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EDITORIALS

Let's Seek The Facts . . .

about the Farmington Township Building Code instead of getting buried in an avalanche of confusion.

Copies of the ordinance as written are available to residents to read and study. The code is short, simple, and to the point. Every resident should take the few minutes it takes to read it and quietly and logically draw his own conclusions. You owe it to yourself to do it.

One of the first questions asked by many is "Do we need it?" The answer is simple — Yes! Why? Just look around you. Many sections of the township are fast becoming slum areas that affect the health and safety of all the people. The reason this situation exists is because the township stands almost alone among townships in the area — unrestricted and unprotected. As a result a great many less fortunate persons are being taken advantage of at a risk to themselves and their families.

This code is not a "rich man's law" as some have labeled it. It is not restrictive but protective. Nothing can be done about the flimsily constructed and inadequate housing now existing in some areas of the township. But protection to future residents can be secured by adoption of the Building Code. Less fortunate persons deserve this protection as much as anyone else in a democracy.

The code does not restrict residents from building their own homes. It only requires that such building meet certain minimum standards of construction. This is just plain protection. The code does not mention interior finishing and thus is not subject to inspection. Residents can finish the interior of their home themselves and at their own leisure.

Many persons have concluded that such a code would increase taxes. Fees are set up to take care of the cost of inspections. These fees were established after a careful study of fees charged in other communities. Before we jump to conclusions let's remember that apparently little hardship has been placed on residents of other communities under similar codes. It is little enough to pay for such protection.

Confusion has also arisen over the section pertaining to amendments to the code. According to the ordinance, a majority vote of the Board is required to amend. This is a necessary open door, vital to any law. Without it no future changes would be possible. It would hardly be logical, economical, or efficient if the people were required to vote on every change in the code. The people elect the Board, can participate in the meetings, and otherwise take part in the government. This open door is for you as much as anyone.

Read the code carefully — know the facts — and vote April 17.

Oh Where, Oh Where . . .

has our memory gone, oh where, oh where can it be? We are so concerned about profits, salaries, pensions and social security that we have forgotten December 7, 1941?

General Eisenhower brought memory back to a few Americans last week when he warned against our indifference to military preparedness. We are practicing the difficult and uncomfortable job of keeping one eye on Russia and the other eye and both hands on the old pocketbook.

Spending billions on increased social benefits, new government bureaus, bigger and fatter federal payrolls, means billions less for military security. And what good are benefits, bureaus, or payrolls when buried under an atom bomb? What do social security or pensions mean to boys resting in military cemeteries? Boys who didn't have the best, the most, before the rest.

Keeping militarily up to date doesn't necessarily need to mean huge additional spending. It does mean a re-evaluation of the meaning of security. The future of the nation and the world is dependent upon strong arms and economic vitality. This is security!

We learned a lesson on December 7, 1941 — a lesson we said we would never forget. Oh where, oh where has our memory gone?

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remein, Pastor
Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

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

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister
Morning Worship at 11:15 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.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25600 Grand River Avenue
Corner of Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halbroth, Pastor
Early Service, 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION
Thirteen Mile Road at Greening
10:30 a.m., Morning service for everyone.
6:30 p.m., Youth Fellowship.
Nursery for small children.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor
Wilma A. Hood, Director of 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.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m. every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

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

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Mr. A. Bolitho, Mus. Dir. & Organist
Mr. G. C. Gildemeister, Ed. Pres.
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

Aim and Purpose of Salem Church

Help seeking people, through beautiful services, come close to God and to human comrades in worship.

Help seeking people learn the truths by which they may live brave, happy and useful lives.

Help seeking people gain strength by which they may become that which they have learned they ought to be.

Help seeking people find comfort in sorrow, courage in struggle, joy in victory.

Help seeking people come into union with Christ, their Master and Friend.

This, being our aim and purpose, we invite you to "Come and See."
"Go to the church of your choice, but go to church."

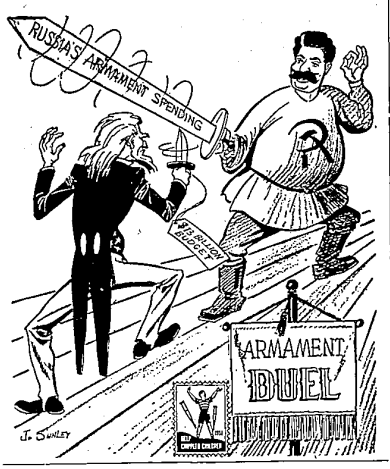
ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lenore and Curtis Aves., Detroit
(Five Minutes from Bus Station)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
9:30 a.m. Church School (three years and up).
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (First Sunday Holy Communion).
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten (3 to 5 years).
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Cadman Prout, Pastor
West Seven Mile Road
Just East of Farmington Road
10:30 a.m., Morning Worship and Sunday School held at the same hour.
Nursery School for children over three. Everyone welcome.

