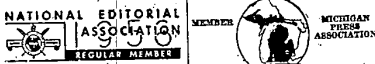


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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

We're Now In The Midst . . .

of those last hectic days before Christmas. There is shopping to do, gifts to wrap, decorations to put up and errands to make. It's a mighty busy time of the year and yet it is one of excitement, good fellowship and happiness. In spite of all the hurry and hard work, Christmas is a season of joy and inspiration.

What makes this effort so rewarding? Probably each of you have a separate and individual answer. Maybe it's the joy of giving . . . the satisfaction of helping others or the spirit of good will that swells from the hearts of men. Regardless of your answer, it boils down to one thing . . . "the true meaning of Christmas."

Many things have changed since Christ was born 1955 years ago . . . and yet the spirit of Christmas has grown in meaning and purpose. What is this overpowering spirit that has lifted man's thoughts and ideals down through the years? It isn't something we can examine under a microscope or test in a laboratory. It is rather an indescribable force that lives and grows in the hearts of men. Yet no one can deny that it does exist. We see it in the happy faces, hear it in the cheerful greetings and feel it in the inspiring words of the Christmas Story.

It is a hectic and a wonderful time of the year . . . and it will continue to live and grow forever.

A Popular Song . . .

of several years ago which read "You Go To Your Church (And I'll Go To Mine And We'll Walk Down The Street Together)," is especially appropriate on this eve of Christmas 1956.

A lot has been said and done recently about putting "Christ Back In Christmas." You can do your part in the nation-wide crusade by attending the church of your choice during this holiday season. It is a fundamental principal of our Democracy that individual citizens have the right to worship as they wish and where they wish. At the same time, it is the responsibility of each citizen to support the church of his choice and to set an example of spiritual living in everyday life.

This is particularly important during the holiday season when our churches make special efforts to bring the true spirit of Christmas to the community. The words and music of the Christmas story is an inspiration that none of us can afford to overlook at this joyous time of the year.

Enrich your appreciation of the real meaning of Christmas by attending the church of your choice this holiday season and take the family with you!

The Record Number . . .

of nominating petitions being circulated by prospective candidates in Farmington Township may or may not have major political significance. Only time will tell.

It is not certain at this point how many of the petitions will actually be filled by the December 31 deadline. Regardless of the political significance, however, the present situation is a real demonstration of democracy in action. Several weeks ago the Enterprise expressed the opinion that there should be contests for the various offices in the coming Primary Election. Since that time we have been reminded by several citizens that too many candidates often complicate the situation.

We don't happen to belong to that school of thought. From a purely political standpoint, a large number of candidates running for a single office may cause a spread in the voting and result in a smaller majority for the winning candidate. But on the other hand, a large field of candidates usually provides the voter with a choice and stimulates interest in the election. It is also a reflection of the interest and civic responsibility which the people hold for their community. In our opinion, these factors are far more important than any political complications which may result.

Too frequently in the past, elections have been held without contests and without any real interest. This has resulted in a high degree of apathy on the part of both the candidate and the voter. As a consequence, our democratic processes have suffered. None of us can afford to allow this situation to continue.

We have great faith in the judgement of the majority. If they are properly informed . . . if they are given a choice, they will make the right decision. Faith in democracy is faith in the people!

What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



NOVI — Voters will go to the polls Monday to elect the first permanent board of education for the newly formed Novi community school district. The election will bring to a close many months of working toward consolidation of four Novi Township school districts covering some 15 square miles into one unit.

Voters will be asked to select five board members; one for a one year term, two for two year terms and two for three year terms. Ten candidates are seeking office. All have school experience in some form, many of them having served on the boards of the individual districts which now comprise the consolidated district.

The school board election became necessary on October 29 when residents of the four districts voted 40 to 62 in favor of consolidating into the present Novi community school district. The Novi News.

SOUTHFIELD — Skating rinks for Southfield town were assured because of recent action by the township board.

It was decided at the last special township board meeting that the local fire department be authorized to issue a "reasonable" number of rinks with the charge of so doing to be assessed against the recreation fund. In granting permission, it was stipulated that the rinks must be open to all Southfield residents and that no admittance charge would be permitted.

There was no indication that Southfield township would prepare the rinks in advance of flooding. They will be located on private property.

Five departments have for years been under pressure by civic organizations and youth leaders to flood rinks which the latter groups were willing to prepare personally. They, for the most part, have refused in the past because of criticism that could result if equipment was out of service or fire within convenient reach if fire broke out.

—The Four Corners Press.

BIRMINGHAM — Three-and-a-half years ago in a special meeting at the municipal building here, top Birmingham and Troy officials met to try to resolve several mutual border problems. Solutions have been reached but at least a couple of new ones have shown themselves.

Because of these new problems, Birmingham's Mayor James C. Allen has taken initial steps to arrange a second meeting between the two governments' bodies in attempts to find a mutually agreeable solution.

—The Birmingham Eccectric.

LIVONIA — The first portion of Livonia's \$7,000,000 sewer project was approved for immediate use by the City Council at a meeting the early part of this month. Approval came following a report by the DPW director that final inspection had been made and that work was in accordance with plans and specifications.

The first portion of sewer line completed lies in the northeast half of Section 1 and the northeast quarter of Section 12 (between Mid-dlebelt and Inletter Roads from Six to Eight Mile Roads).

Sewer charges in Livonia will remain the same, at least for the time being, it was indicated.

—The Livonian.

