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## It's Our Opinion:

### The Election Is Over . . .

but one postscript stands out in bold relief . . . a postscript which none of us can afford to ignore. . . During Tuesday's Primary Election, 69% of the qualified electors of the Township and 62% of the qualified electors of the City took the easy way out. They sat on their hands while the minority did the job for them. No one will ever know what effect this indifference had on the outcome of the voting. But one thing is certain, "Getting-out-the-vote" is a continuing job. As odd as it may seem, selling democracy to Americans is a full-time undertaking. We can talk about the virtues of our way of life. We can get plenty warm under the collar whenever human rights and privileges are denied. We can get steamed up over the words and actions of our elected officials. But when the real test comes, where are the majority of the potential voters?

Occasionally we hear the statement that too much blame is placed on the citizen. In answer, we would like to ask what democracy means. By our definition, democracy is the "people." While citizens can not be held responsible for all of the action of their public officials, they certainly have the obligation of voicing their opinion as to candidates and issues. Representative government is no stronger than the people themselves make it.

When the majority of the citizens choose to ignore their rights and responsibilities, they lose something of their importance and strength. This in turn weakens the very foundation of our way of life. This may appear to some a little like making a mountain out of a mole hill, but figure it out for yourself. When a member of a team lets down, the whole organization is threatened.

You're a privileged member of the most envied team in the world today. You can't afford to let down!

### During The Past Two Weeks . . .

The Enterprise has published statistical information pointing up the continued record growth of new home building in the Farmington area. These facts and figures were presented for a definite purpose, namely to acquaint our readers with the tremendous growth that is taking place in our community.

We can read the statistics and then throw them away or we can put them to use in building a more secure future. The choice is ours to make. If we take the time to analyze the figures, we come up with an interesting and significant story. It's a fact that Farmington is growing at a faster rate than most people anticipated or even realize today. As this growth continues, more and more open land is being transformed into attractive subdivisions. What does this growth mean to Farmington?

It means first of all that Farmington is an attractive place to live. Secondly it means that less and less land is available for future development. Thirdly it means that Farmington must begin encouraging additional commercial and industrial expansion to meet the increased needs of its population as well as improve its lagging tax base.

How is this to be done? By organizing a community-wide economic development committee under the leadership of the City and Township government and dedicated to selling the advantages of Farmington as a new field of opportunity and success.

### A Strange New Season . . .

is now upon us. It happens every four years and usually lasts for about a month. This unusual season is identified by the blue cast in the air, the increased vibration in the sound and the electrifying quality in the atmosphere.

If this strange period in American history had a name it might be called the Political Convention Season. The blue cast in the air comes from the flood of oratory that is let forth in denunciation of one political group against another. With it is mingled the vibration of citizens shouting and stomping their approval as the words of wrath are cast into the air. Out of it all comes an atmosphere charged with emotion and excitement which reaches every corner of the nation. Yes, it's a strange new season that only Americans can understand and can only take once every four years.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
26241 Shawnesso at Middlebelt  
Sunday Services, 9 a.m., 8 p.m.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Reader, 7:30 p.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. 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. 4-2982

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Worship Services at 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery School maintained during the Worship hour.  
Rev. Carl Schellha 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 Slaus GR. 4-3153

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
26911 Powers Road  
Sunday Services, 9:45, 11:15, 11:15, Holy Days, 5:30, 7, 8, 9. Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.  
Rev. T. Mahan GR. 4-5720

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
2200 Grand River  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer - 7:30 p.m.

**ORCHARD METHODIST**  
2200 Grand River  
Sunday Services, 10 a.m.  
Church School 10 a.m.  
Rev. L. L. Lord LI. 2-8010

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road  
Sunday Services, 9:30, 11:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.  
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0675

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2200 Grand River  
Sunday Services, 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. in  
Stuckey Hall, 26000 Fairview.  
Rev. V. Halboth

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL**  
26880 LuMuer Drive  
1 Mile north of 11 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt Rds.  
Sunday Services, 10 a.m.  
Rev. J. B. Gulnan GR. 4-2980 or GR. 4-5374

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
23185 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile  
Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Church School at same time.  
Rev. E. Geiger GR. 4-1671

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.  
Sunday Services, 9:30 a.m.  
All Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Rev. O. Christensen GR. 4-2721

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. at same time.

**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, 9:45 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., 6:30 p.m. / Bible School at 10:00 a.m.  
Rev. G. Christensen GR. 4-2721

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Grand River at Warner Avenue  
Rev. Russell Sursaw, 23230 Cass  
Church Office: GR. 4-6573  
Personage: GR. 4-7523  
Worship Services, 9:15 a.m.  
Church School (through Junior Dept.) 9:15 a.m.

**GALLILEAN BAPTIST**  
V.E.W. Hall - 25445 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.  
Rev. Herbert Nos - KE. 5-2275

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

## Will It Stick?



## Michigan Mirror

**PARTY UNITY** gave Michigan Republicans trouble for years. Beginning with the administration of the late Governor Kim Sigler, cleavages developed that seriously hampered Republican gubernatorial candidates attempting to rally support from all factions of the party. After ten years, traces of disunity still persist.

During this period, Democrats demonstrated that party harmony can produce remarkable voting strength at the polls. Since 1945, when Governor Williams first captured the machinery of the state Democratic party, policy decisions were dutifully carried out by all loyal followers - with no questions asked.

Is the governor headed for trouble now? Political observers discern a reaction against the Williams rule. It seems to be developing with little groups of his followers which are drifting away from the fold.

For instance, they point to the next spring convention when many Democrats are generally expected by the Governor's action in springing Attorney General Thomas M. Kavanagh as a possible national committeeman.

