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EDITORIALS:

It's Our Opinion

Looking Before You Leap . . .

is good, common sense any time, but it is particularly important where government is concerned. The responsibility of several thousand persons rests on the shoulders of a few members of the City Council. They owe it to all citizens to always act carefully and wisely.

However, there is a big difference between a thorough and practical look and an inch-by-inch analysis, especially when it involves as timely a subject as a planning commission. The Council has had this question under advisement for many months now at both regular meetings and one special meeting. They have had the advice of at least one expert and a complete report from one of their own members. The members have also had an opportunity to investigate the procedures and results of planning through various reports.

We believe that enough information has been presented to draw a conclusion without fear of going off on a wild tangent. The primary concern seems to be over the degree of authority vested in the planning group. This concern exists in spite of the fact that it has been recommended that two members of the Council as well as the City Manager serve as members of the nine-man commission. It exists even though a great many communities in this state have operated successfully and without conflict under this plan for many years.

In many cases this extra caution would not be particularly serious, but with the rapid growth and development that is taking place in the city right now, prompt action is vitally important. Planning, if it is to be constructive and effective, must be done before a thing happens, not afterward. There may be mistakes, but they will be honest mistakes which will serve to move us ahead to something better.

In firing a cannon, you get a round out in the general area and then adjust, rather than consume valuable minutes in calculating for a bulls-eye. We think it is pretty good sense when it comes to planning, too!

An Unknown . . .

editorial writer and father, who loves his daughter just as you and I love our children, wrote down these words for his readers to think about. They were pounded out on a typewriter, but that isn't where they came from. These words came from a parent's heart, forced out by a continual fear that all of us know. Read this editorial, yes, read it well and remember it!

Today my daughter, who is seven years old, started to school as usual. She wore a dark blue dress with a white collar. She had on black shoes and wore blue gloves. Her cocker spaniel, whose name is Coot, sat on the front porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education as she waved goodbye and started off to the hall of learning.

Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her, the girl with the yellow curls, and the boy who sits across the aisle who makes funny faces. She told me about her teacher who has eyes in the back of her head, and the trees in the school yard, and about the girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. We talked about a lot of things . . . tremendously vital, unimportant things . . . and then we studied spelling, reading, arithmetic . . . and then to bed.

She is back there now . . . back in the nursery sound asleep with Princess Elizabeth (that's her doll) cuddled in her right arm.

You guys wouldn't hurt her, would you? You see, I'm her Daddy. When her doll is broken or her finger is cut or her head gets bumped, I can fix it. But when she starts for school, when she walks across the street, then she's in your hands.

She's a nice kid. She can run like a deer and dart like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoons.

But I can't be with her all the time; I have to work to pay for her clothes and her education. So please help me look out for her. Please drive slowly past the schools and intersections . . . and please remember that children run from behind parked cars. Please don't run over my little girl!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

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.
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW and at 8:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenue
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 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
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
10:45 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m., the Evening Worship.
6:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting.

FIRST BAPTIST
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, 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting.

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, 7:30 p.m.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Surgery department is maintained during the morning worship.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:30 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

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.

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

Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5872.

CHURCH OF GOD
20241 Shawwassee at Middlebelt
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Worship.
Sermon theme: "Without Your Brother".
6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.
Special message by the choir, illustrated children's message.
11:30 a.m. Sunday School: Bible study in classes; classes for all ages.
During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.
7:30 a.m. Evening Worship service.

Cold or Warm This Winter, John?



THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

(Note: Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation. The Washington Merry-Go-Round is written this week by James V. Bennett, director, Bureau of Prisons.)

PRISONERS' STORY
Do you remember, Drew, when the embattled prisoners in New Jersey demanded that you be brought into the prison so they could tell you their grievances? You couldn't go, I remember it. They said it was significant that they called you to present their problems in your column. As a matter of fact, in every one of the prison riots we have been having recently, the men insisted upon telling their story directly to a newspaperman like yourself. They wanted to get their story clearly before the public. Mostly this was because they think that ordinary folks don't understand their problems and they have great confidence in the power of the press to remedy some of the conditions and problems they face.

