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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

A Formal Request . . .

for purchase of the city-owned land on South Farmington Road as a possible site for a new elementary school is now resting in the hands of the City Council pending further study and investigation.

It is obvious from the discussion at the last meeting that the majority of the Council members have some misgivings about selling the property to the School District. Naturally, the Councilmen are concerned with the future well-being of the City and that is as it should be. The City has long suffered from the lack of an adequate tax base. This handicap is becoming more and more evident as the availability of land continues to diminish. The shortage of commercial and industrial property, coupled with the increased demands that go with a growing population, is putting a terrific strain on the City's finances.

At the same time, the School District, which encompasses both the City and Township, is faced with an equally difficult situation. A great deal of time and effort have been devoted to the problem of securing proper school sites. It is essential to the future safety and economy of the community that these sites be located in such a manner as to reduce the present transportation problems. After considerable negotiation, three parcels of land have been secured in the Township, including a junior high school site. Efforts to secure property in the City have been fruitless thus far.

It has been pointed out that the City already has an abundance of school sites within its boundaries from which it derives no tax revenue. This is true since the greatest concentration of population is presently located within or adjacent to the City. As time goes on, this concentration will spread and additional sites will have to be secured in the Township, thus creating a better balance. The City presently owns a number of widely separated parcels in the area from which they are receiving no financial benefit. It would seem advisable to sell these parcels and to secure a centrally located site of sufficient size to provide more efficient administrative facilities. While the City would not derive any future tax benefit from selling a site to the School District, it could gain considerable advantage in relocation of property as well as assist the Board in the easing of the transportation problem.

The Recently Adopted . . .

amendment to the County Sanitary Code relative to the installation and operation of septic tanks and disposal fields should be of material help to the Township in eliminating future sanitation problems.

The new procedures and controls outlined in the amendment not only add strength to the Code but establish a clear-cut pattern to follow. Through this coordinated effort, a uniform series of regulations have been established throughout the County which should go a long way toward protecting the health and safety of all citizens.

The mere existence of the amendment itself is not enough, however. The complete cooperation and vigilance of the County and the various governmental units is essential if the interests of the public are to be served.

The Big Race . . .

for air supremacy seems to be the principal attraction in the defense arena these days. The report from General Nathan Twining, who recently returned from the "impressive" air show in Russia, is both assuring and challenging. According to the General, we are still in the lead but we must keep working if we expect to stay there.

Everyone concerned with the defense of our nation recognizes the importance of air supremacy. The big question is how we can do the job most effectively and most efficiently. The recent hassle in Congress over the Air Force appropriation was bitter and confusing. The American people were advised on one hand that we were losing the race while on the other we were told that more money was being allocated than could be used.

It seems only fair that the paying customers, the taxpayers of the United States, be given a clear view of what is going on. Right now about all the bleacher seat fans can see is the backs of a bunch of bouncing orators who are screaming their lungs out in defiance of one another.

GO TO  
**CHURCH**  
THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD  
20341 Shawanaw at 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 9:45, 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Elmo 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  
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  
28015 Powers Road  
Sunday Masses 8:00, 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 Orford  
Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.  
Church Service, 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer, 7:30 p.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST  
18 Mile Road at Greening  
Sunday Services 9:30, 11:15 a.m.  
Church School 10 a.m.  
Rev. L. L. Lord LI. 1-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN  
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road  
Sunday Services 9:30, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.  
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0876

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Grand River at Orford  
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Stuckey Church, 26000 Farley.  
Rev. V. Halbach GR. 4-2850 or GR. 4-9374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
26165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile  
Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Church School at same time.  
Rev. R. C. Grandell GR. 4-1671

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH  
Seven Mile at 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  
21123 Indian Road  
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday 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 7:45 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  
20001 Middlebelt Road  
Worship Services 9:45 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.  
R. C. Grandell GR. 4-4731

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
Grand River at Warner Avenue  
Rev. Russell Surgen 23250 Cass  
Church Office: GR. 4-6573  
Parsonage: GR. 4-7568  
Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.  
Church School (through Junior Dept.) 9:15 a.m.

BETHEL MISSIONARY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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

GAILLEEN 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 Ross KE. 5-2273

WARD MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Lincoln School - Livonia  
West of Farmington Road on Amhurst, North of Elm Mile Road  
Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible School, 10:15 a.m.



**BIG QUESTION OF THE DAY** will be answered by next fall. How valid are claims by Governor Williams and labor leaders that Michigan's economic structure is in danger of collapse unless unemployment benefits are drastically increased?

A special session of the legislature was called by the Governor to deal "now" with the "emergency." But Republican members failed to see any such "emergency," and recessed until July 17.

Before recessing, a series of hearings took place that underlined one fact, if no other: a tremendous range of opinion exists regarding the state's economic outlook.

Charges of "politics" are still flying in all directions. Democratic leaders charge that the recess is just a way of marking time; that the GOP "will not call the fire department because it hopes in the next 30 days that the fire may die down a little."

Apparently seeing more smoke than fire, Republican leaders think the situation is not so serious as Williams defines it; that the Governor is attempting to make hay with a popular issue during a campaign year.

Detroit's Mayor Cobo, who expects to be campaigning against Williams for governor, looks what is considered a compromise position. He came out for an extension of unemployment compensation on a temporary basis.

This slowed down the GOP move to dump the entire Williams proposal. But it put candidate Cobo in a position of reacting to this situation without committing himself for the entire future.

