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EDITORIALS

Topic Of Discussion . . .

around many a family table these days is taxes. This is particularly true where residents of Farmington Township get together.

We do not intend to go into the complicated set up of computing your taxes. We do, however, want to make two statements which we hope may clarify your questions. First, the great increase in the percentage of tax per thousand being paid by Township residents is due to the increase in the equalized valuation. This was established by the State and not the Township, and was presumably set up to equalize the amount being paid by the township to the county and the schools. As a result of the increase in the equalized valuation, the school districts were able to reduce the amount of millage increase being asked in order to raise the same amount of money for new school buildings. It can be assumed that the county will also receive more money as a result of the increased equalized valuation in the township.

Because of the present tax set-up a controversy has developed, particularly between the Clarenceville School District and the Township regarding the responsibility for the increase. The point is that the schools are receiving increased revenues as a result of the increase in equalized valuation, but they are not responsible for the major increase. The increase has actually come as a result of the State's action. It still means that the individual township taxpayer is shelling out more money.

The final satisfaction to the taxpayer must come in value received. With increased money going out for taxes, increased services should be coming back. This is already in evidence in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts through their new building programs, as well as increased money for operation. It must be equally true on the county level. The residents of the township have a right to demand and get greater services regarding roads, health, sanitation and general welfare.

Again the real answer to the entire problem is a re-evaluation of the entire tax structure, including definite responsibilities to townships for the expenditure of sales tax diversion money. Taxpayers have a right to ask and get services for their tax dollar. This is the real key to any taxation, a key that should be left in the lock, not buried on the budgetmakers' chain.

Good News . . .

arrived this week with the announcement that The State Highway Department will receive bids on the widening and resurfacing of South Farmington Road from Eight Mile Road north to Grand River in the City of Farmington.

This is one of the major projects for 1952 The Enterprise mentioned in last week's issue. The improvement of South Farmington Road has long been a grave necessity. But until now it has been just a hope.

The widening and resurfacing should go a long way toward reducing accidents. It should enable the increased auto traffic as well as trucks and buses to cover the route safely and comfortably. Equally important, it should greatly improve the flow of traffic into and through Farmington City and Township. The condition of both Farmington Road and Orchard Lake Road have tended to isolate Farmington from north and south traffic.

The Enterprise sincerely hopes that this is but the first step in a continuing program of widening and rebuilding important cross highways in the Farmington area. This is particularly true where Orchard Lake Road is concerned. Like Farmington Road, Orchard Lake Road was built years ago and has long ago become inadequate for modern travel. It is the main highway from Farmington to Pontiac, the county seat, and it is carrying an ever-increasing amount of traffic. It is unsafe for normal auto traffic, let alone bus and truck traffic, which flows back and forth every day.

The sun has broken through for the first time in years, let's hope it doesn't go behind a cloud before the whole job is done.

Churches

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25600 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 Eight Mile 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
Grand River and Warner Avenue
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
Mid-week Devotional Service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 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.
11:15 a.m., Morning Worship.
6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
10:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FIRST BAPTIST
Rev. David H. Low
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Services at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Dr. Frank B. Adams, Minister
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.
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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
25781 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimony Meeting.
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Holy Communion, 11 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
The Golden Text is "God is Father." "As for God, his way is perfect."

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2122 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Praise.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
F.Y. Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.

Gaylord Baptist Church
19188 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
F.Y. Clubs, 7:30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
15328 Beach 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 People's 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.

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.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at the Middlebelt School, Middlebelt north of Ten Mile Road
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Oriental Comedy



ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
Rev. Leroy L. Lord, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Church School.
"Voice of Prophecy," Dr. C. G. Phillips will speak.
Nursery for tiny tots.

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.
"Voice of Prophecy," Dr. C. G. Phillips will speak.
7:30, Evening Worship service.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
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.

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.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Grand River and Salem Avenue (1 Block South of Seven Mile Rd.)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
Service (Sunday 3 years to adults).
11 a.m. Morning Prayer. First Sunday, Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Church School, 3 to 11 years. Coffee hour after 11:00 a.m. service.

Bible Comment:
G.I.s Have Faith As Did Gideon in His Great Hour
NOT too long ago our G.I.s in Korea were fighting a desperate battle against an enemy superior in numbers and equipment. But even as the Red hordes chopped yard after yard off the shrinking Pusan beachhead, American boys had one weapon which never failed them.

