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EDITORIALS

The Controversy . . .

over hours on the parking meters in the business section of the City of Farmington points out once again the necessity of a merchants' organization in our community.

The Enterprise is not concerned in this editorial with the pros and cons of the parking meter question. We believe there is a question even more important than this single issue. It is simply — when are we going to meet the problem and organize?

Many of these controversies could be worked out before-hand if an expression of the merchants could be secured easily. This can be done only through organization. Under present conditions the City Council is unable to get an opinion on these various questions without the time-consuming effort of contacting each merchant individually. This is next to impossible with the many problems facing our growing city every day.

Equally important is the fact that many of these problems are, to a degree, the responsibility of the merchants. In other words, if these problems are to be solved efficiently, they are going to require genuine interest and cooperation. Merchants and business men can be of great help through collective expression and action.

A great many changes are taking place in the City of Farmington due to its increased growth and development. Many more changes will be made as we continue to expand. Thus it is becoming ever more important that a merchants' organization be initiated to assist in these problems and others affecting the development of a shopping center.

We have had several graphic examples in recent months of the necessity of such an organization. There is no substitute for collective thinking and cooperation. It is what builds a better community.

Rubbish . . .

may be just another word in the dictionary to some people, but to residents of Farmington Township it's a headache.

This is evident by the number of calls The Enterprise gets regularly about the problem as well as an occasional complaint before the Township Board. One Township resident came into the office the other day and stated that he would even be willing to offer a reward to anyone who would report and identify persons who use the Township for a dumping ground.

Just as critical a problem is that of getting rid of rubbish accumulated by township residents. The two regular rubbish pick-ups per year help some, but they do not completely solve the problem. Members of the Board have offered to set up special assessment districts in those sections that want weekly or monthly pick-ups. However, this does not seem to be the answer as there have been no takers.

It is possible that the Township Board could investigate several persons who do this type of work and select one or two of the most reliable so that persons who wish to secure pick-up service on an individual contract would have a source of contact. This would also give the Township Board excellent reference should they later be in a position to contract for more frequent pick-ups throughout the township.

Such a plan would be of extreme value to township residents and would be a real service to the community.

The Smoke Is Clearing . . .

over New Hampshire and is drifting on to other states throughout the Union who are engaged in the Presidential primaries.

One American recently referred to the New Hampshire primaries as "eyewash". It is the first time we can recall that such a democratic process as using the secret ballot has been labeled by such a term.

The closer we can bring these problems to the people, the more secure our democracy will be. The more often we can practice democracy, the more skilled we are going to be at putting it to constructive use. The candidates or issues may be soon forgotten, but the right to mark your ballot must never be sidetracked.

No election is "eyewash", not as long as there are candidates with different views and parties with different objectives. And we don't believe that any American, not even the President of the United States, can rightfully call it "eyewash".

Churches

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2560 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 9:45 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 OKLW 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.

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 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:30 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., the Morning Worship.
8:30 p.m., 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 CHURCH
Morning Worship at 10:40 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.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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
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
2270 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
When we look to Spirit instead of matter for our well-being, we shall find true happiness. This is the message of our religion. To read in all Christian Science churches under the topic "Matter" on Sunday, March 23rd.

The Golden Text is from Colossians (3: 2) "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21122 Indian Road.
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
8:00 p.m. Evening Service.
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth 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.
B. Y. F., 8 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
15388 Beech 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 Peoples' Service.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Grand River at Middlebelt
10:00 a.m., Sunday School.
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
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.

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 Choir will practice.
7:30, Evening Worship service.

Machine Age



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 evening, 7:30 p.m.

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., OKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at the Middlebelt School
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 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.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Grand River and Salem Avenue
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9:30 a.m. Church School, three 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.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
23 Mile Road at Grand River
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Worship. Sermon theme: "Where You Live".
Nursery for tiny tots.

FARMINGTON EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in Universalist Church
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Church School, 3 through 11 years, at the same hour.
Holy Communion, on the third Sunday of each month.

Bible Comment:

False Gods of Today Can Destroy Us as They Did Israelites

ALL through the Old Testament runs the story of the conflict between true worship and the worship of idols—the moral and intelligent worship of a Supreme Being and the superstitious bowing down to wood and stone.

Among the Hebrews, God was a growing and developing conception. At first in the most distant times and to the dimmest perception, the worship of God was related to man's moral nature and spiritual welfare.

It was a boldly noble concept in which man dared to say that he was made in the image and likeness of God. That was intelligent faith and spiritual daring. It was man reasoning from all that was best in himself, and setting before himself in worship and devotion all that he wished to become.