What are the facts? There were approximately 207,000 Michigan residents out of work. Unemployment benefits now pay a maximum of \$34 weekly, to a person with dependents, for 26 weeks.

During March, unemployment payments to Michigan workers, both married and single employees, averaged \$34 per week, the highest in the nation, according to the U. S. Department of Labor. In nearby states only Ohio came close with payments of \$31.08. Wisconsin averaged \$29.77, Indiana \$26.19, and Illinois \$25.24. The national average benefit payments was \$27.12, almost 74¢ a week less than was paid in Michigan.

Governor Williams, with the backing of labor unions, wants to raise the maximum payments to



Some of the clearest, most effective writings on the dangers of expanding government power has come out of England in the last ten years in political control over this once great nation has been saved from the Conservative Party (to the Labor-Socialist Party and back again to a Conservative Party which will, it might now be labeled, "Conservative Socialist Party" since it is passively operating a nation that is pretty well socialist.

Some of the most powerful indictments of Socialism have come from writers such as Alfred D. Woods and Ivor Thomas, both Labor-Socialist members of Parliament at the time the Socialists took over. As Labor-Socialist leaders they saw what State (or Government) control over the economic system did to the individual freedom and initiative of the people, and they loudly called for a "halt!" But their Party ran roughshod over them and continued to make the State the lord over all economic life in Britain.

Ivor Thomas wrote a book which was powerful in its story of a wakening. It was entitled "The Social Tragedy" (published in America by The Macmillan Company). But alas, although the book is in control in England, the Socialist "tragedy" continues to run its course. Anthony Lejeune, member of a little band of Englishmen calling themselves "The Society for Individual Freedom," has written an article in the Society's quarterly magazine "Freedom First," published in London. The article is entitled "The Suffocation of Freedom."

"Individual freedom can be killed as effectively by economic suffocation as it can by the interdicts of a police state," Lejeune observes. "The combined effects of inflation, confiscatory taxes and ubiquitous 'social services' have gone a long way towards making us all (the people of England) pensioners of the State."

"As governmental activity increases, the State demands more money; as it gets more money, it becomes more powerful compared to the individual. Every time I am compelled to give the State an extra shilling, the State increases its economic power over me by two shillings - the shilling I get and the shilling I lose. The process has been gradual and cumulative. Fifty years ago, nobody would have believed that free people would stand such a burden of taxation; but then nobody would have believed that free people would stand so much interference by the State."

"When the government does for me what I might or might not be doing for myself, when the government takes and spends my money, when the government makes my decisions for me, I am deprived of freedom . . . Worse still, many politicians want to take my money, not because the State needs it, which might be defensible; not because they want to spend it themselves, which would be understandable; but simply because they think it is a bad thing for individuals to keep their own money."

"The policies of State interference and high taxation are inextricably connected . . . Just as the transfer of economic power from the individual to the State inevitably reduces the freedom of the individual (in England), so his freedom would automatically be increased if the process were reversed. Individuals could do far worse than press for the one dull basic reform which would simultaneously increase the freedom of the individual."

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Looking Back Through  
The Enterprise Files

Both Farmington Township and City will have a smaller portion of the State and County tax to pay this year under the equalization report adopted by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Wednesday. Farmington Township's portion of the State and County tax this year will be \$23,207.75 as compared with \$23,339 in 1935. The City's portion will be \$66,755.50 as compared with \$66,113 in 1935. Farmington Township's valuation as suggested for this year was \$7,925,260, as compared with last year's valuation of \$8,242,987. The City's valuation for the year, as determined by the Supervisors, was \$1,944,160 compared with \$2,833,639 for 1935.

School Elections  
Elections in five of the eight School Districts in this vicinity in which elections were held Monday evening re-elected incumbents to serve in office. The other three staged elections which resulted in intense competition and heated arguments. Pershing District in Livonia changed one Trustee and Noble No. 8 changed two trustees. School District No. 8 in Southfield Township also changed one Board member at an extremely bitter meeting.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 18, 1946)  
City Office Blaze  
The Farmington Municipal Building suffered approximately \$3,000 damage last Friday evening when flames ravaged a portion of the second floor of the building. The flames were reportedly caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring. The blaze started in an upstairs hallway between the dental offices of Dr. Nyal Carpenter and the office of Judge John Schutte's stenographer. It is reported that several tax records and water bills were destroyed by water.

Planning Funds  
A resolution was adopted by the Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening turning over a balance of \$427.28 as the Township's share in the state-wide planning program to the City of Farmington. Under planning commission rulings, the municipality matches the amount furnished by the State in surveying and drawing up local civic projects. The Township had no proposal in which they wished to invest the approximately \$400 at this time and thus felt it should be given to the City if they wished to make use of it.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 19, 1931)  
Sewage Plant  
The City Council Monday night approved a resolution of intention to construct a sewage disposal plant by December of 1933 and directed that City Attorney to draft the formal resolution immediately. The action came following an agreement by the State to permit the City to extend sewer lines to new building developments provided that they agree to build a sewage disposal unit prior to the end of 1933. A stop order on the extension of sewer lines in the city was issued by the State several years ago. It was pointed out that the sewage disposal plant is vitally necessary to the future expansion of the city.

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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**  
On Franklin's Village Green  
1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy  
WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.  
CHURCH SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.  
Robert J. Searls, Minister

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