a.m. Church School at same time.

**KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
10001 Middlebelt Road  
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m., Bible School at 10:00 a.m.  
R. C. Crandall GR. 4-4731

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

**BETHLEH 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 OA. 1-9140

**GALLILEAN BAPTIST**  
V.F.W. Hall - 25245 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

**WARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Larkin School  
West of Farmington Road on Amhurst, North of Five Mile Road  
Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible School, 10:15 a.m.

## No Imagination



A GRANDSTAND PLAY appears in the making at the National Democratic convention next August by the Michigan delegation.

The recent Democratic convention in Grand Rapids outwardly spent most of its time passing the "Michigan Declaration" and several resolutions for members to present to the national platform committee. These should focus national attention on Governor Williams.

The "Michigan Declaration" basically is a listing of goals covering a wide variety of human relations as seen by the state Democratic party, according to Democratic spokesmen. It will be circulated nationwide. Concerning fields ranging from automation, through agriculture and social security, it offers "something for everyone." Its terms are expected to be subject for much argument in coming campaigns.

Even more controversial within the national party organization are resolutions the Michigan delegation will present for adoption into the national platform.

Interest centers around the strongly worded civil rights resolution, an issue which has always met violent opposition from Southern delegates. It is considered doubtful that the Democratic party can adopt a strong civil rights plank without splitting the party wide open.

In such a party battle, Governor Williams might engage a strong leader.

THE STATE IS ASKING local governments what it can do to help them get ready for the St. Lawrence Seaway.

A special legislative committee started a series of hearings in prospective port cities and in Lansing, calling in the experts for advice. Senator Carlton H. Morris (R-Kalamazoo), chairman of the committee, expressed surprise at the many problems to be solved if best advantage is to be realized from Seaway operation.

What the state can do to help is still uncertain, but the legislature will welcome ideas. A bill passed last year already gives a property tax break to goods stored in dockside public warehouses.

The picture in Lansing remains confused. Detroit, the number one port, has growing pains. People close to the scene are involved in political squabbles over responsibility and jurisdiction.

Muskegon is certain to be an



There are three very real factors challenging the very existence of our great American system with its freedoms, its incentives for individual advancement, its unmatched living standards, and its constant dynamic surge of progress. They are (1) the natural lethargy of human nature, (2) a powerful, well-directed, worldwide Communist conspiracy to dominate the world, and (3) a powerful, well-directed effort to undermine the foundations of our freedom through infiltration of every segment and function of our American society.

The fact that lethargy is a human characteristic is found throughout the history of the human race. At no spot on the earth's surface has good government or a good economic structure been preserved for very many generations, through all human history. Greece lost her Democracy. Rome lost her Republic. The fall of these two world leaders of their day, one after the other, didn't come because either of them had fulfilled their mission. In each case the fall came because human lethargy in time replaced the citizenship interest which had created a new kind, and better government than had existed in the past.

Rome's fall ushered in the period known in history as the Dark Ages and the human race stagnated for nearly a thousand years. When we examine history we find the rise and fall of 19 different civilizations; and in each instance the citizenry itself had a part in creating the mode of life, the apathy of the citizens led finally to the fall.

We in America are now six generations removed from George Washington and Patrick Henry, both of whom represented the height of citizen interest in a government providing individual freedom. Through the years we have lost much of our love of freedom. We are affected with much complacency. We are trusting that our children will just take Americanism like they catch the mumps and the measles. We're moving gradually toward bigger and bigger government with more and more dependence on central government.

Government is already the biggest economic factor in our lives. The Federal Government, to which our local governments are more and more giving up responsibilities and powers, takes in and spends about one-fourth of all the money in circulation, one-fourth of all the wealth produced. The Federal Government is the biggest lender in America. We have private banks that have loaned throughout the history of our nation and these banks have played no small part in the development of our economy. But today the big lender is the Federal Government.