Wherever man had this concept of God, no matter how dimly they perceived it, and even though their lives were marked by ignorance and sin, they were lifted toward something better.



CYNICAL AMERICANS
Traveling across the U.S. these days you are struck with a new cynicism on the part of the American public. It's a rebellious cynicism, inclined to lay all our troubles on the doorstep of Washington, a feeling of frustration, of disgust with corruption, and weariness with the Korean war. It's an atmosphere that lends itself to any flag-waver or hot-thumper who wants to take advantage of this cynicism by running for office.

This is exactly the atmosphere that swept a lot of Democratic screwballs into office with the anti-Hoover tide of Roosevelt victory in 1932, and it may sweep a lot of Republican screwballs into office this fall.

One dangerous part of the current feeling has been a certain disillusionment with our electoral system. Folks are resentful of the bosses in both parties and they figure that though President Truman probably didn't mean to hurt us, what he did about "loyalty" primaries, nevertheless he was lying to the truth.

On the other hand there is growing interest in the proposal of Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois and Rep. Charles Bennett of Florida to hold a nation-wide presidential primary, which, though not binding on the delegates, might put a crimp in the party bosses and prevent the traditional picking of presidents in the 3 A.M. quiet of a smoke-filled room.

The smartest thing Mr. Truman could do, in view of his eyewash remark and this public cynicism is to exert some altruistic leadership and help put across the Douglas-Bennett nation-wide primary.

BOSSIED DELEGATES
In five states it's a fact that the people have so say whatever in the selection of delegates attending the presidential conventions. In Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia and Louisiana, the delegates are

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 24, 1927)

Dear Down Landmarks
The Novi Hotel, estimated to be one of the oldest landmarks in Michigan, was recently torn down. George P. Gaffney, owner of the property, reports a gasoline station is to be built on the land the hotel occupied. For many years the old hotel was a familiar sight to motorists traveling on Grand River. There is no record of the date it was built, but estimates place it at least 100 years old. The staircase, recently purchased by Henry Ford, was an attractive feature of the interior of the building. It was made in England of black walnut and brought to America. A plumber, who tore open a partition a few years ago while making repairs, discovered a Public Defense Bond for 24 shillings issued by the Colony of Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War.

Organize Against Robberies
The Michigan Bankers Association has formed a Vigilante Plan to reduce the number of bank robberies in the state. The Vigilante Plan, adopted by several bordering states, has proved successful in cutting down the number of robberies. The Indiana Bankers Association, which adopted the Vigilante Plan, found in the first year of operation that bank robberies in the state were reduced 84% and money stolen was reduced 78%.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 24, 1942)
Named To All-League Stand.
Charles Asher, secretary of the Southwestern Oakland County League, picked the All-League first and second teams last week. Included on the first team as forward was Yungblood of Farmington while Farmington's Campbell was placed on the second team in a forward slot.

Attend Legion Anniversary
About 100 members and friends of the Goves-Walker Post of the American Legion gathered at the Farmington Town Hall Saturday evening for the twenty-third annual birthday anniversary of the American Legion. A number of visitors from other posts throughout the seventeenth and sixteenth districts were present. Leon L. Church, post chaplain, offered a prayer preceding the dinner, which was served by the Eastern Star ladies.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 27, 1947)
Circulate Petitions
With the deadline for filing petitions for the City election set for Friday evening, March 28, at 8 p.m., the major race appears to loom between Delos Hamlin, incumbent, and Alfred G. Jones for mayor. Jones resigned as a member of the City Commission to run for the office. The City election is to be held April 7. A special meeting of the Commission was held last Friday evening, at which time the resignation of Jones was accepted. Signatures are now being secured on petitions for Frederick W. Bagnall, Harrison Johnson, Roy Miller, Howard Otis and Kenneth R. Loomis for the vacant commission post.

Near Red Cross Quota
Approximately 70 per cent of the Farmington quota in the 1947 American Red Cross Drive has been collected, Howard C. Knickerbocker, chairman of the local campaign, announced this week. The quota is \$3,360.

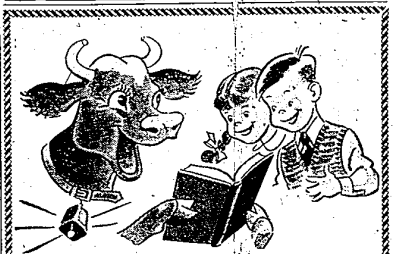
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