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EDITORIALS

Plans Must Be Made . . .

before the house is built, not afterward. It is the same way with a community.— if we are to avoid the expensive and time consuming process of undoing so it can be done right.

A joint City - Township planning commission is needed now to give our growth and development an orderly sense of direction. No, it isn't just another frill, it's sound business. Where are we going? How can we get there with a minimum of confusion and expense? These are questions other communities have asked, and they have found the answers by only one method — a planning commission.

Only the other day we heard of a party who was interested in securing some business property, but they were unable to find the answer to "Where are we going?" Zoning gives us a basis to start from, but it in itself is not enough. Business and small industry want to know what plans the community has for the expansion of public services and the uses of lands. Every citizen is interested in the laying aside of property for projected recreational areas and public buildings. This can not be done after the community has filled in, not without a tremendous expense to everyone.

Farmington's civic and service organizations should serve as the spearhead in an effort to encourage the City Council and Township Board to form a joint commission to work together in planning the community. This group can and should serve as an information center for the many requests that come in regarding new business and industry that wants to become a part of the Farmington area. Naturally, approval of the Township Zoning Ordinance is an absolutely vital step in this process. The city already has the springboard from which to start.

Planning can not be done in a day. It takes a lot of hard work and effort but the rewards are progress and order. Such a planning commission would only have the power to suggest, but it would take much of the burden of study and research from local government officials. It would place the responsibility in the hands of persons devoted exclusively to the one objective.

It is our problem and we must solve it! Here is another opportunity for Farmington's organizations to show constructive leadership and perform a valuable service to their community.

Your Last Chance . . .

to qualify for the coming special election on the proposed Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance will fade out at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, January 18.

Be a part of your community, register before 8:00 p.m. January 18 and vote on February 18. If you don't take an active interest in the affairs of your Township, who is going to? Too many say, "Oh, the couple next door will do it," or "What difference does it make anyway," or "My vote doesn't mean anything," or "I'm just too busy to bother." Yes, that is what some actually think and say.

Remember this — the couple next door are probably saying that you'll take care of it. As far as making a difference, every ballot that doesn't go into that ballot box is a vote for indifference. Many elections and many issues have been decided by a handful of votes. Does your vote mean anything? It means just as much as anyone else's, that's democracy and you don't find very much of it left in this world, either. You're too busy? Then you are too busy to care about what happens to you and your community. You make the laws, you govern the course. The type of community you have to live in is a direct reflection of the degree of interest and action you take. Voting takes but a few minutes, yet in those few minutes it can have a direct bearing on every citizen.

There is no substitute for responsibility, our very way of life is dependent upon it. You have a responsibility to register and vote. There is no substitute. Only you can do it!

Down The Line . . .

was Governor Williams' message to the State Legislature last week, and it doesn't take too much imagination to see where the line is pointing.

While many government officials cry loud and long about others pulling up the battered old belt, they remain deaf to the idea of the government even acquiring a belt to pull up.

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 10:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenues
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.
7:30 p.m., on second and fourth Thursday of each month; at 1 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 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.
10:45 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
Rev. David H. Lowe
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 D. Adams, Minister
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.
Junior Church, also at 11, Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Stansbury 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
2701 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimonies, Morning Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Christian Science teaches that the real man as the immortal reflection of God cannot be destroyed. This is shown in the Lesson Sermon under the subject "Life" to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, January 20.
The Golden Text is from Proverbs (16:22): "Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it."

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

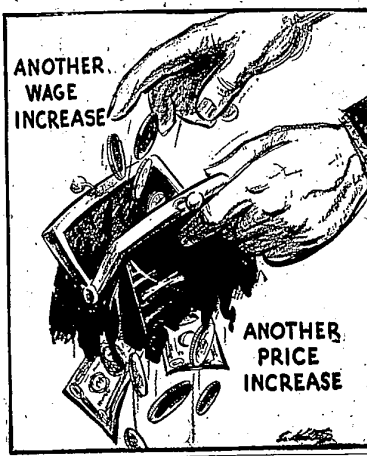
Gaylord Baptist Church
19185 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. F., 6 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
15398 Beech Road
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 p.m. Evangelistic Services.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples' 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.

Easy Come--Easy Go



ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Miller Road at Greening
Rev. Leroy L. Lord, Pastor!
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Worship. Sermon theme: "Outside of Eden".
Nursery for tots 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. During the Sunday School hour the Junior Church will practice.
7:30, Evening Worship services.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday.
Church 11:00 a.m. Saturday.
8 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.
"Faith for Today" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.
"Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday-10:30 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
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
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Church School, three years 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.

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.

