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EDITORIALS

Next Monday . . .

is an important, yes, very important, day in the life of every resident of Farmington Township. How important only you can answer. Next Monday, April 17, is the date of the Special Election on the Farmington Township Building Code. The outcome of this election should be of vital concern to everyone who calls himself a loyal citizen of this community. When we say the outcome, we mean primarily the number of votes cast.

The Enterprise has, in a series of editorials, gone on record favoring the adoption of the proposed Building Code for Farmington Township. We have attempted to explain and analyze the facts — to tell why this code should be approved for the protection of all the people. We believe it is a necessary step in the development of a growing, progressive community.

The most important issue, however, in this or any election, is not just the question to be voted on, but the vote itself. When will we wake up? When will we look our responsibilities straight in the eye and vow to keep our trust as loyal Americans? How soon will we strengthen democracy where it is weakest, at the polling booths?

Only you can answer these questions. It is one thing you and only you can do to help make democracy strong. When you don't have time to vote, when the weather keeps you in, when you just don't care — you are sidestepping a duty, few in this world have an opportunity to perform. And too many don't have the opportunity because they were just too indifferent to vote.

Make sure that doesn't happen here — Vote Monday, April 17 — it's your government — it's your Township — keep it that way.

What Goes Up . . .

must come down, that's a law of science and not even politics can change it.

Increased unemployment has most people in the State of Michigan worried. None of likes to see abled persons out of work. It is not a healthy situation no matter how you look at it. The only thing that seems puzzling about this situation is the surprise registered by a large majority of the people.

Apparently a great many believed that we had at last hit the high level of employment for good. That impression has been repeated and emphasized by both our state and Federal Government until it has almost become law. Actually, not even politics can kick over human behavior. Men, societies and government have tried almost since man began to control society, and it hasn't worked yet.

False bottoms may put us up in the air for a while but eventually the stilts weaken and we come down. Price supports, subsidies, high levels of wages, high taxes, and governmental price controls are all false bottoms. They boost employment, make fat pocketbooks and equally fat prices. They give us a false sense of security, and an abnormal economy.

But when the props begin to shake we go into the age old alibi. We blame rising unemployment on labor saving machinery. We did it when the cotton gin was invented, yet it opened up a whole new field of progress which meant jobs and more jobs. This example can be repeated millions of times, yet we still use it as old and mutilated as it is.

We blame industry for its failure to expand, to build new and bigger factories. Yet we are perfectly content to see them taxed to a point where keeping what they have is a full time job. We are satisfied to see more and more profits, a vital part of business progress, go towards pensions and social benefits that add some and close the door on many.

High employment and prosperity is dependent upon encouragement, not restrictions. It is dependent on age old laws of initiative, competition, supply and demand, not a false bottom, regulated economy. The ups and downs can be leveled off only by trust in one another, in the recognition of sound economic principals, and a solemn belief in the American way of life.

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. Remmel, Pastor
Sunday School 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. Rutkowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., nursery to senior departments.
Divine services 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast 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 Fellowship 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

2500 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. Fisher, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
A. J. Jones, Pastor

Witold A. J. Jones, 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.
10 p.m., over the radio, evening, the Prayer Service.

FIRST BAPTIST "The Friendly Church"

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School, 10 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. Boltho, Mus. Dir. & Organist
Mr. G. C. Gildemeister, Bd. Pres.
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Evening 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 hope.
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).
9:30 a.m. Kindergarten (3 to 5 years).
11:00 a.m. Sunday Fellowship.
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 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 School.
11:45 a.m. Sunday Fellowship.
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
Nursery department in care of Sally Pfeiffer and Sally Groux.
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursday each month, 8 p.m.

In the Spotlight



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

TRUMAN AND DESTINY

For some time there has been a running, private debate between the White House and the state department over the all-important question of whether the United States should make a new, dramatic peace overture to Russia.

This dates back even to the days when Gen. George Marshall was secretary of state. Recently, how-

ever, with the advent of the hydrogen bomb and Winston Churchill's demand for a meeting with Stalin, the debate has become acute. President Truman has long felt and expressed himself in private that if he could sit down with Stalin, they could thresh out a lot of the world's problems. Yet he has been aloof, and for ignoring repeated hints that he, Truman, would be glad to talk to him if he came to the United States.

Overriding this, however, is Mr. Truman's mystic sense of his own destiny as a peacemaker. To old friends and members of his staff he speaks of this again and again. During the visits of White House callers he will sometimes walk to the world globe at one side of the desk and say:

"The nearest thing to my heart is to do something to keep the world at peace. We must find a way or civilization will be destroyed and the world will turn back to the year 900."

MARSHALL SAID "NO"

This sentiment was behind Truman's move for a conference with Stalin two years ago. The President had remarked to a friend, "I could just go to talk to Joe Stalin, I think we could stop a lot of this trouble. Stalin is a reasonable man."

