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EDITORIALS

The Suggestion . . .

made last week at the Farmington Township Board meeting by Justice Ward Eagle, that the Board of officers establish regular office hours and that service to the public thus be expanded, is both progressive and constructive.

With the population of the Township growing by leaps and bounds such a step is needed in consideration of the residents. Farmington Township is now a community of 11,000 population or more. Additional capital investments are being made periodically to better serve the public. New voting precincts have been added, new fire halls established, new special assessment districts set up and zoning has been inaugurated. These services mean more problems, more questions and more responsibility. They mean an ever-increasing flow of residents into the township office.

The Enterprise realizes that this is not a change that can or should be made overnight. It will require considerable change which must be studied and weighed carefully. But we do believe that the study should be started so that in the very near future it can be objectively approached. An investigation of the organization and operation of other townships in this immediate vicinity which are practicing this plan should be made. A report on salaries paid, hours worked and duties performed should be filed with the Board for consideration. From the information secured the public can then draw a conclusion and the Board can act accordingly.

Service to the public is the purpose and function of the Board, upon this sole fact rests its future.

Only About Three Weeks . . .

remain before the August 5 Primary Election . . . what are you doing to insure a record vote in your community?

This is more than just another election, it is a crusade for democracy. We as a nation have lost ground in recent years because we have failed to recognize our importance as individuals. We have in alarming numbers laid aside the very tool that spells freedom . . . the secret ballot. We have looked upon ourselves as small and referred to our voice as weak. We have said, "Who am I? Just one person among millions. . . And my ballot? It won't mean much anyway." You, my neighbor, are an American, the most envied person on this earth!

Freedom and democracy are not just words in a dictionary—they are real and they must be protected and developed if they shall live. You and you alone have the power and the responsibility to make them live. These tools were not just given to us to stack in the corner, they were entrusted to us to use. If we fail to use them they can be taken away!

Let's not kid ourselves. Nothing worthwhile comes easy. If we are to continue to enjoy the fruits of freedom, we must work. That means you and I, not just the other fellow. We are not inferior or insignificant . . . we are Americans, and we are determined to stay Americans. That means work and it means responsibility. It means voting on August 5, not just ten per cent of us or fifty per cent of us but 100% of us. It means talking voting until we are blue in the face.

This is our strength—this is individual Americanism in action. You, yes you, hold the key. For Freedom's sake, use it!

While Voices Boomed . . .

hands played and oratory flourished in Chicago, things were quite the opposite at the truce talks in Korea. There was little talk around the conference table and a little less action.

We might guess that the Reds were looking in on the Republican Convention, if it were not for the fact that there has been little talk and less action for some time now. Thus, while most Americans had their eyes and ears on Chicago last week, they missed practically nothing as far as Korean peace talks are concerned.

The main reason that there is little talk and less action is that the inevitable has happened. The so-called talks have reached a point where compromise and principle meet. That place is the prisoner exchange issue. The Communists can not give without losing and the United Nations can not give without forsaking principle. The democracies must stand firm on this issue or the very cause for which they are fighting will be lost.

Churches

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2500 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 at 10:15 a.m.
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 Warren Avenues
Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. during July and August.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
7 W. 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 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Fellowship.
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 CHURCH
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Services at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.

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.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday, evening.

FOREST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Stanbury and 12 Mile Road
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
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.
That an understanding of God grows as we follow the path shown on the Lesson-Sermon on that subject to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, July 20.

The Golden Text is from Revelations (21:16, 7): "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21122 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Fellowship.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.

CHURCH OF GOD
20341 Shilawasee at Middlebelt
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.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Worship.
Nursery for children under five.
6:00 p.m. Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
1850 Morning Worship Service.
Special music by the choir, illustrated children's message.
11:30, Sunday School; Bible study in classes; classes for all ages.
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7:30, Evening Worship service.

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Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

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

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Adult services in recess until Sunday, September 7.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Farmington
(Services in Universalist Church)
9:30 Morning Prayer and sermon. Church School (3 to 17 years) during the 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.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at the Middlebelt School
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Mid-week prayer service in the home of the Pastor at 21396 Tylane Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Gaylord Baptist Church
19188 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.

Bible Comment:

Large Divorce Rate Warns Us to Heed Commandments

FAMILY religion has deep roots in the Old Testament, and in the Jewish literature were many precepts, giving wise counsel to parents, and setting forth the duties of children, thus establishing with clearness the conditions of family welfare and a happy home life.

It ought to be noted how strongly some of the choices of these precepts stress the law and commandments. "My son, keep the father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother." There must be standards of right, and a sense of responsibility. If there are to be sound relationships and happiness in the home.

The acceptance of parenthood without an adequate sense of responsibility is the root of a great deal of home breakdown and tragedy today. A first essential of good home is good parents. What can be expected of children if their parents do not set them a good example? Moreover, precept and teaching are not enough, for children will soon detect an insincerity, and the worst of all the things we could give our children would be to say, "Don't do as I do, but do as I say."