Bible Comment:

The Interview That Changed A Man's Life

AMONG the greatest recorded conversations of all time is the interview of Jesus with Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. As related in the third chapter of the book of John, Nicodemus came to Jesus under the cover of darkness to inquire about things he perceives but does not understand. Because he came by night, Nicodemus has been often described as timid. Yet he revealed great courage in making his way through the dark and dangerous streets. That he did so is a tribute to his determination. Nicodemus asked Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old?" and was immediately rebuked for Jesus replied, "Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not these things?" Had not Nicodemus been sincere in his desire for enlightenment, this rebuke might have turned him away. Jesus then went on to discuss regeneration, eternal life, and the love of God. So persuasive were His words and so memorable the conversation that from that day on Nicodemus was a faithful friend of Jesus, ready to defend Him without thought to the risk involved. The experience of Nicodemus provides a valuable lesson, teaching us the importance of determination and courage.



By GENE ALLEMAN

Here's a stopper for upstate voters: How would you like to have your legislature at Lansing controlled by four counties? It's not so far fetched as it sounds. Such would be possible legally under a reapportionment plan advocated by Michigan leaders of the American Federation of Labor and the Detroit C. I. O. In fact, petitions are to be circulated soon by the AFL-CIO, asking that reapportionment of the legislature along lines of the 1950 census be initiated by Michigan voters next November. If voters approve the bill would go automatically before legislators in 1953.

The Detroit - Flint metropolitan area has made up 51 per cent of Michigan's present population. Therefore, under 100 per cent reapportionment, four counties could dominate the rest of the state in legislative affairs. By concentrating the efforts on the election of pro-labor candidates, labor unions could achieve their goals readily.

It is the belief of several upstate legislators that four counties, even if they do have 51 per cent of the state's population, cannot speak for ALL of Michigan. The argument is advanced by State Senator Crofton Coleman of Marshall, that the legislature should act on a "fair" reapportionment plan in 1952 rather than let things drift further.

A resolution, sponsored by Senator Coleman, would act to reorganize and freeze the senatorial districts. This would insure geographical representation whereby such cities as Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Flint could control the Senate. The house of representatives would be enlarged approximately ten per cent along federal lines. Population consideration would predominate.

Senator Coleman comments: "Where you have a highly industrial, highly agricultural and highly recreational state such as Michigan, with one of the most varied economies of any state in the Union, a strictly population-majority control does not seem to be a suitable control."

Coleman says credit to Senators G. Elwood Bonine and Edward Hutchinson for work done on the compromise reapportionment plan.

The Marshall senator believes it will be unfortunate to simplify the issue of reapportionment by calling it an outstate vs. Detroit fight, or an urban - rural contest. He explains his viewpoint as follows: "This question cannot be solved by appeals to emotion. Few issues before the legislature are purely city versus farmer; few purely Detroit versus outstate. If that were true, the rural interests would not survive the legislative process in Michigan."

"I'm thinking person can claim the legislature of Michigan is now rural dominated." Actually, 16 of the 32 senatorial districts include (Continued on Page Eight)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 20, 1927)
Boys Take Trip
Fred Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thornton, with two companions, has been traveling through the United States. The following are excerpts taken from a letter written in The Enterprise: "We started our trip November 27. We saw a great many steel mills at Youngstown and Pittsburgh, passed through the Allegheny Mountains and visited the Gettysburg battlefield. From Gettysburg we went to Washington, D.C., watching the Supreme Court in session. After seeing of interest in Washington, we traveled through the south and spent Christmas in Monroe, Louisiana. Later we traveled to the Rio Grande valley, which is 59 miles long and 30 miles wide. We are sure enjoying ourselves here. It was 74 in the shade yesterday and we picked grapefruit and planted potatoes."

TEN YEARS AGO (January 22, 1942)
Hear Complaints
Members of the Farmington Township Board clarified the billing system of the Farmington Township water supply to persons with complaints at a regular meeting of the Township Board held Tuesday evening at the Welfare Headquarters in Clarenceville. It was explained that the bills covered the entire quarter regardless of when the service was begun. In other business, persons were appointed to the election board. In Precinct One, Frank Seale, Susie Seeler, William Morris, Leslie McIntyre and Jay Dutton will serve. Precinct Two will be covered by Harry Shafer, Frances Billing, Elsie McCullough, Isabelle Menke and Louise Brown.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 23, 1947)
Fire Sweeps City
Fire of undetermined origin swept through the Warner block early Tuesday night in zero weather, causing an estimated \$125,000 worth of damage in one of the worst fires in Farmington's history. For a time it threatened to destroy the entire center of the city. Five apartments, the Twin's Beauty Parlor, Irene's Apparel Shoppe and the Farmington Post Office were all completely destroyed in the blaze. Dickson's Hardware, Oak Pharmacy and electric apartments over the two stores were badly damaged by water and smoke. The fire was first discovered at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday. The Farmington fire department responded to the call immediately, but the fire had begun to get out of control. As the fire swept on, Redford Township, Novi, Livonia and Northville fire departments were called in. Firemen and volunteers fought the stubborn blaze for over nine hours before it was brought under control.

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