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EDITORIALS

Are Your Children . . .

Important? Of course they are — your children and your neighbor's children.

They are so important, that every eligible taxpayer elector in the Farmington Township School District must vote, and must vote "YES" to the two proposals presented. "Must" because in your hands rests the future training and education of Farmington's children.

If you question the importance of this election, look again at the issues.

Are you willing to authorize the Board of Education to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Building and Site Fund for the purpose of constructing a two classroom school building which is of absolute necessity to the normal operation of the Farmington school system?

Are you willing to authorize the Board of Education to rent additional classroom space to take care of the crowded conditions until the new building can be completed?

It is easy to analyze what a no vote will mean — half day sessions, confusion, broken-up education schedules, inadequate training and general inefficiency. This is the story told over and over again by students, teachers and parents who have been forced to half-day sessions. It is a deplorable condition which reflects only one thing — lack of interest on the part of a community towards its most important business, its children and its schools.

The Enterprise is confident that Farmington will not adopt that attitude. The future is in our children — it is our responsibility to see that they have the fundamentals upon which to grow and to develop.

Vote September 9 — and vote YES on both proposals.

This Is Farmington . . .

On U.S. 16. A progressive, growing community. A city — a township — with a name with a history — with fine homes and fine farms. But are we going to stop here?

Progress doesn't just happen — communities don't just grow. It takes organization, community interest, and salesmanship.

Farmington has plenty to sell, but it has no salesmen. True enough, we have service organizations, we have clubs, we have veterans' organizations, all doing countless good in the community. But is that enough?

Isn't it time that Farmington set itself aside as a distinct and integral community through a united and progressive Chamber of Commerce? A broad cross-section of leaders in both the Township and City, to coordinate, promote and sell Farmington as a trading area. To jointly work together for projects of benefit to the Farmington trading area. To sponsor activities outside of the realm of existing organizations. And to serve as an information agency for business, industrial and residential inquiries.

The time for progress is here! It can only be achieved through cooperation and understanding. We can accomplish a great deal, both foreign and domestic, by building strong, progressive home communities. We can do much to gain the reputation of being an up-and-coming community through a united promotion organization.

To those who doubt the advisability of such an organization, The Enterprise invites you to look at other nearby communities who have advanced and progressed under such a plan. Communities larger and smaller than Farmington. Look at AuGres, in the northern part of the State, only 817 population — Grand Ledge, Garden City, Plymouth and Bellevue. These are but a few of the cities who have found success through community organization.

Farmington has a bright future — a future ripe for leadership and aggressiveness in building a sound, progressive community.

Farmington needs a Chamber of Commerce and it needs it now!



By GENE ALLEMAN

Hottest issue in the forthcoming election campaign is proposal No. 2, the sales tax diversion amendment to the state constitution.

If this amendment is adopted by voters on Nov. 5, Michigan public schools will receive approximately \$100,000,000 a year in state money. They now get \$60,000,000.

The Michigan Education Association has done a neat flip-flop on the question. Originally officials endorsed the tax diversion amendment, but last week the association's governing board went on record as favoring it. A vigorous campaign will be waged to woo the voters.

This proposal is the outcome of legislative demands made by mayors of Michigan's largest cities for a split of the Michigan sales tax.

When state legislators united in resisting the big municipalities, strategists decided that other interests must be incorporated into the plan. A coalition would break the upstate barrier.

Heavy legislative petitions were circulated in leading cities, calling for the submission to the voters on November 5th of the following amendment to article ten of the Constitution.

"Shall one cent of a levy on each dollar of sales tax under a state sales tax on the present basis be returned to the cities, villages, townships and school districts, half apportioned per capita among cities, villages and townships according to county populations, and half apportioned to school districts on basis of the primary school census, and in addition annual grants be made school districts from general funds in ratio to sales tax revenue of preceding fiscal years but not less than that borne between sales grants in fiscal year ending 1946 and the preceding year's revenues?"

The amendment would divert one-half of the present tax, or one cent, to the following local governments:

One-half of one percent, or 16 2/3 per cent of the present 3-cent tax, would be returned to the cities, townships and villages on a per capita basis according to county populations.

The remaining one-half of one cent, or 16 2/3 per cent of the tax, would be distributed to public school districts on basis of the primary school census whereby every child, 5 to 19 years, old is counted.

As an added inducement for educators to join hands with city municipalities in the new tax diversion, the amendment was worded to insure that public schools would continue to receive their regular annual grants "in ratio to sales tax revenue of preceding fiscal years but not less than that borne between such grants in fiscal year ending 1946 and the preceding year's revenues."

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Washington Digest

Courteous Japs Kow-Tow To Victorious Americans

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Recently I had two experiences which melted.

I ran into my colleague, Kenneth Romney, Jr., son of Kenneth R. Romney, Sr., sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives. Young Romney recently has taken up his duties in radio again after a belated discharge from the military service, the latest of his military assignments.

