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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS: The Announcement . . .

by the Oakland County Road Commission of its intention to install a traffic light at the intersection of Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Roads is mighty comforting news to Farmington area residents.

This dangerous intersection has been a source of local concern for more years than we like to remember. Township officials, as well as a large number of citizens, have repeatedly asked for additional safety facilities at the Twelve Mile - Orchard Lake Road corner. These requests have been prompted by the steady rise in auto accidents at the intersection.

The County Road Commission has, on several occasions, conducted traffic counts on both Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road in the vicinity of the intersection. However, until recently the count has not met the minimum requirements set by the Commission for the installation of a traffic light. We can appreciate the necessity for such requirements because of the numerous demands which are made regularly to the Commission for similar safety facilities. We also know that the installation of this traffic light, like the one at Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Roads, will enable Farmington area residents to rest just a little easier.

There's just one word of caution, however. A traffic light in itself can not and will not automatically eliminate accidents. In our opinion they are a tremendous help, but care and caution must still be the rule of the road.

We appreciate the fact that at long last a traffic light is going to be erected at this intersection and we sincerely hope that it will serve as a reminder to all drivers that it is still a dangerous corner and must be respected.

The Subject Of Taxes . . .

is usually a pretty good stimulant of conversation whenever harassed property owners get together. It has a way of raising the blood pressure and creating an atmosphere of general disgust. And yet, whether we like it or not, taxes must be paid if services are to be provided.

The No. 1 problem is to find a way to make taxes as easy and as painless as possible. This is no mean undertaking in a community which is developing as rapidly as Farmington. During the past several weeks both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Boards have approved slight reductions in the 1956 tax levies. At the same time, the City of Farmington has been compelled to increase its water debt service in order to help finance the new sewer interceptor project.

While the continuing development of residential property throughout the area has increased the assessed valuation of property, more and more services are being required to meet the needs of the community. Thus the spiral keeps twisting up and up and blood pressures go higher and higher. However, blowing four collective top isn't going to get us anywhere except maybe to an early grave. The entire Farmington area is faced with a problem and it's going to take all the ability and resources of the entire community to solve it.

First, we know that certain services must be provided and that costs money. The only place to get the money is from tax dollars. Thus we must do everything possible to improve our tax base. This will not only increase the total amount of money available but will lighten the burden on the individual home owner. The theory is fine up to this point, but putting it into practice is something else again. First, certain properties have to be set aside in an over-all plan for commercial and industrial development. Second, standards have to be set regarding the type of commerce and industry which will be most adaptable and most advantageous to the community. And third, a concerted effort has to be made to attract this type of development. It is not an easy job but, contrary to some opinions, it can be and is being done right here in Michigan.

Such a program requires leadership, cooperation and a lot of hard work, but the results can mean a better place in which to live.

Even The Weather . . .

is getting into the political picture these days according to reports out of Washington. It seems that the droughts in the Great Plain States are taking on considerable political importance. The next big question seems to be, "Which political party has the greatest influence over the weather?" It's a tough one to prove, but you can bet they will all be trying!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
2824 1/2 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 8:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Dr. W. H. WOOD GR. 4-9283

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Worship Services 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 Shaw GR. 4-1543

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
2824 1/2 Middlebelt
Sunday Masses, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30. Holy Days, 5:30, 8, 9, 10:30, 6:30. GR. 4-5723
Rev. J. Beshar

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayers 7:30 p.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST
Grand River at Cambridge
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. L. Lord LI. 3-9010

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. Balwani GR. 4-0975

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2824 1/2 Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Spring Garden 2800 Parkway.
Rev. V. Halboth

TRINITY EPISCOPAL
2880 LaMiera Drive
1 Mile north of 11 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt Rds.
Sunday Services 10 a.m.
Rev. J. B. Gulnan GR. 4-2880 or GR. 4-3374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
2615 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile
Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.
Church School at same time.
Rev. R. Deiger GR. 4-1671