SOUTHFIELD — The remainder of the Southfield school system's first-grade pupils will be able to be taken off half day sessions in January, the Board of Education indicated. When school started in September 451 first graders were on half-days. As contractors completed additions, however, the children were transferred to full-day programs. Now only 288 are on half-days. By January all of these will also be going to school on a full schedule, it was indicated.

—The Birmingham Eccectric.

WAYNE — A "disgustingly low" number of Wayne citizens overwhelmingly approved three amendments to the Village Charter at a special election recently. Out of more than 3,000 registered voters only 320 took time to cast ballots.

—The Wayne Dispatch.

Guide Us With Thy Perfect Light



A MOVE TO EASE MICHIGAN'S DOCTOR SHORTAGE is in the mill at Wayne State University. The school's Board of Governors is proposing an increase in medical student admission from 75 to 125 a year.

The plan, already approved by the Board, hinges on state allocation of additional operating funds for Wayne's medical college.

The most economical way to turn out 50 more doctors a year. While other plans call for the establishment of costly new facilities, the Wayne proposal requires only the money necessary for instructors, according to Dean Gordon H. Scott.

Both medical and non-medical groups are supporting the plan. The Michigan State Medical Society has endorsed the proposed increase.

Among the first of the non-medical groups in the state to urge the increased assistance to Wayne State is the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Clark L. Brody, the Bureau's executive vice president, recently announced that its membership endorsed a resolution in support of the plan.

ANOTHER TRY TO PUT MICHIGAN ON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME may be made at the next meeting of the State Legislature.

Strangely enough, the current proposal is said to have originated with a group of Detroit golfers who want an extra hour of daylight leisure in the evening. Retailers there are now adding their support.

ARE MICHIGAN RESIDENTS FINALLY RECOGNIZING THE DANGER? Safety experts are scratching their heads and crossing their fingers as they point out that traffic deaths in the state have turned downward for the first time in several years.

For the first 10 months of 1956, the road death total is 1,426, a saving of 168 lives over the same period for 1955. Provisional figures for November indicate the estimated 50 less deaths for that month compared to a year ago.

The trend is nationwide. Deaths for 1956 traffic accidents are low or in almost every state, ruling out possible local factors. Safety officials hope their long campaign is bearing fruit.

More enforcement of moving traffic violations may be one of the factors promoting better driving. In Michigan the new speed limit, increased size of the State Police and a stepped-up enforcement policy are reflected in the year's traffic arrests.

For the first 10 months of 1956 the State Police made 185,298 arrests for traffic violations—an increase of 47 per cent.

More than 200 lives saved—almost 2,000 lives lost. That's the state's traffic record in shaping up for the year. The improvement is good, but much remains to be done.

For 1957, the Michigan Citizens Traffic Safety Committee is urging every motorist in Michigan to sign a safe driving pledge.

Windsheild emblems pledging motorists to drive with care will be distributed by gasoline dealers who are members of the Michigan Retail Gasoline Dealers Association. Some 5,000 trucks belonging to members of the Michigan

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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is a time for people to search their souls, to take stock of their God-given blessings and responsibilities and demands of Christian living. The recent tragic events in Hungary, with the "Freedom Forces" being crushed under the heel of Godless Communist brutality, should remind every American of his great blessings. An indispensable command to people everywhere, and especially to those of us so greatly blessed, is for recognition of mankind's service obligation to God and to each other. This is the crying need of the world at this Christmas time, 1956.

"There is no more powerful message to mankind than this—from the Bible:

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Rev. 22:13).

"There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one." (1 John 5:7).

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20).

Born A Son

"When Joseph was about to sleep he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had born a son, and he called his name, Jesus." (Matthew 1:24-25).

"And lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them (the Wise Men), till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him." (Matthew 2:9-11).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

My Word — The Truth

"If you continue in my word (Jesus said) you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32).

"Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." (John 13:21).

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father the hour has come; glorify thy Son that thy Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou in me, with the glory which thou hadst given me.'"

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 24, 1931)  
Holiday Baskets

A total of 50 baskets containing all of the necessities to make up a Christmas dinner are being distributed today to needy families of the area. American Legion and Exchange Club members collected a total of \$156 with which to purchase food for the baskets. Each basket will contain a peck of potatoes, a peck of apples, two heads of cabbage, two cans of milk, two cans of corn, two cans of peas, two cans of tomatoes, two pounds of sugar, two pounds of butter, two five loaves of bread, 25 pounds of flour and meat averaging ten pounds to the family.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 26, 1946)  
Local Jacees

Word was received Saturday by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce that its application for affiliation with the National organization had been approved. Plans are now underway for a Chapter banquet. It is expected that the Farmington Chapter, scroll and plaque will be presented to the local organization at the banquet by state and national officers of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Farmington Chapter has approximately 17 active members at the present time. At the present time the Farmington Chapter is at work organizing its program for the coming year.

Goodfellow Collection

Orders for food and clothing have been distributed to approximately 40 families in the vicinity by the Farmington Goodfellows. In former years the Goodfellows distributed baskets of food, but this year allowed needy families to order their own food and clothing at local stores instead. The Goodfellows found that the need for assistance this year was greater than it was first estimated because several plants have been forced to close down in past months and many men have been out of work for some time.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 27, 1951)  
Rent Control Lifted

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced Friday that official word had been received from Washington, D. C. lifting rent controls in Farmington Township. The announcement was made from Washington by Tighe E. Woods, director of Rent Stabilization. The principal reason for the lifting of controls, it was indicated, is the comparatively small number of rental properties available in the township. Most of the rental estate here is owned by the occupants, it was pointed out.

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