The Federal Government, of course, is greatly in debt. And yet Uncle Sam is lending money at a lower rate of interest in some cases than the borrower. It's a little like a government borrowing money at three per cent, in some cases, and turning around and lending at a two per cent. (The cost of borrowing is generally \$200 million dollars a year to make up the difference and pay for the administration.)

Still another factor in the big government lending agencies is the factor of politics, mismanagement and graft. Only a deep-seated citizen apathy would have condoned the gross incidents of graft which occurred, for instance, in the RFC from 1945 to 1950 as exposed by a sub-committee of the Senate Banking and Currency

Committee. (Continued on Page 3B)

Some ideas propose a state port commission to coordinate local port activities and developments, state grants to help finance port systems, a state code for the conduct of port business.

"I still like the idea of local governments — including port districts — running their own businesses," Senator Morris said.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 25, 1931)

Judge Suffers Stroke  
John H. Thayer, elected justice of the peace for Farmington April 6, suffered a stroke shortly after the election and it is now doubtful that he will be able to assume the duties of the office. He is slated to take over the judgeship of Farmington on July 4. He was elected for a four year term of office over incumbent John J. Schulte by a 213 to 194 vote. If Thayer is unable to assume the office, it will be the responsibility of the City Commission to appoint someone in his place. The appointee would serve for two years, until the next general city election.

City Money  
The City of Farmington will conclude the fiscal year on June 30 in the best financial condition in its history, a treasurer's report indicated this week. With all expenditures made for the year, the city had a bank balance of \$6,252.22. In addition, the municipality has \$8,000 in certificates of deposit with the State of Michigan on the Grand River Avenue sewer. In some years the city has had to borrow money toward the end of the year to meet its bills. Farmington's condition this year is in distinct and favorable contrast to that of many other towns in the area, some of which are in serious financial straits.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 27, 1946)

School Election  
Approximately 1,000 electors in the Farmington Township School District have registered for the July 8 School Election, according to latest figures released Wednesday. Those desiring to vote who have not already registered may do so until Saturday, June 29. This year's registration shows an increase of approximately 300 voters, according to latest tabulations. Four candidates have filed nominating petitions. They are Frank Lakodie, Daniel McLean, Present Schlatterbeck, and Paul Schreiber. Two will be elected to serve three year terms. In addition to elected Board officials, voters will be asked to decide on three proposals: To levy a five mill tax to create a sinking fund for the purpose of the construction and repair of school buildings; to exceed the 15-mill tax limitation for five years; and to adopt Teachers Tenure in the Farmington Township School District.

FIVE YEARS AGO (June 28, 1951)

WARNER FARMS  
Plans are now being completed for the conversion of the Warner Farm on South Farmington Road into 250 home sites, it was announced Tuesday by Harry S. Wolfe, Farmington realtor, and Devere Fleming, his associate. This is reported to be the largest single real estate development to be proposed in the history of the City of Farmington. The property is bounded on the west by Farmington Road, east by property facing Maple Street, on the south by Nine Mile Road, and on the north by property facing Orchard Street.

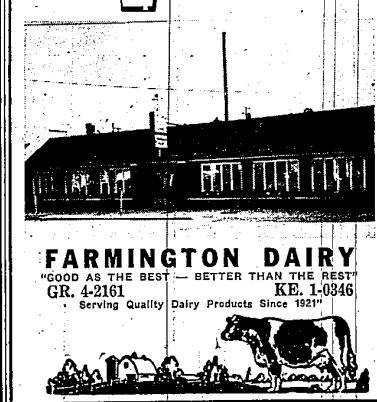
**EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
Pastor: GEORGE H. TWEED  
Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.  
MIDDLEBELT SCHOOL, 10 Mile and Middlebelt Road  
NEED TRANSPORTATION? — Call LL 1-3534  
EVERYONE WELCOME

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
21405 Farmington Road  
Corner Collax (8 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 E. 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  
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