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## EDITORIALS

### Another Important Step . . .

is about to be taken in the process of bringing to life the Proposed Zoning Ordinance for Farmington Township. At present it is but words on a piece of paper and lines on a map, but if Farmington Township residents are alert and progressive it can be a living instrument of assistance and protection.

The ordinance is now being completed and made ready for the important trip to the County Zoning Board. From there it will be returned to the Township Board for action. As soon as the proposal has been turned over to the Township Board, the research, planning and drafting work of the Zoning Board will be completed. They have done a thorough, understanding and democratic job. The Township owes these four men a great deal for they have honestly tried and, we believe succeeded, in drafting an ordinance that is fair and equitable as well as practical.

Residents of Farmington Township will probably have an opportunity to make the final decision on whether or not the proposal will become protective law or so much wasted time and effort. It has been wasted effort three times before, and in the meantime other progressive communities all around us have met the challenge of the future and acted. Farmington Township must act too, if it is interested at all in the future. The township today stands as an oasis for every type of undesirable housing. It is not a question of restriction, it is a question of protection for present property owners as well as future residents. Health and safety is as important to the lower income groups as the upper income groups.

The complete text of the ordinance as changed will be published. It can, if adopted, be changed at any time in the future by expression from the people. In fact, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Farmington has been changed many times as it has grown and developed. The whole proposal is designed to bring order to the community, to protect all of the residents, and to give the people an instrument by which they can shape with their own hands the future growth and development of the township.

### The Time Is Long Past . . .

when we can just let things work themselves out. Unless we give direction to our efforts, the confusion and stalemate will become that much more difficult to surmount.

The City of Farmington is growing and that growth is reflected in the increasing problems that face us. To admit defeat, to throw up our hands and say "Oh well," only shows our weakness. Aggressive leadership is needed and needed badly to meet the challenge of progress. We have the parking and traffic problem on Grand River. We have the responsibility of meeting new home-site developments. We have an ever-present challenge of stimulating and improving our shopping area as an active and attractive trading area.

We can meet these problems and reap the benefits that others are reaping, or we can let the crop die in the fields. We can have the community services we have a right to ask for or we can be indifferent and suffer. No one will benefit if we just ride along, but everyone will benefit if we take the initiative.

Members of the City Council have expressed a desire to have merchant representation at their meetings and to have a collective opinion from them on vital questions. Individual merchants from time to time have expressed the need for a cooperative job of selling the trading area to the residents of this community. There is also an ever-increasing need for broadening the shopping center to include businesses that are not already present. These are constructive steps that will lead to greater services for all of the people.

Leadership is needed now to bring the merchants together in joint discussion of these problems and their ultimate solution. No one will do it for us, we MUST do it OURSELVES!

### Like A Small Boy . . .

Russia has tossed down its mitt and has gone off in the corner to pout. Reason — they wouldn't let 'em throw the pitches at the Japanese Peace Treaty in San Francisco. Too many curve balls.

## Churches

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
25500 Grand River Avenue  
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Late Service, 11 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Middlebelt at Elm Road  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m., nursery to senior departments.  
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
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.  
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 OF GOD**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
Sunday School at 10 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**  
Cambridge and Grand River  
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.  
10:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.  
6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.  
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, 7:45 p.m. service.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
"The Friendly Church"  
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. service.  
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**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
A nursery 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  
10:00 a.m. Church School.  
11:00 a.m. Worship.  
11:00 a.m. "Waiting for Miracles". Nursery for small children.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
23701 Cass Avenue  
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.  
8:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.  
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
That material things are insubstantial while spiritual things are enduring is brought out in the Lesson - Sermon entitled "Substance" to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, September 16. The Golden Text is from Hosea (12:6): "Turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually."

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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.

**SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
21125 Indian Road  
10:00 a.m. Bible School.  
11:15 a.m. Worship.  
Nursery provided.  
7:30 p.m. Evening Praise.  
Tuesday, 7:45 p.m. Prayer Fellowship.

**Gaylord Baptist Church**  
19183 Gaylord Road  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.  
B. Y. F., 6 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
16388 Beech Road  
10 a.m. Sunday School.  
11 a.m. Morning Worship.  
8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.  
8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples Service.

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Grand River and Salem Avenue  
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar  
9:30 a.m. Church School, all ages.  
11:00 a.m. Church School, 3 to 11 years.  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
10:00 a.m., Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship.  
7:30 p.m., Evening service.  
7:30 p.m. Thursday, prayer service.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30.  
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 8:30.  
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

### Giving Us the Bird



**FIRST UNIVERSALIST**  
Warner and Thomas Streets  
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Minister  
Sunday morning service at 11.  
Junior Church, also at 11, Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.

**FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Stanbury and 12 Mile Roads  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.  
During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.  
7:30, Evening Worship service.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Grand River at Oxford  
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday.  
Church 11:00 a.m. Saturday.  
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10:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
23310 Haynes Street  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Bible Comment:**  
**Bestowing Mercy Is God's Delight, Writes Prophet**  
MANY think that the climax, the highest point in the seven chapters of the prophecies of Micah, is the chapter in which the prophet's definition of religion is given. His rightly famous explanation of religion: "What do the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" would seem to be the epitome of all his writings.