Portions of the organized labor movement have refused to give the wholehearted endorsements that are generally expected by the Democrats as a matter of course. This is particularly true among groups of skilled workers who feel their interests have been neglected in favor of unskilled labor.

At the grass roots level, sheriffs and justices of the peace - both political powers - are irritated over actions taken by members of the governor's political "family."

Sheriffs across the state will remember at election time the campaign waged against them by Secretary of State James M. Hare to deprive them of their power to issue driver's licenses.

Justices of the Peace likewise are disgusted with the broad charges leveled against them by the auditor general. They contend that such a campaign is merited against anyone abusing the power of his office, but that Kavanagh's charges were stretched to make innocent judges look guilty.

Advisors to the governor are anticipating a loss of votes in state metropolitan areas where Williams' espousal of the Negro cause stirred up animosities among white

## LOOKING AHEAD

By Dr. George S. Knapp  
CREATOR - MADONNA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
Kerry, Indiana

Some of the best agricultural minds in the nation are pointing to the Government program of burley tobacco production control as undisputable evidence that freedom and opportunity cannot survive under an agriculture program of high rigid price supports. In his highly significant address at Freedom Farm XVII, conducted by the National Education Program at Searcy, Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told the eye-opening story of what is happening in burley tobacco production. The facts are extremely important to every American.

Burley tobacco is grown in Kentucky and Tennessee. In Kentucky's production control and high rigid price support program for burley began in the late '30's but that S. Department of Agriculture did not begin keeping statistics on individual allotments until 1934-44. At that time, 12 years ago, the allotment in Kentucky was one acre - in other words no acreage cut could be applied to farmers having only one acre or less of burley.

These are some of the vital statistics on the 12 year period since 1944: Total burley acreage has decreased 47.3 per cent (fertilizer and improved techniques have made possible much larger production per acre). The number of people growing burley on small allotment plots has increased tremendously (the Government's high rigid price support attracted thousands of producers who hadn't previously been growing burley).

The Government's (average) acreage subject to allotment went down from one acre to 9/10 acre (in 1946), then to 7/10 (1952), and 10 5/10 or 1/2 acre in 1956. The number of people with less than 1/2 acre in burley tobacco jumped from 3,881 to 100,000.

Of course with its high rigid price in effect, the Government had to try to keep production under control. Acreage had to be restricted, but since it was being done by political office holders it naturally was done on the basis of political pressure - and the fractional-acre producers far outnumbered the others.

There were so many of the small producers, attracted to burley production by the Government's high cash income guarantee that they held the numerical political power and therefore the producers with 5, 10 or 15 acres, and finally even the one-acre producers, had to take all the acreage cutting which congressional legislation directed.

As a result the size of the acreage of burley tobacco growers has been leveling out, and at a low level. Three out of four burley producers are today cultivating less than an acre. Two-thirds are cultivating 6/10 of an acre or less.

The most significant fact is this: "If the minimum allotment had been held at an acre, as the Government started out to do," said Roger Fleming, "every single grower over an acre would have had his allotment leveled to an acre by now, with exception!"

Production at highest efficiency is not possible on a half-acre or a single acre. Opportunity to improve efficiency through specialization, mechanization and expansion has been eliminated by the burley program. Individual freedom is withering.

"If they surprise you," the Farm Bureau executive said, "but we have supported and now support the burley program . . . because we wanted to have an experiment. (Continued on Page 5B)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 20, 1931)  
Survey Project  
One of the largest single project surveying projects to be conducted in this area will begin soon in Farmington Township. Engineers will survey many hundreds of lots along Grand River Avenue, the Grand River Cut-Off, and Eight Mile Road. The survey, authorized by the Township Board Tuesday evening, has been necessitated by the widening of Grand River Avenue. Officials stated that the Grand River and other road projects has left titles to property in such a chaos that a resurvey is necessary to establish property lines for title and tax purposes. Officials doubt that the survey will be completed in time for this year's tax roll.

City Taxes  
Deadline for the payment of summer taxes without penalty was extended another month by action of the City Commission at a meeting Monday night. The extension is in addition to the one-month extension previously granted by the Commission. September 30 has been fixed as the final date that taxes may be paid without the four per cent penalty. Commissioner Emory Hutton, who offered the motion extending the deadline, indicated that he did not think the extension would establish a precedent for future years as some members of the Commission believe.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 22, 1946)  
School Election  
A special school election will be held in the Farmington Township School District on Monday, September 9, for the purpose of voting on two proposals regarding the shortage of classrooms. The first resolution will request authority to transfer \$20,000 from the general fund to the building and site fund for the purpose of constructing additional rooms. The second proposal will request authority to rent temporary classrooms until the building program is completed. The action was deemed necessary because of insufficient money in the building and site fund at the present time. The proposed building will be constructed north of the gymnasium.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 23, 1951)  
Grand River Parking  
Recommendations from the State Highway Department calling for "no parking" regulations on the north side of Grand River Avenue from Hawthorne Street to Gill Road were discussed Monday night by the City Council. The Highway Department also recommended that a "no parking" zone be established on the south side of Grand River from Power Road west to Gill Road. The matter was tabled by the Council for consideration at a later meeting.

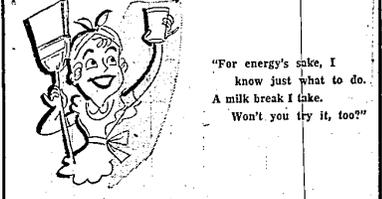
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Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Midweek Service - 7:30 p.m.  
FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor

**Franklin Community Church**  
On Franklin's Village Green  
1 Block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy  
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