He told me he had been in Shanghai. He had been serving in China. Shortly after V-J Day he was ordered, along with some hundred other American officers and soldiers, to Shanghai. It was known that Chinese troops in the City, Shanghai had been in Japanese hands since the beginning of the war. The civilian population had become the "cloak and dagger" boys, the Office of Strategic Services.

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Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Ruth Ellet Hammond, Organist

Morning worship service, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

OUR INVITATION!
I love to come to this still place,
Where deeper peace is always found,
To kneel as though on holy ground,
And feel my Master face to face!
I do not know how I could live
If there were not this refuge,
Where I could linger at His feet
And He to me sweet healing give.
WELCOME!

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Sanderson, Pastor
Evangeline H. Farnum

SUNDAY
10 a.m., Bible School, all ages.
11:15 a.m., Morning Worship.
A series of messages on the present world conditions as seen in how God is working out His plan in this world.

WEDNESDAY
8 p.m., Prayer and Praise Service.
FRIDAY
10-11 a.m., Radio Club (high school girls and boys).
1:30-5:00 p.m., Missionary meeting.

Services are held in the Church building, 32211 W. Seven Mile Road.

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for third grade and above.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade.
1:00 p.m. Morning Service.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship "Essential Knowledge", 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service "Expositions in Philippians", 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 8:00 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE
METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship at 11:15 a.m. the pastor preaching.
Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

Evening worship at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week prayer services on Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

FIRST BAPTIST
"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Communion Service with a devotional message by the Pastor. Six people will receive the band of fellowship into church membership.

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Join us now for the Fall study. Junior and Senior Youth Groups at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer Circle at 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Special music. Inspirational message by the Pastor.

Monday, Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Prayer Service at 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON
A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts

Lesson Subject
"MAN"

SUNDAY SERVICES
AT 10 A. M.
And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 20 at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Testimonial at 8 p.m. at First Methodist Church

Christian Science Literature Available at 21040 ONTARIO
Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evening

ALL ARE WELCOME

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (September 9, 1921)
Ford Prices Cut To Lowest In History

Mr. Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, makes the following announcement: "We are making another reduction in the prices of Ford cars and the Ford Truck, effective at once. List prices, F.O.B. Detroit, are now as follows: Chassis, \$285; Runabout, \$325; Touring, \$365; Truck, \$445; Coupe, \$585; and Sedan, \$660. This is the third price cut during the past twelve months."

New Automobile Company Organized Here
Wednesday saw a change in automobile row of this village in the way of a new firm. Ass. Kahl, a well-known Farmington man, having purchased Fred Newman's interest in the Newman and Tamm firm. Mr. Kahl has specialized in rear axle work on heavy duty trucks, having worked in the axle department of the Packard plant.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 10, 1936)
City Buys Own Bonds; Saves \$1,800

City of Farmington will be saving \$1,800 in the next 12 years as the result of the decision of the City Commission Tuesday night to buy back \$5,000 of its own bonds. The bonds to be refunded, bonds from the bond company. The bonded debt of the City will thus be reduced to \$65,000 by this action, making a total retirement of \$115,000 of the City's debt during the last two months, according to Mayor Warner who proposed the purchasing of the bonds.

Gala Day Successful Despite Rain
Extended to four days because of a downpour on Monday night, the American Legion's Gala Day celebration is being pronounced the best ever by the hundreds who attended the event. A record-breaking crowd visited the grounds on Labor Day but several hours before the grand prizes were to be awarded, a sprinkle turning into a heavy rain, sent the crowd scurrying for shelter.

FIVE YEARS AGO (September 4, 1941)
Parking Zones Now Designated

All parking zones in the City of Farmington have been drawn out with yellow paint and all that remains to be done now is putting up the parking signs. It is expected that they will arrive any day, and they will be put up as soon as they come.

Precise Tool To Hold School
In an effort to better equip workers for defense work, arrangements have been made by John Lutz of the Precision Tool Company, to hold classes for employees. The classes will be held in the basement of the Farmington State bank building, in the late afternoon and early evening. It is estimated that approximately 55 to 60 employees will be given additional instruction. Apprenticeship training is also planned.

SCHOOL will be installed in this service. Lutheran Hour over K.L.W. at 1:30 p.m. Our school will open its Monday, September 9, at 9:00 a.m.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
William Grace School
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas P. Beshar, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:00, 9:30, 11:15, 12:30.
Masses on Holy Days at 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses at 6:15 and 8:00 a.m.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Reimel, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:00; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt At Eighteenth Rd.
E. L. Stumpf, Pastor

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.
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What's Happening In Other Town's

HOLLY—

"The Devins Lake Subdivision owned by Mr. and Mrs. Orrle Oberlin was given approval by the Holly Village Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night. Also given tentative approval by the Council was a revised proposal submitted by Walter Danforth, owner of the Memorial Park Subdivision. The two subdivisions had added sixty-three lots to the village."

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