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EDITORIALS

A Post-Mortem . . .

over the dead body of the Farmington Township Building Code can accomplish little if anything in constructive thought.

The majority of the residents voting spoke and spoke emphatically against the creation of the code. We all may learn a valuable lesson, however, from a study leading up to the death blow. Less than 40% of the registered voters got to the polls on election day, April 17. Approximately 24% of the registered voters said "No" to the code.

As we said, this is not a post-mortem. The same non-representative result would have been true if 24% had said "Yes". The real fact is that a small minority has ruled on a very vital and important question that affects all of the people in the township. Where were the other 60% of the registered voters?

This very example of indifference graphically illustrates one of the major dangers to our democracy. We can laugh it off - call it normal or anything else, but facts don't lie. If we can interest but 40% of the voters in a vital issue such as a Building Code for our community how can we expect majority rule in this nation.

The question is often asked "What can I do to help secure our democracy?" Yet less than 40% did the most important thing any American can do - Vote!

Big Business . . .

is not confined to industry and commerce - it includes government, too.

That is true in Farmington just as much as in most cities throughout the country. Unfortunately, too often government has little resemblance to the order and organization that is necessary in business. It is primarily because of this fact that the "City Manager" type of government was created. The widespread acceptance and use of City Managers is proof of its value.

Farmington is a rapidly growing city. It is at present using an old fashioned type of government. Old fashioned because only two cities in Oakland County are still using the commission type of government. All of the others have adopted City Manager government.

This is not, however, the primary reason for a change. Under a city manager you place administration in the hands of an expert, a man who is schooled and trained in the conduct of City Government. He is comparable to a general manager in a business concern. The City Manager is responsible to the council or the elected legislative body. He is hired and can be fired by the council. The people still have the important democratic right to vote, elect and have a voice in their government. Certain present elective officers are appointive under the new system, but they are appointed by the council, which is responsible to the people.

In many instances a City Manager has been able to save the people thousands of dollars through organization and efficient handling of governmental affairs. Most of the Farmington City Commissioners are local businessmen. They are engaged in active participation in their work and at the same time are voluntarily operating a vital department in the government. Regardless of how conscientious they may be, they can not efficiently carry out both duties. It would hardly be fair to expect them to.

Under a city manager many of these problems would be eliminated. Some point to the fact that cities have had considerable strife and upheaval under City Management government. This is not a fault of the system. You can find the same thing true in other forms of city government.

The fact is that City Management government affords the people an opportunity to put government on a business-like basis without surrendering its democratic rights or principles.

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. A. Remick, 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. Rutkowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., nursery to senior departments.
Divine services 10:30 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 10:15 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.
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST "The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 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. Boltz, Mus. Dir. & Organist
Mr. G. C. Oldemiller, Bd. Pres.
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of 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 the church of their choice, but go to church."

Help seeking people come into union with Christ, their Master and King, in the long last day.

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 M. Morris, Vicar
11:00 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 Frost, 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.
11:15 a.m. Sunday School.
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship. A. Barany, Sponsor.

Nursery department in care of Sally Pfeiffer and Sally Olivas.
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursday each month, 8 p.m.

Another Shoulder to the Wheel



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

TRUMAN HITS BACK
President Truman really poured it on in his scolding of Joseph McCarthy in a long-distance phone conference from his vacation headquarters at Key West with congressional leaders in Washington.

Gaylor Baptist Church
19188 Gaylor 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 SOCIETY
21701 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.

"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, April 30.

The Golden Text (James 4:8) is: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

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 8:30.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

BIBLE COMMENT

FOR APRIL 30

Modern Farmer Might See City As Amos Did

IF we could imagine some healthy, clear-eyed, intelligent farmer coming into a modern Gotham we should have a fairly accurate picture of the prophet Amos, the herdman farmer, going into the big city, in the long last day.

This modern farmer might have to be one of the last generation, before farming itself became something of big business, and the farmer himself became involved in the problems and conditions that affect the country as a whole.

But with great clarity of vision, and with a keen sense of life's elemental homelies, he would see many things as Amos saw them in that long ago. He would see on many hands the struggle for wealth and power, with too often a disregard of either honesty, or the rights and welfare of others, in that tense pursuit.

He would see signs of efficiency in the building and management of the city, but he would soon be aware of the corruption and graft that too often went on beneath the surface.