But there is something higher, the real climax, in the closing verses of the prophecy, Micah 7:18-20, in which the prophet describes the pardoning grace of God. God is not only merciful, says Micah, but He delights in mercy. Could God, asks Micah, require that man practice mercy without being merciful himself? Certainly not, as that would be contrary to righteousness and logic.

This part of the Hebrew prophecies should be well studied, and never forgotten. It is true that evil was rebuked with such sternness that a hurried, unreflecting reading of Micah's messages might lead one to regard them as harshly unyielding and pessimistic.

But beneath, there was a note of mercy, the eager willingness of God to forgive all transgressions and iniquities. Micah and his fellow prophets almost invariably pictured what they liked to believe was a "forgetful" God measuring the rebelliousness of the Israelites with deep sense of foreboding. But complete despair was never part of the picture. Always there was the underlying current of hope, and the broad theme was that of reconciliation.

The entire story is told in this, the climactic message of Micah: "Who is a God unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger forever, because He delighteth in mercy. He will turn again. He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." In the depths of that sea, drowned in mercy, is the better place for all of our sins.



**By GENE ALLEMAN**  
It's politics and football time again, with football having the edge in news play throughout Michigan. Politics we always have. Football only in the fall.

Currently pre-campaign campaigns are in progress. Democrats are calling Republicans no-nothings. Republicans admit Democrats have done things, but cry "we don't like it."

Policy committees have been active. G. O. P. again is aiming at unified policy which will preclude any split in voter ranks. Democrats are banking, apparently, on labor and recent welfare legislation to supply the impetus for Governor Williams' campaign.

Toughest row to hoe is that of Senator Blair Moody. In office only a few months he faces a rough and tough election. He's been in Michigan so much lately he and Williams are referred to as the "Toni twins."

One columnist takes exception at the constant political jockeying. He says: "An officer is inaugurated at noon, rearranges the office furniture, appoints a deputy and secretary and that night is campaigning for reelection at a cold roast beef and greasy gravy dinner. The poor voter just doesn't get a rest."

President Truman has asked Michigan Democrats to keep him posted on developments in the senatorial race for Moody's newly-acquired seat. G. O. P. leaders nationally are keeping in contact with state leaders to see if any progress is being made toward recapturing the seat held for more than three decades by Republicans.

Edward W. Frey, state's new election director, hopes to use television to educate city dwellers on the proper marking of ballots and perhaps avert "another chaotic election such as we had last year." Election workers also will attend instruction schools. Catch: A lot of voters don't have TV sets.

The polio season has passed its peak. Paralysis has been about one-fourth what it was last year. More than 6 million dollars has been collected under the reform highway legislation. The new law requires counties to use 75 per cent of their share for maintenance and construction of primary roads, 25 per cent for local roads. State's share is \$2,285,241.

Truck output in Michigan still is climbing to new records. Passenger car production has been hit by shortages, but trucks may exceed 1,000,000 before the year is out.

The Rifle River has been added to the ever-expanding hunting territory of the lamper eel. A 26-inch brown trout has been found in Devoe Lake with the usual deep scar, showing damage was caused by a lamper.

Fishing law violators in July paid \$6,799 in fines and spent 170 days in jail. There were 399 convictions.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 17, 1926)

**To Vote On Gas Installation**  
Voters are to decide whether gas is to be brought into the area in Farmington Township election October 16. The question was submitted to the voters through the action of the Township Board in its September 9 meeting when it authorized voters to act on an ordinance which delegates Consumers Powers to install gas lines. A three-fifths vote in favor of the ordinance is required in the city while a majority vote in the township will carry the ordinance.

**Reject Jitney Ordinance**  
Detroit voters rejected the jitney ordinance initiated by the Jitney drivers to give them the right to operate their vehicles on Woodward, Jefferson and Grand River Avenues and Fort Street in an election Tuesday.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 18, 1941)

**To Build New Plant**  
The Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced plans for a \$20,000 plant and service expansion program in Farmington which calls for the erection of a new building and the ultimate installation of dial service. John R. MacLachlan, manager of the company, said a new one-story building is to be built on Grand River near Power Road. The estimated cost of \$20,000 for the structure and property. Central office equipment will cost \$125,000, installation of dial telephones for subscribers will cost \$10,500 and \$13,000 is to be spent for outdoor-plant improvements.

**Falcons To Play Redford**  
The Farmington High School football team opens its grid schedule Friday when it meets Redford Union High School on Farmington's field. The Falcons will be under a handicap with the loss of R. J. Aiten, mauling left tackle, who will be out two weeks because of a clipped bone in his left wrist.

FIVE YEARS AGO (September 19, 1946)

**Vote Township Clean-Up**  
Members of the Farmington Township Board in their September meeting voted to proceed with a fall clean-up campaign of rubbish and collecting scrap material for pickup. No garbage will be collected and garbage should not be put out with other scrap for pickup.

**Jesus Shall Reign**  
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

When young Isaac Watts, at 18, disapproved of the psalm sung in his father's church at Southampton, (see also psalm 101), "Give us a song which better, young man!" He wrote "Jesus Shall Reign" and it was sung the following evening. It was an immediate success and encouraged him to produce 200 hymns in the next two years. Published as "Hymns and Spiritual Songs," it was the first hymn book in the English language.

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