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## EDITORIALS

### The Signature . . .

of the Governor is about all that is needed to complete the new proposed City Charter for formal presentation to the voters of Farmington.

The nine-man Charter Commission has put in many long hours and plenty of serious thought on this important document. They have conscientiously fulfilled their obligation to the people of the City who elected them. Many feel that the draft was rushed through. However, the fact is that they took advantage of the efforts and experiences of other communities in adopting provisions already proven to be reasonable and workable.

By devoting more thought to local provisions, the Commission was able to adequately discuss the key features of the proposed Charter as it affects our City. The Enterprise can not honestly comment on these features, because it has not had ample opportunity as yet to study the new draft of the Charter. However, from attendance at the meetings, we are able to state that thorough discussions were held on the vital local issues and excellent cooperation prevailed.

Aside from the specific provisions of the proposed charter, which must be studied by all of the voters before an honest decision can be made, the basic principles of City Manager government are sound and proven. It is a progressive step forward in the efficient operation of a growing city. The fact that municipalities by the scores are changing over to this modern form of government should be proof enough of its value to the citizens.

Not every voter in the City will agree wholeheartedly with all of the provisions contained in the proposal. However, the basic principles are what must be considered, plus the future development of the city. The charter, if accepted, can be amended from time to time to meet the new situations that will arise with growth.

The future of the city is now in the hands of the voters.

### Circle February 19 . . .

on your calendar if you are a full-time citizen of Farmington Township. Do it right now, it's important. You have a date at the polls. Now don't just say, "Oh that," because it's a responsibility you can't just shake off lightly. This is your Township, your home, and unless every last citizen takes an active part in it, we as a community and a nation are in extreme danger.

Why is it so important? Democracy and the principles of a free people start right here in your home community. They should be the strongest at the foundation — if not, the house may fall in. Your vote is important every chance you have to use it, and it isn't worth the paper it's printed on unless you do use it.

Let's not kid ourselves, democracy can not survive and grow unless we make it survive and grow. No one can do it for us. Each individual must assume his responsibility and take an active part in the government of his community. American soldiers are once again driving, bleeding and dying in order to keep an aggressor from over-running the free peoples of the world, including ourselves. Are we willing to preach and encourage free thinking and democratic action throughout the world while sitting in our rocking chair at home on election day?

The answer is up to you, the free individual citizen of Farmington Township!

### Saying Good Bye . . .

is rarely a pleasant task and saying good bye to a real friend always brings sorrow.

Farmington has lost a real friend with the resignation of Rev. Fred Fisher of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Fisher will be missed by the members of his church and by all of the citizens of this community. Because of his work, he came in regular contact with many persons outside of his church. He was always an inspiration, whether he was talking before a group or just having an individual chat.

During his nine years in Farmington he made a great many friends and contributed spiritually and materially to the progress of the community. The people of Farmington wish him the best of luck in his future activities and endeavors, and thank him sincerely for the lasting contribution he has made to our community.

## Churches

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2560 Grand River Avenue  
Corner of Imperial Hwy.  
Victor F. Halbroth, Pastor  
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Late Service, 11 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road  
Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m., nursery to senior departments  
Devine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over CKLW.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. A. Stanley Stott, Minister  
Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
11:15 a.m., Nursery School  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at the church.

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.  
Rev. Cadman Prout, Pastor  
9:30 a.m., Church School  
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m., Nursery, kindergarten and primary Sunday School  
W. S. C. S. on second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

**FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
Rev. Orville J. Windelt, Pastor  
Sunday School at 11 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cass and Grand River  
Farmington, Michigan  
Elise A. Johns, Pastor  
W. 11 Mile, E. of Grand River at Music and Religious Education  
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School  
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
"The Friendly Church"  
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor  
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 11 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Midweek Services at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:15 p.m.