Later he worked out with his intimate adviser, David Noyes, and Chief Justice Fred Vinson the idea of sending the chief justice to Moscow for a talk with Stalin. When this got back to the state department, it was immediately transmitted by Acting Secretary Robert Lovett to General Marshall, then attending the U.N. assembly meeting in Paris. Alarmed, Marshall flew home for a quick two-day conference, during which Truman agreed not to make any peace move until it was cleared with our western allies or until Russia gave some tangible sign that it wanted peace.

JEREMY MR. TRUMAN

In the last few weeks, the presidential restlessness for a peace conference has been evident again. A shrewd divider of public opinion (Continued on Page Five)

MICHIGAN MIRROR



By GENE ALLEMAN

Michigan townships, blessed by \$26,788,834 in sales tax diversion money to date, are going to the rescue of mud-mined rural roads.

During 1949, in 68 of the 82 Michigan counties, township boards transferred to county road commissions a total of \$3,150,000 under provisions of Public Act No. 34, 1948 special legislative session.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, townships received a total of \$9,170,760 in state sales tax revenues, diverted to townships under the sales tax diversion amendment.

Thus it is clear that approximately 34 per cent of the state sales tax distributed to townships in 1949 was transferred to county road commissions to improve rural highways.

It is equally clear also that millions of dollars are accumulating in the treasuries of township boards, waiting approval of township boards to be expended for public services.

The records of Auditor General Allen show that sales tax collections from December, 1946 to June 30, 1947, brought a total of \$1,284,723 to Michigan townships.

This amount was doubled in the following fiscal year to \$5,635,676. For the past fiscal year, ending June 30, 1949, the rising tide of sales tax revenues to townships rose to an all-time high of \$9,170,760.

As of December 31, 1949, Michigan townships had received a total of \$26,788,834 from the sales tax revenue at Lansing to be used for township roads.

Act number 34 of the Public Acts of 1948, approved by the Governor May 10, 1948, provides that "a township may appropriate any unexpended balances in the contingent or general fund of the township for the maintenance and/or improvement of township roads, streets and alleys taken over as county roads pursuant to the provisions of this act."

The law goes on to state that such action can be taken "without submitting the question to the electors of said township."

If the rural township roads are in need of immediate improvement, officials of your township board would be interested in your recommendations. There may be money in the bank to make it possible for the county road commission to send out a crew at once.

The tug-of-war over road financing has reached a stalemate at Lansing. Governor G. Mennen Williams declines to submit a proposal to increase the state gasoline tax, as recommended by the state highway department and county road commissions.

Since the stand of the Governor would make such legislative action, if taken in 1950, clearly unconstitutional, Republican legislative leaders have decided to press the Governor further for permission to count road commissions.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Forty Years Ago (April 15, 1910)

Store Robbed
T. H. McGee's drug store was entered Monday night by one or more thieves and about \$70.00 was taken from the safe which was left unlocked. Mr. McGee was in the store after the council meeting and had occasion to check a \$5.00 bill, unlocking the safe for that purpose and forgetting to lock it. We understand that about a year ago a like amount was taken in the same manner. Just who the guilty party or parties are remains to develop, but we hope they get what is coming to them.

Sight Halley's Comet
Rev. Geo. Gullen, Harley Warner, Edgar Pierce and Earl Wolfe climbed to the top of the M. E. church tower at 3:30 Thursday morning to take a peep at Halley's Comet. By using a large field glass, they were able to see what they thought were dim outlines of the famous comet. Undoubtedly they will keep the public posted until it can be seen with the naked eye.

Ten Years Ago (April 11, 1940)

Approve Shawanawee Culvert
The Farmington City Commission at their meeting Monday evening approved an application to build a concrete culvert on Shawanawee Avenue over the River Rouge branch. The application must be sent to Flint for approval and then to Lansing for approval. The project received approval from Washington WPA authorities when it was originally submitted last year.

Name Clean-Up Days

Members of the Farmington City Commission at their meeting Monday evening designated Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 23, 24, 25, and 26 as "Clean-Up Days." Citizens are asked to cooperate by placing all rubbish, ashes, old papers, brush, etc., in front of their homes to be picked up by city trucks.

Five Years Ago (April 12, 1945)

New Commission Organized

The new Farmington City Commission held its first regular meeting on Wednesday evening, with a full representation. Commissioners now serving are Tracy Coury, Adolph Nacker, Fred Barnall, Emory Hutton, Alfred Jones, and Theodore Hinger. Mayor Deles Hamlin called the meeting to order at 8:30. Fred Barnall was named Mayor Pro-Tem, and Arthur Lamb is to again act as a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors from the City of Farmington.



"We don't handle it, Ma'am. But just look in the Yellow Pages of your telephone directory. They'll tell you who sells it."

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