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EDITORIALS:

It's Our Opinion

A New Record . . .

was set last Tuesday by the citizens of the Farmington community . . . a record we can all be very proud of.

More of you went to the polls last week than ever before in a Primary Election. You played a prominent part in the selection of candidates who will compete in the Presidential Election to be held in November. But, more important, you served notice on all of the candidates that you are actively interested in their programs and in the future of our government.

Records are made to be broken, and it is up to all of us to resolve here and now to make this new record short-lived. We must organize throughout the community in this new fight for democracy. We must gather all our strength and ability in a crusade to get every eligible voter in Farmington to the polls in November, or at least to get their ballot there.

This isn't an easy job, but the rewards are tremendous. Every organization, every individual, must talk up voting. Transportation caravans should be organized, every means of publicity should be used to get the message across, and phone committees for last-minute contacts should be established. These are but a few of the tried and tested methods being used in communities across this nation in putting democracy to work.

In spite of the record vote last Tuesday only about 50% of the registered voters in the Farmington area actually cast their ballots. So there is plenty to do . . . and it is up to all of us to do it!

How you vote is your business . . . but that you vote is every American's business.

A Serious Set-Back . . .

was handed the boys and girls of the Farmington Township School District several months ago when carpenters and other construction workers working on the new elementary schools went on a 25-day strike.

The seriousness of the situation came to light last Monday when the Board was told that none of the buildings is expected to be ready by the time school opens in September. This means half-day sessions will have to continue during the first part of the school year at least. It also means that school officials will have to plan and re-plan in an effort to give the youngsters the maximum program with the minimum of facilities.

As we have stated many times before, we do not blame these workers for seeking more money in order to meet the ever-increasing cost of living. But certainly it is within our power to find a means of settling these questions without causing extreme hardship on the innocent by-stander. The public has become the wedge to be pushed and pried back and forth until an agreement has been reached. They suffer the most and get nothing in return.

A policy of consideration for all of the people must be established. The rights of both labor and management must be preserved but not at the expense of the majority or the general welfare of the country. To say that such a policy can not be established is to openly admit that we, as a Nation, are declining. The United States was founded on the principal of consideration of the majority. If we abandon this principal and responsibility now, we abandon the ship that has carried us safely through many storms and on to bright new shores.

The Recent Sale . . .

of \$300,000 worth of short term notes by the Oakland County Road Commission to a Detroit Investment Company may be good news to Farmington and may be not.

The money is being borrowed to save concrete pavement throughout the County that is going to pieces due to both age and heavy traffic. We have just about the prime example of this condition right here on Orchard Lake Road between Grand River and Northwestern Highway. It is as bad a stretch of main traveled road as we have seen in Oakland County, and we don't believe we are just prejudiced, either.

According to the latest word we received, Orchard Lake Road is due for attention as soon as funds are available. Naturally, any money must be spread around to do the most good for the largest number, but let's hope that some consideration is given to Orchard Lake Road before it is too late.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2600 Grand River Avenue
Sunday 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 department, CQLV and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenues
Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. during July and August.

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 11:00 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 service.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
5:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Young Adult Fellowship.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m., the Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Service 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
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Stearns 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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.
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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., CQLV Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21122 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Church School.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Praise.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.

Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone 80, 5372.

CHURCH OF GOD
20841 Shawanawac 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 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Worship.
Nursery for children under five.
6:00 p.m. Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

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.
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7:30, Evening Worship service.

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THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
By DREW PEARSON

FLYING SAUSAGES

While the politicians were watching the none-too-mysterious conventions, some other people, including the Air Force, were watching a mysterious rash of flying saucers.

Furthermore, the Air Force, long skeptical about flying saucers, has now made some official and important admissions.

Admission No. 1 is that they have now detected something that looks like flying saucers at the same time that people have claimed they saw flying saucers.

In other words flying saucers are not just cloud formations or hallucinations. If so they could not be detected on a radar screen.

Admission No. 2 is that flying saucers could possibly be space ships from another planet. The reason for this admission is that it will soon be possible to visit a space ship to visit the moon if we are willing to spend the money for research and construction.

Our current research into atomic power and supersonic speeds already has progressed so far that it is definitely known that such a ship can be built, but the big expense is the fuel.

Therefore, if we are this close to interplanetary travel, Air Force officers admit that a more advanced civilization could be keeping this planet under surveillance through flying saucers.

Admission No. 3, it has not been announced, but scientific observation posts have been set up in New Mexico, where we are testing guided missiles, to track flying saucers also.

A number of flying saucers have been seen in the southwest, and since trained specialists are already on the job in that area with the latest scientific gadgets, the Air Force has ordered them to watch for flying saucers and track them scientifically.