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor  
Mr. A. B. Bollen, Music Director  
Mr. G. C. Gilmester, Dir. Pres.  
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.  
Our current department is maintained during the Morning worship.  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Church School, 11:25 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
13 Mile Road at Greening  
Rev. Lenor Lord, Pastor  
10:00 a.m., Church Service  
11:45 a.m., Sunday School  
6:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship. A. Barany, Sponsor.  
Nursery department in care of Sally Pfeiffer and Sally Groux.  
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursday each month, 8 p.m.

**GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
19188 Gaylord Road  
Rev. Chester Cones, Minister  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.  
B. Y. F. 8 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**  
23701 Cass Avenue  
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School  
8:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Singing  
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
"Spirit" will be the subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, February 11.

**THE GOLDEN TEXT (Ezekiel 35:25)**  
Is: "I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God."

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. Scott Greer, Minister  
Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

**UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
Warner and Thomas Streets  
Farmington  
Rev. Frank D. Adams, Pastor  
Sunday morning worship at 11 o'clock  
Sermon "The Religion of Abraham Lincoln"  
Junior church, also at 11, Miss Marion Kollege, superintendent.

**SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
21123 Indian Road  
Rev. H. Raymond Bayne  
Southfield 5372  
10:00 a.m. Bible School  
Free transportation.  
11:15 a.m. Worship.  
Nursery provided.  
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.  
Four Youth Clubs weekly.

## A New "Closed Door" Policy



## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

**GOP APPOINTMENTS URGED**  
President Truman isn't likely to move on it, but some of his cabinet members have been dropping discreet hints that the most important thing he can do to bring

**FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Rev. Joseph Jones, Pastor  
Stanbury and 12 Mile Roads  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor  
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30  
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.  
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Lenore and Curtin Aves., Detroit (Two Minutes from Bus Station)  
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar  
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9:30 a.m. Church School (Three years and up)  
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
(1st Sunday Holy Communion.)  
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten and Primary School (3 to 8 years).

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles G. Morse, Pastor  
Mary Flint, Pianist  
Mrs. Jack Eby, Sunday School Sup.  
10:30 Morning Worship Service.  
Special music by the choir, illustrated children's message.  
11:30, Sunday School: Bible study in classes; classes for all ages.  
First Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.  
7:30, Evening Worship service.

**BIBLE COMMENT**

### Jesus Prayed for Peter, Who Was Unpredictable

THERE are some men whose characters and actions are as unpredictable as New England weather. Others are so settled in their ways that their attitudes and feelings in any given situation could be easily predicted.

Peter was of the former sort. Within him were great forces and possibilities for both good and evil. He was at once a model of humility, a swaggering braggart, a courageous crusader and a weakling repentant.

It was, perhaps, because of his impulsive nature that Jesus played "hide and seek" with Peter, meaning a ruck. As we will know there was nothing rocklike about Peter's personality.

"Simon, Simon," said Jesus, "Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift thee as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

So Jesus prayed for him and that was the source of Peter's power.

Yet something went amiss for the Peter who had boasted that though all men might destroy Jesus, yet would not he, thrice denied that he knew Jesus.

The Peter who stood up on the day of Pentecost and preached the bold and courageous sermon which saved three thousand later went forth a changed man.

The Peter who defied his enemies with the simple words, "We ought to obey God rather than men," later found it necessary to assure his Lord that "Thou knowest all things; thou knowest I love thee."

Yet, with all of his inconsistencies, faults, and defeats at the hands of temptation, Christ prayed for all Peters everywhere.

What greater inspiration could we ask than to know that Christ prays for all Peters everywhere? And what Peters everywhere can become truly rocklike by seeking their own answers in prayer.



By GENE ALLEMAN

Michigan has made the first move in the nation to develop a state defense council. Proposed to smooth over the transition from civilian to military production, the council would attempt to organize the economic potential.

For the first time Gov. Williams' ed the floor of the state senate. The governor chortled as Senator George Higgins said in a hearing, "what do you want, a corporation tax (Williams' baby) or my manufacturers' process tax?"