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.
Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
All Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. J. B. Gulnan GR. 4-2880 or GR. 4-3374

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY
2122 Indian Road
Sunday Services 10:15 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
3355 Grand River Ave.
Sunday Service, 11 a.m., Township Hall
Sunday School, 11 a.m., and Wednesday Service, 8 p.m., both at 3355 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. Hillison 2304 Warner
Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Church School at same time.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
19001 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services 11 a.m., 8:30 p.m.; Bible School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. C. C. Cade GR. 4-7131

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Avenue
Rev. Russell Sursaw, 28230 Cass
Church Office: GR. 4-9373
Parsonage: GR. 4-9380
Worship Services, 8:15 a.m.; Sunday School (through Junior Dept.) 9:15 a.m.

BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
3900 Middlebelt Road
Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m., 11:15 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.V.W. Hall - 25245 Seven Mile
Sunday 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. 6-2273

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



Michigan Mirror

DESPISE GROWING CONCERN, narcotics traffic among Michigan young people is not a major problem of law enforcement here, says State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs.

Few complaints about dope origins in rural areas. State Police estimate that of the 161 cases investigated in 1950, some 85 per cent occurred in the populous parts of Wayne County.

Narcotics peddlers remain a chief target of police activity. According to Childs, most dope entering the state is driven in by automobile from Chicago or Cleveland.

"Effective interception of illegal narcotic shipments is a prime objective of our efforts in this area," Childs says. "The detective branch of the State Police has been successful in the past in confiscating large quantities of narcotics supplies."

"LET GEORGE DO IT," the familiar catch-phrase denoting escape from an unpleasant job, is being capitalized in the newest of Michigan's summer festivals. "George" will receive "his" day of honor at Coruna, county seat of Shiawassee County.

Town fathers have proclaimed August 11 and 12 "George Do It Days." They plan a festival complete with street dances and barbeque honoring the mythical man of many talents.

Everyone attending the festivities will lose his given name for the day. All men are to be called "George" while the women will be known as "Georgina."

Idea for the new festival came about when Coruna started a campaign for city improvement. "As little as one year ago Coruna was as dead as a town could be, all because George was supposed to do it," Frank Dunham, editor of the Shiawassee News, comments. "Then things began to happen. Slow at first, as is always the case, then in a steady tempo. More new buildings went into construction than ever before in Coruna's history." A \$380,000 sewer program was passed by the city council.

Unique attractions provide Michigan visitors with special entertainment throughout the summer. "George Do It Day" should join the many special summer events including the Ionia Fair and the Lowell and Chesaning Showboats, as the "something extra" that both residents and tourists enjoy seeing.

AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM of alert fire spotters is doing its part in holding Michigan forest fires to a minimum again this year, according to the State Conservation Department.

"Noting that the state has not experienced a severely destructive fire in years, the department is keeping its fingers crossed as they hope to extend the record through the 1956 danger period."

Camping season, during thousands of tourists and residents to northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, adds to the threat of a possible blaze.

"We lose half our share of good luck," spokesman for the department said. "It cannot last forever unless we can count on complete public cooperation."

The biggest danger lies in unattended camp or picnic fires. A disaster can begin with a few sparks blown into dry grass.

Empty bottles are not commonly thought of as a hazard involving forest fires. However, the conservation department warns that bottles strewn carelessly on the ground can concentrate the sun's rays the same as a magnifying glass, causing a blaze to ignite.

"Campers using common sense (Continued on page 3B)

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LOOKING AHEAD

By Dr. George A. Seward
DIRECTOR - NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
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MEASURING OUR STRENGTH
A great deal of news out of Washington in recent weeks has centered on the question of whether more money should be allocated for warplane production than the Defense Department has asked for. Congress appropriated an additional billion dollars and yet Defense Secretary Wilson says it may not be spent.

Congress was stimulated to its action by statements which implied that the U. S. is now behind Russia in the striking power of her Air Force and is losing the technological "Battle of the Air."