In addition, the Air Force is instructing its 24-hour air observing units to watch not only for enemy planes but flying saucers. Furthermore, the Air Force is

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23700 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.
8 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
That Soul is immortal is brought out in the Lesson-Sermon under the title "Soul" to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, August 17.

The Golden Text is from Psalms (119:174, 175): "I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy love is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me."

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



By GENE ALLEMAN

"How much does a bushel of elephant weigh?"
You probably don't know; you undoubtedly don't care.

But if you're in some business where the answer is important, you can get it easily by asking the State Librarian.

One of the agencies hardest hit by the incendiary fire that swept the State Office Building in February of 1951, the library staff has just about completed salvage work and is doing a land office business in a two-story building that once housed an insurance office.

It is experience when fire and water ruined thousands of books was one of the few times the Library broke into print. But it's a big operation despite the fact that few of the taxpayers who supply its \$350,000 annual budget know anything about it.

There are a half million books. Twenty thousand of them are irreplaceable volumes that were painstakingly dried and flattened after the fire.

One of the priceless treasures is the original, handwritten document creating Michigan as a state. Signed by Andrew Jackson and John Adams, it came to Lansing from the National Archives in Washington through the efforts of the late Sen. Arthur E. Vandenberg.

A staff of 61, about 25 of them trained librarians, carries out the work of the Library.

They maintain the huge law library in the Capitol, their traditional service for the Supreme Court, Attorney General, Legislature and attorneys.

The basic job is to serve State employees and departments.

The Library also supplements local libraries. Do you have to know how the carburetor of a Fiat roadster operates? A query to your local librarian will bring books with the whole thing in black and white.

Or are you one of the million Michiganders not served by a local library? The State Librarian will mail you any book or books you want or need and let you keep it for a month. Postage is the only cost to you.

"Traveling libraries" of 25 to 100 books go out to village libraries and those serving rural areas on a regular grand circuit. Rural schools are served this way.

Mrs. Lolita P. Ryan is now our State Librarian but also secretary of the State Board of Libraries so she and her staff have an extension division that helps local libraries serve their public better.

If you think libraries are hushed, stodgy places, you don't see eye-to-eye with John G. Loren, our State Librarian. He will tell you that a library reflects current interests with remarkable fidelity.

"Since the political conventions we got hundreds of queries every week about the candidates, the issues, the workings of political parties."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 18, 1927)

Fire Destroys Two Homes
Two blackened brick chimneys and cement-block foundations are all that remain above ground where two homes stood on Fourth Gate Road, Grand River Avenue, Clarenceville, after they were destroyed by fire at daybreak Monday morning. William Krueger and his wife and three children lost practically everything they had, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tower, living next door, were barely able to save the furnishings of their home and their clothing.

First Gas Service In City
Gas service is expected in Farmington early in September, according to representatives of the Consumers Power Company, who were in Farmington this week. Transmission lines have been completed, and gas may be turned on in the pipes to Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road, according to the officials.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 20, 1942)
Council Designates Air Warning
The Civilian Defense Council for the City and Township of Farmington, at a regular meeting on Monday evening, set up a new signal to act as a warning in case of an air raid. The signal, which will be used in all future blackouts, will be three rounds of three minutes each, with a 30-second interval between each round. The complete air raid warning will last for ten minutes, and the all-clear signal will be a continuous siren for two minutes.

Tin Collection Date Set
Citizens of Farmington are reminded that Friday, August 23, is the second date set for the collection of tin cans in the local drive for scrap materials. Families are asked by the government to save tin cans by opening them at both ends, collapse them by stepping on them, and store them until the local collection day. Starting August 14, the local city collection department inaugurated a twice-a-month tin can pick-up from Farmington homes every other Friday.

Blood Bank To Return
The Mobile Unit of the Red Cross Blood Bank is scheduled to make its third visit to Farmington on Monday, September 25, according to Mrs. Edgar Pierce, who is local Blood Bank chairman. The unit will be in Farmington only between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. rather than for a full day as they have been in the past.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 14, 1947)
Citizens Group Formed
The Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District, at its regular meeting held Monday night, officially placed into its records a resolution favoring de-centralization of the elementary grades as well as the creation of a citizens advisory committee to assist the Board in its building program. The resolution regarding de-centralization calls for a 6-3-3 program or six years of elementary, three years junior high school and three years high school.

Commission Receives Hints
At the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday evening, bids for the repair and construction of sewers on Wilmarth, Nacomb, State and Power Avenues were opened and read. Four contractors bid on the sewer work with bids ranging from \$17,935 to \$10,865. William Gregor, Farmington, was the low bidder.

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