That one great weapon was their faith in God.
That unshakable faith in an ever present Almighty recalls the story of Israelite soldiers who were matched against the overwhelming superior forces of Midian.
Their commander, Gideon, was called upon to deliver Israel from the enemy that "lay along the valley like grasshoppers." Even a courageous general could justifiably have called for a retreat.

Gideon, bolstered by his strong faith in God, thought of a plan which certainly mystified his soldiers. He armed 300 of them with lamps, pitchers and trumpets. No wonder the men were perplexed when Gideon explained his strategy, those G.I.s of ancient Israel moved into the valley with their lamps hidden in the pitchers. At a signal they blew on their trumpets and smashed the pitchers.

The sudden light from the lamps pierced the dark valley and the sound of the trumpets echoed from one valley wall to another. The superior Midian hordes thought a great army approached. They broke and ran in great confusion and Gideon won his famous victory.

Gideon's faith in God and his cool courage are still shining examples for modern warriors. It was such unassailable faith as Gideon's that made it possible for American troops to hold the line in Korea until adequate replacements arrived.



NAVY DECLINES
The navy has taken an unusual stand regarding the air warfare which is getting more and more intense over Korea. It has turned down requests from Gen. Otto Weyland, Air Force Commander in the Far East, that Navy jets help out the Air Force in combating Russian MIGs.

With increasing Communist strength in the air, and with the Air Force sometimes badly outnumbered in battling Russian MIGs, General Weyland requested help from the Navy's carrier-based jet fighters.
However, despite the fact that there is supposed to be armed service unification, the Navy refused. Official reason was that the Navy carriers were outside the fighting range.

Air force pilots who sometimes go into battle against superior Communist odds believe the Navy is trying to hide the fact that its jets are inferior to the MIGs. Since the Navy specializes in fighters, and not long ago boasted the best jet fighter plane in the world, this is a bitter pill to swallow.

Navy pilots today are among the best in the world, but apparently planes haven't kept up with either the Air Force or the enemy. As a result only two MIGs have been shot down by the Navy during the Korean War. One was barged by a Navy Panther jet some time ago, the other by a Navy pilot who, however, flew an Air Force Sabre jet.

DEBATE OVER MCGRATH
President Truman's advisers are split down the seam on a bold move to oust Attorney General Howard McGrath and name crusading Sen. Estes Kefauver to clean up the Justice department.

This proposal was pushed back stage by Averell Harriman, who has been on speaking trips out of Washington and knows how deeply the corruption issue is hurting; also by usually cautious White House ("Continued on Page Eight")

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 16, 1927)

Adopt Plan
Members of the Farmington Township Board have adopted a master plan for street layout in the entire township. Acceptance was made to avoid confusion in future subdividing of properties. Thirty-six sectional maps make up the plan. Besides showing section line and quarter line roads, they give future locations of all intersecting roads.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 8, 1942)

Plan Rally
The patriotic defense rally for Farmington City and Township is to be held Monday, January 12, in the Farmington High School gymnasium beginning at 8 p.m. Frank N. Isbey, chairman for the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps in Michigan, will address the meeting. He was obtained to speak at the rally by Joseph Himmelspach, Farmington chairman of Defense Bond sales. Himmelspach has contacted Captain Donald Leonard of the Michigan State Police and it possible Captain Leonard will be at the rally also.

Install Officers
Al Ross was installed as president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club along with the other officers who will serve during the coming year at a meeting of the club Wednesday night. Installation ceremonies were conducted by Lieutenant Governor Walter Jorgensen. Other officers installed were first vice-president Stanley Coon; second vice-president Max Hulet, secretary - treasurer, Carl Schultz and directors Howard Knickerbocker, Guy Durgan, Leo Gudemier, Joe Himmelspach, Ed Peckinpaugh, Bayard Tupper and Jim Tagg.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 9, 1947)

Win Games
The Farmington High School cagers defeated Rochester twice during the week. In winning the first contest of the Falcon game Friday night, they piled up a 42 to 26 margin, but in the second game at Rochester they were forced to scrap for a 33 to 25 victory.

Present Contest

The Winter Concert of the Farmington Male Chorus will be presented Sunday, January 26, at 8 p.m. The chorus is under the direction of Ivar Anderson. Mrs. Sylvia Anderson will be the accompanist.

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