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.

ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION
13 Mile Road at Greening
Rev. John Martin, Pastor
10:30 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 Pfieffer and Sally Giroux.
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursday each month, 8 p.m.

Will It Do the Trick, Sam?



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

TAX PROBE REOPENED

Last June, after a huddle of lawyers in Birmingham, Alabama, an important income-tax fraud case was sent back to the justice department in Washington where it was marked "Closed", "No prosecution."

The case involved Joe Mitchell and Sam Ripps of Mobile who were alleged to have profited from the sale of jewelry to army post exchanges during the war and then cheated the government out of income taxes.

But the lawyers' huddle in Birmingham decided that there was no case against Mitchell and Ripps, and sent it back for "no prosecution."

Six months later, however, on December 16, 1949, this column published the whole story of the Ripps-Mitchell scandal, including the fact that they were defended in Birmingham by Ben Leader, a former law partner of U.S. Attorney John Hill, the man who was supposed to prosecute them.

Just a few days before this story was published, John Hill telephoned the justice department warning that "Pearson had one of his investigators in Birmingham probing the Ripps-Mitchell case." Three days later, when the story was published, Hill issued a general denial.

However, the justice department, with some of the new facts disclosed by this column, reopened the Ripps-Mitchell case. And the two men were indicted in Mobile.

UNEMPLOYMENT PICTURE

The council of economic advisers has presented a significant, secret, three-page analysis of the country's economic problems to the President. Here in brief is what Truman's advisors told him:

1. The major problem facing the country today is the sharp rise in unemployment:

A) During the month of January, unemployment set a record post-war high with 4.5 million out of work—almost a million higher than the previous month. Unemployment is now at 7 per cent of the total labor force as against only a little over 4 per cent one year ago.

B) the increase of a million in the ranks of the unemployed in a 30-day period is considerably more than would normally occur at this time of year.

2. Partly offsetting the poor unemployment picture is the high level of home construction, business loans and bank clearings. In addition, those people who are still

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Gaylord Baptist Church
19188 Gaylord Road
Rev. Chester Cones, Minister
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. P., 6 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
Farmington

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.
"Unreality" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, April 2.
The Golden Text (Job 35:13) is: "Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it."

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.

BIBLE COMMENT
FOR APRIL 2

Church Overcoming The World as Christ Foretold

ALMOST on the verge of His death, when the cross was looming darkly over Him, Jesus had said to His disciples, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

But even as He assured them of that victory, He told them that "in the world ye shall have tribulation," and much of that 16th chapter of St. John's Gospel predicts in detail the persecutions that would befall them. They would be put out of synagogues, they would be scattered, the time would come when anyone who killed them would think that he did God service.

Jesus had said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Only the vision of that kingdom, so different in its deep essentials from the kingdoms of the world, and a profound faith in its overcoming, could have inspired the disciples. Only this could have held them firm and unwavering in their mission of making the Gospel known to the ends of the earth.

That mission for the time being became largely a matter of the maintenance of faith and fellowship, as the Christian communities took root in the larger pagan communities. "See how these Christians love one another," became a byword descriptive of that fellowship of believers.

But as the church grew and expanded, so persecution increased. The course of Paul and other missionaries was shaped by the violence of the persecutions that drove them from place to place. They fulfilled with exactness the admonition that Jesus had given earlier to those whom He had sent forth two by two, "When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another" (Matthew 10:3).

The war between Christ and anti-Christ is upon us as never before since the days of early Christianity. Can we attain the faith in Christ that assures our overcoming, even through tribulation?

MICHIGAN MIRROR

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

"No increase in taxes!"

"No increase in government spending for public services!"

Such will be the answer of the Michigan state legislature to Governor G. Mennen Williams in the current special session at Lansing, if the recommendations of the Senate and House finance committees are upheld by Republican legislators.

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Governor Williams has proposed a record-breaking budget for state spending for $340 millions for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 1950.

This would be an increase of $110 millions, most of which would be covered by new taxes.