And yet, after personally viewing the most heralded of Soviet aircraft, General Nathan Twining, U. S. Air Force chief, returned from Moscow and stated that the Communists are behind in technological development. Even more emphatic was the report of Hans von Balthow, internationally known military analyst of the New York Times, who went to Moscow and saw what Twining saw.

Designated To Fight
Mr. Baldwin stated that it was obvious the Russians were attempting, at the Moscow air "show-off," to create the impression that their Air Force and military might was superior to that of the U. S. and "therefore you have got to get along with us." If we were frightened into a feeling that Russia is more powerful than the U. S., the Communists could continue to expand their empire of slavery by continued bluffing and building. It's conceivable that they could take over the rest of the world if they frightened us into a passive state. Fear of war with Russia, it must be remembered, is the reason given for our nation's "restrained" actions in the Korean war.

So the Russians are, as Mr. Baldwin says, playing a viciously intelligent game in trying to frighten America, while at the same time proclaiming "peaceful" intentions. Mr. Baldwin's basic conclusion was: "The United States is still clearly superior to the Soviet Union in air power today." He said the rate of Soviet "development progress in air power" has been very rapid and that research and development, and technical education, must be stressed in the United States "at all costs."

On the whole Mr. Baldwin's report is an intelligent conclusion on this question of how much to spend this year or the next on present model planes. This is true because the public hasn't access to the pertinent facts. Neither have I; yet, as this column is being written I have just returned from a Midwestern city where some of the most important air developments are under way. I saw the newest jet engines that power our nation's military aircraft—both piloted and pilotedless. I saw them moving on the production line, spitting out their roar. (Continued on Page 5B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 30, 1931)
Grand River

Traffic is again flowing freely both ways along Grand River Avenue in Farmington after a period of more than a year during which the roadway was closed for either east- or west-bound traffic or both. The completed road was opened last Friday. The concrete thoroughfare is now 50 feet wide from Farmington Road east to Farmington Junction. East from the junction the road divides into two 20-foot wide lanes separated by a boulevard. It was indicated by contractors that the center strip dividing the two lanes will not be cemented in, as some had previously thought. The time of completing the road project, contractors indicated, was lengthened due to the fact that the entire road could not be closed down to work on both lanes of traffic at once.

Temporary School
Electeds of School District 6 of Farmington Township approved Monday evening a proposition to erect a temporary school to take care of pupils who cannot now be housed in the District's two school buildings. The proposition won by a slim 23 to 21 margin. The District's Board of Education is now confronted with the task of determining how the money can be raised to erect the temporary building. It was indicated that primary money from the State, which could be used for this purpose, will probably not be received until near the beginning of the new school year.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 1, 1946)
School Remodeling
Work was begun this week on the alteration of classrooms in the Farmington High School building to provide additional space for the coming school year, O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, disclosed. Alterations were started to make the commercial room larger and to make one additional classroom available. A folding partition will also be put in at the kitchen end of the cafeteria, making another classroom available, Dunckel stated.

City Hall Repairs
City officials disclosed this week that plans have been completed for repairing the City Hall, damaged by fire on July 12. Wall washing, repair of the upstairs floor, repainting upstairs, laying new linoleum and several other repair jobs will be started soon.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 2, 1951)
New City Manager
The Farmington City Council, at a special session Monday evening, unanimously approved the hiring of Angus Leitch as City Manager. For the past year Leitch has been city engineer at Teicums, Michigan. He held the position of City Superintendent in Charlevoix, Michigan, for seven years, and was also the city assessor in that city.

Boat Trip
Nearly 500 students from Farmington, Clarenceville and Milford participated in the annual boat trip to Lobo last week. Lloyd Smith, Farmington band director, announced Monday. Four bus loads of Farmington youngsters and two bus loads from Clarenceville made the trip.

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

Franklin Community Church
- On Franklin's Village Green
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