"Train up a child in the way he should go," is the Bible's injunction to parents, with the assurance that when he is older he will not depart from it. Alas that assurance is not always justified, for many influences are upon the child, as well as those of the home, and too often they break down and destroy what the home has sought to do. But without proper training the child has little chance at all, so that exceptions in reality do not nullify the law that good training brings good results.

The most acute social and religious problems today are associated with home and family. With an increasingly large proportion of marriages ending in separation and divorce, we are facing ominous times. And most of the proposed remedies are doing little to get at the causes.



By GENE ALLEMAN

Halfway between the Republican and Democratic national conventions today, Americans can pause to catch their breaths and take a quick look at November.

They're sure of one thing . . . they'll only elect one president then.

But Michigan voters face a more unusual situation on that day than voters in other states. They can vote by ballot. They can approve two amendments to the state constitution, two amendments that are as apposite as the GOP and Democratic candidates will be.

That prospect is causing brow-wrinkling in Lansing as the experts study the odd situation. And the sign of those experts' anxiety, with their foreheads over problems of their personal political campaigns, we may find in a lot of Michigan prototypes of the famous Mrs. Frances of Dick Tracy notoriety.

This is how the unprecedented situation comes about.

There will be two amendments to reappear on the November ballot. Voters can say yes or no to each. If they say yes to both, there will develop the question of which one will be effective.

Obviously both can't be, any more than we can have two presidents in the White House.

If voters say no, then both sides will be unhappy because it will settle long-held plans and hopes for the reorganization of Michigan population in that time.

"When in doubt, vote no." That old political maxim might be followed if the voters get too confused between now and November.

There's plenty of room for confusion. In the first place, reapportionment is hardly the subject for a third grade English theme. It's a complicated question with more side-roads than a Miami Beach subdivision.

Because it's sheer Greek to so many voters, it gives a good chance for the silver-tongued boys to appeal to emotion and prejudices. The phrase-ologues are, mingling "bright terms and witty sayings." Well fed on oratory coming out of the Chicago convention halls and due to be served even more generous helpings as the campaign progresses. John Q. Citizen is apt to "trow up."

Even the names of the sponsoring organizations are enough to make the best informed nervous pause to unwind his tongue once in a while.

The Committee for Representative Government filed its proposal first.

The Committee for a Balanced Legislature came in with its own just under the deadline.

Both groups are made up of many different elements in the best tradition of politics making.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 21, 1927)
To Widen Grand River

At a session of the State Administrative Board at Lansing Monday, \$50,000 was appropriated for securing the right of way to widen Grand River Avenue from Five Points to where the DUR tracks cross the highway. New pavement is expected to be laid this year. Officers who have kept close track of traffic conditions state that travel over the road has been steadily increasing and the widened highway will eliminate dangerous crowding.

Discontinue DUR
In accordance with an order of the U. S. District Court, rail service of the DUR line from Wayne to Plymouth to Northville to Farmington and Orchard Lake was discontinued at noon today. Reason for discontinuing the line is to reduce costs of the DUR. Freight will be brought to a central station and delivered in Farmington and surrounding towns by truck.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 23, 1942)
Valuation Increased.
Farmington Township Supervisor Ernest V. Blanchard announced the valuation of the township for this year has been set at \$5,440,570 at a regular meeting of the Board Tuesday evening. After deductions for widow's exemptions, state owned land and soldiers' exemptions, the figure is reduced to \$4,953,880. Last year the figure, after deductions, was \$4,582,000.

Gets Check
The Farmington City and Township library this week received a check for \$328.54 from the State Dept. of Libraries, allocated to Mrs. Florence Leach, librarian. A year ago Governor Murray D. VanWagoner signed a bill which made state aid for public libraries legal in Michigan.

Halt Work
A group of volunteer workers, making a house-to-house canvass of manpower in Defense Areas 5 and 6, were forced to curtail their canvass because of lack of registration cards. The groups are headed by Air Raid Warden Clarence Shilling and Virgil Campbell. Chief of Police Joseph DeVriendt reported there were no more cards available and more will have to be printed.

Meet In Army
Chester Raynor of Dearborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Raynor of 29531 Middlebelt Road, and Buddy Knox of Dayton, Ohio, both heavyweight fighters, met for the second time in their lives at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Their first meeting, occurred in an arena in Dayton in 1937 when Knox defeated Raynor, who later retired, and went on to become the sixth ranking heavyweight in the nation.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 17, 1947)
Elected To Board
In the highest vote since the formation of the Farmington Township School District, D. Gerald Domes and Ray D. Eichler were elected to the Board of Education in the annual school election held Monday. Domes received 200 votes; Eichler, 139; Wilkinson, 149; and Mats 133.

Have To Wait
Farmington residents waiting for home gas heating were informed this week that they would have to wait two or three more years.

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