The source of new tax revenues has been limited by Governor Williams to a state corporations profits tax. The state constitution permits the Governor to limit subject matter to be considered during a special session. In the past special sessions have been called to deal with emergency situations. Since the close of World War II the special session has become one for arriving at an annual budget in view of the post-war inflation with rising prices and a steady decline in purchasing power.

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In deciding that the Republican policy in the special session would be to balance the state budget without calling for new taxes, legislative leaders have given a firm "no!" to the proposals of the Governor for more spending and new taxes.

Unless legislators give in to pressure group demands from their own areas, legislative leaders believe that they can hold the lines firmly to accomplish the desired results of a balanced budget.

Members of the two finance committees are agreed that compulsory appropriations, such as the $87 millions required for public schools by the sales tax diversion amendment, could not be reduced by the legislature. This fact indicates that a budget cutting squeeze will be forthcoming whereby many state agencies, and perhaps some non-mandatory state aid to local governments, will have less funds to spend during the coming year than heretofore.

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Whether this economy in certain fields of government spending will meet with approval of the taxpayers is another matter. Governor Williams no doubt will take advantage of the situation, pressing for further benefits in public services, local as well as state, and deploring the "reactionary" and "do-nothing" attitude of the Republican party in 1950.

There is a strong feeling among Republican legislators, as repeatedly reported in the press, to treat the spending program of the Governor as largely political issues for his campaign of re-election. The large list of proposals, of which there are 15, appear to be very ambitious to many legislators in view of the tradition that a special session should be limited to financial appropriations and matters held to be of an emergency nature.

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William Palmer, chairman of the State Civil Service Commission, has proposed that the legislature apply a flat 10 per cent cut in state payrolls as one way to effect a balanced budget. Records show that the payrolls of state agencies during the past year were approximately double of those in 1943 - 44. Senator Elmer R. Porter, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, points out that if the legislature could reduce state employment to the level of 1945-46, a savings of $24 millions could be effected. In 1943-44 the state had 16,038 employees for a total payroll of $35,181,567. For the past fiscal year (1948-49) 23,791 employees received a payroll totaling $66,283,311.

Yet the budget cannot be balanced alone by cutting salaries of state employees, a relatively small item in the light of all appropriations. Public services must be trimmed, and this means that the taxpayer will not pay more for present services, but due to diversion of state revenue to public schools and local governments, he will receive fewer state services than heretofore.

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Such is the prospect if recommendations of the legislative finance committees are accepted by the House and Senate in the final showdown of roll calls. Already the pressure is coming from pressure groups to make an "exception" to local interests.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

FORTY YEARS AGO (March 25, 1910)

Grows Record Corn

A Kalamazoo farmer, Mr. William Strong, after 15 years of careful study of corn growing, last year succeeded in growing the most wonderful ear of corn known to exist. The ear scored 97 points and highest ear previous to this one scored 94 points. Mr. Strong's ear of corn is said to be worth $1000. There are about 1,000 kernels on the cob, every one of which is worth $1.00, but this price will not buy it as the Michigan Agricultural College will plant each kernel this coming summer. It is thought the profit from this ear will exceed $5000, of which Mr. Strong will receive a share.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 28, 1940)

Man Killed in Collision

A warrant charging negligent homicide was ordered to be served against John Cherry, Jr., of Boyne City after an accident which resulted in the death of Emmet D. Barns, of Williamston. The accident occurred Friday on Grand River Avenue about three miles west of Farmington. The warrant charges Cherry was operating his car in a negligent manner when it collided with the truck driven by Barns. The latter was killed instantly.

Voters Go To Polls

Voters of Farmington Township will go to the polls Monday to cast their ballots in the annual Township election. Offices to be filled are those of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Highways, member of the Board of Review, and four constables. All offices will be contested with the exceptions of member of Board of Review and Highway Commissioner.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 29, 1945)

Clothing Drive Opens

A chance for every person in this community to prove a "friend in need and a friend indeed" comes with the United National Clothing Collection. This clothing drive, under the general direction of Howard Thayer, opens April 1. In Farmington our quota is to be five pounds of used clothing per person. We have until April 30 to collect that amount, which means everyone will have to work just as hard as possible.

Elect City, Township Officials

Elections will be held in both the city and township next Monday, April 2. Election polls in both cases will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Central War Time, or slow time. Particular attention is called to this fact, inasmuch as it means that the polls will not open until 8 a.m. according to the time on which we are operating, and will remain open until 9 p.m. Eastern War Time.

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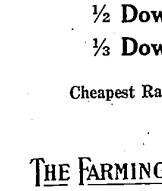

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