He would observe the widespread craze for gambling, and the passion to get something for nothing, and the less obvious forms of ease, luxury and self-indulgence, in which many lived as actual parasites, giving nothing to society in return for all that they enjoyed.

He would see, also, grosser forms of evil, the dissipation, the licentiousness, the disregard of wholesome relationships between men and women, the breakdown of family life, the poverty in contrast with great wealth, and the neglect of little children in slums.

But he would not be a prophet if he did not see the good and deal with it. A prophet is a social physician; and what would one think of a doctor, who ignored the diseased part of the body to dwell upon how well the rest of the body might be?

MICHIGAN MIRROR



By GENE ALLEMAN

Republican leaders are leashed for a showdown with Governor Williams on the latter's assertion that the proposed state corporation profits levy is not a "consumer's tax."

Oven J. Cleary, Republican state central committee chairman, has attacked the \$112,315,000 tax-raising levy as mere groundwork for "new deal socialism." The avowed Michigan citizen, Cleary said recently, "is tax-ridden almost to the point of desperation now, and resents being hoodwinked by a governor who tells him there is such a thing as a tax he doesn't pay."

In the meanwhile, Governor Williams hammers away at every opportunity on the theme that Michigan corporations should share some of their swollen postwar profits with the consumer. If corporations decline to reduce prices, which seems to be the contention of the governor's side, then the government should step in and give the poor consumer a break by financing public services. It is another way of sharing the wealth—all at the other person's expense.

In a recent Michigan Mirror column we quoted Don Weeks, acting director of the state department of economic development. This department is seeking to raise \$250,000 in contributions to keep Michigan industry in Michigan and to attract new business to our confines.

The allegation of industry from Michigan is not a supposition; it is a fact. After reviewing the names of corporations which had decided to pull stakes and go elsewhere, the Michigan Mirror raised a pertinent question: What were the conditions here that prompted manufacturers to close doors and move away? We wondered whether the state corporation profits tax was a contributing factor. Certainly, the answer should be found, if possible.

Of the 19 industries listed by Weeks and cited in our column, the governor's staff reports 12 left the state prior to the time when Governor Williams first advocated the profits levy.

Furthermore, 10 of the 19 industries moved to states which had corporation profits taxes ranging from 4 to 7 per cent, so we are told. "All of the others moved to states already having a higher total of business taxes than are paid in Michigan. Three nearby states have no corporation profits tax: Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. States with corporation profits levies to 12 per cent."

Weeks was prodded by the governor's staff to compile a list of why some Michigan industries had left. His report to Governor Williams was illuminating. Whereas none of the corporations gave the proposed profits levy as a specific reason for abandoning Michigan, many were motivated by an undesirable "labor situation" and a desire to "re-organize."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Forty Years Ago (April 29, 1910)
Held Up Cars

James Haffey, a laborer and unmarried, drifted into Farmington last Saturday morning and brought with him a load of intoxicants that caused a mental derangement. He stationed himself just west of the Junction and perished in standing on the track and holding up each passing car. He succeeded in stopping three cars before arrested by Deputy Sheriff Parrish of Farmington.

Find Body In River
In the River Rouge, below the DUR bridge between Farmington and Redford, searchers found the body of Charles DeMar, an engineer of Marine City, Thursday afternoon. DeMar ran an engine in connection with a concrete making plant at the bridge where repairs are in progress.

Ten Years Ago (April 26, 1940)
File Suit To Prevent Sale

School District No. 5, of Clarenceville, has filed an injunction in Circuit Court to prevent sale of part of its lands in the Oakland County "scavenger sale." The school district claims portions of school property have been sold for unpaid drain and road taxes, and that some of the lands are listed for the state tax sale. The district claims to have been unaware that portions of school property have been assessed for the taxes, and asks that the assessment be cancelled and that the State be compelled to deed back the lands it took last November.

City Votes On Franchise
Polls in the City of Farmington will be opened Monday for a special election. Voters will cast their ballots for or against the granting of a 30 year franchise to the Detroit Edison Company to supply electrical power to the city.

Five Years Ago (April 26, 1945)
Fruit growers of this area have voiced the opinion that the fruit crop has been rather severely damaged by recent frosts and cold weather up until the frosts of the past week end, little damage had been done, but those frosts were hard on fruit trees. It is expected there will be little left of the peach or cherry crop, and the apple yield will also be much smaller than usual.

Donations Swell Fund
Several donations to the Memorial Home, sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, have been received this week. A more active campaign to secure all remaining funds is being laid out.



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