The process tax would put a three per cent levy on all machinery purchased which does not become a component part of the article manufactured. Manufacturers' agents feared during the hearing. Observers have already buried the bill. But the hearing clearly was a Williams' process tax — without a Democrat present!

The Vandenberg senatorial seat is still a big question mark. In Washington, D. C. the seers are asking Michigan prognosticators what is to happen — and in Michigan we look to Washington for the word. And should the veteran Grand Rapids legislator resign before 1952, things really will be in a tizzy.

While the draft continues to take more and more of our young people, Pontiac's negro sage, 107-year-old Joe Glover, says, "There wouldn't be no trouble in Korea if folks would do more prayin' and lovin'." He's one of eight Civil War veterans still alive. He should know.

Washington has said it was a "regional office mistake" when it was revealed that bedridden war veterans were "talked into" in an attempt to get them to apply for TB hospitalization in other states. Says Guy F. Palmer, manager of the Detroit regional office, "it was NOT a mistake in this office." He produced the orders — all stemming from the nation's capital — telling him to move patients.

Michigan, of course, has the same TB housing problem as most other states. Although a large building program is in the mill, there are some 300 patients still in private homes because there are no beds in the hospitals.

A budget pinch is the reason given for closing 13 Michigan Veterans administration contact offices. Offices were shut down in Battle Creek, Flint, Jackson, Lansing, Muskegon Heights, Saginaw, Escanaba, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie, and Traverse City.

Following another round of wage increase demands and the subsequent freezing thereon, Walter P. Reuther, president of the U.A.W. (CIO) says that America must wage an "all out peace" to defeat world Communism. He also says, however, that we should build adequate

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 12, 1926)

Will Practice Law Here

Mr. Maurice F. Cole, attorney at law, will in the future be associated with the Harry S. Wolfe Company in the general practice of law. Mr. Charles L. Wilson, who will graduate from law school in June, will work with Mr. Cole and under his direction. Mr. Wilson has been obliged to turn down legal work in the past because he was not permitted to handle it. He has made this connection with Mr. Cole so that they will be able to handle any legal work which may come to his office.

Special Charter Election

At the last special election the people of Farmington voted to become a Fifth Class city and elected a commission of nine men to write a charter. This commission is offering for your approval next Monday, the best charter that they can draft. Read the charter as printed in The Enterprise on January 23, then vote as your judgment dictates.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 13, 1941)

Plan Landin Field and Factory

A new industry will take its place in the Farmington area next month when Apex Metal Specialties, Inc., begins operations in its new plant, now under construction. The new plant, located on Orchard Lake Road at 13 Mile Road, will manufacture dies for moldings for automobiles, to be furnished to automobile factories. Besides furnishing dies for automobile plants, the new building will house an airplane hangar and will provide a landing field and airplane repair service for owners of private planes.

FIVE YEARS AGO (February 14, 1946)

Set Date For Tax Levy Vote

The Board of Education of the Farmington school system unanimously passed a motion Monday to place the proposed five mill tax increase for high school building and site fund before voters at the general school election set for July 8, 1946. In addition to the five mills for five years as a levy question, a vote must be taken on the exceeding of the 15 mill limitation. The first question requires a majority vote of the taxpayers electors for passage, while the 15 mill limitation requires a two-thirds majority of the general electors.

*Little Stories*  
**Great Hymns**  
When a Surdy the Wondrous Cross  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thence compose so rich a crown?

Some consider this the greatest hymn in the language, surpassing all others in solemn beauty and intense sorrow. Written by Isaac Watts, the father of English hymnody, who said "It was not my design to exalt myself to the rank and glory of poets, but I was ambitious to be a servant to the churches, and a helper to the joy of the lowest Christian."

**Thayer Funeral Home**

**Sweet Hearts for a Valentine Sundae!**

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