PRISONERS OBSOLETE
Now what are the facts? Most American prisons are obsolete museum pieces, built years ago and added to from time to time when overcrowding reached the breaking point. The Trenton prison was built back in 1926, and the prison in your own state of Maryland dates from Thomas Jefferson's day. The Ohio penitentiary at Columbus goes back to 1814 when the lock step and ball and chain were commonplace. In 23 states the prisons are from 70 to over 100 years old. They lack modern furniture, decent dining room and kitchen equipment, and were built in the day when, in the words of one famous warden, prisons were "fortresses abodes of guilt and wretchedness." Now, when the primary purpose of the prison is considered to be rehabilitation and retraining of the prisoner, dungeons and battlements are obsolete because we have come to understand the importance

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Religious Meeting.
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Mankind has been searching for reality for centuries. Where it may be found will be discussed in the Lesson - Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, September 28.

The Golden Text is from I Chronicles (29:11): "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sunday morning worship and Junior Church at 11 a.m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Farmington
(Services in Universalist Church)
9:30 Morning Prayer and sermon. Church School (3 to 11 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 2195 Tuna Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH
10151 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.



BY GENE ALLEMAN

Michigan voters cast twice as many votes in the 1952 primaries as they did in the last presidential year, 1948.

But at least one observer isn't handing out any laurels for that record.

He's closely identified with a major political party and so he doesn't want to be named. In this close-fought campaign, one observer such as this might lose the race.

Governor Stevenson's remark about the "mess in Washington" has certainly been thrown back at him enough and Eisenhower was quick to seize upon the levity with which the Illinois governor spoke of Korea in an unguarded moment.

So this political expert stays anonymous . . . but not silent. "Everybody is getting all excited because 58% of the registered voters went to the polls."

But they completely overlook the fact that only 81% of our eligibles in Michigan are even registered. Take 58% of 81% and you get a measly total of people above 21 who exercised their privilege — and duty — of the ballot.

"Add to that the fact that an awfully lot of the primary voters were practically bog-tied and dragged to the polls by service clubs and civic organizations that have 'Get Out The Vote' campaigns."

"Put them all together and you get a picture of a state that doesn't care a whooping darn about the most crucial decision we've had in a generation. I say crucial and I don't care what party you lean toward."

In 1948, the total votes in the gubernatorial primary, in both parties, was 715,834. In August this year, there were 1,436,675 votes cast on the Republican ballot where competition was keen and on the Democratic one where Governor Williams was doing a solo act.

The same increase held in the senatorial primary. In '48 the total was 637,576 and in '52 it rose to 1,340,858.

The upswing this year isn't due entirely — or even in greater part — to a population growth. Something has kindled a fire in the voters. Whether it's the fresh personalities on the national scene, the issues of corruption that have aroused citizens in both parties, or the reawakening of public interest due to campaigns staged by Michigan newspapers, great and small, to get people to the polls, no one says with finality.

One thing is sure. Not only Michigan but the whole nation can well better their previous records.

In 1940, two out of three persons of voting age went to the polls. Four years ago barely one out of two voted. While, from '40 to '48, over 14 million more people became eligible to vote, the

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 29, 1927)

State To Extend Grand River Widening
Hopes for the early realization of better transportation and increased traffic facilities on Grand River Avenue were received this week when it was announced that the State will extend its Grand River widening project 3,000 feet beyond the car line crossing at Hemlock

avenue, and that the Detroit Department of Street Railways will inaugurate express trolley service on Grand River avenue. The decision to widen Grand River nearly to Fourth Gate Road gives Farmington citizens hope that the improvement all the way to the city may not be too far off.

Rev. J. Bollens Dies After Long Illness
Profound grief was widespread throughout the community early this week when news was received of the death in Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, of Rev. John Bollens of Salem Evangelical Church, Farmington. Rev. Bollens, who spent many years in Farmington, was one of the most popular and respected ministers in this section.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 1, 1942)
City and Township Unite For Salvage Drive
It's an all-out drive for salvage that is going to take place in Farmington City and Township during October. The Township and City Scrap Committees have consolidated into one committee to put on this concerted effort. Chairman of the committee is John W. Steele, Al Beals, Bayard Tupper and Carl Geers.

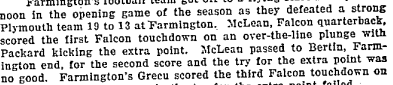
Fire Severely Damages Home
Fire broke out Monday afternoon about two o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ford, 23925 Farmington Road. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Henry Dawson and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Halme, who live in the apartment on the north side of the house. The upper portion of the house was badly burned, but most of the furniture and clothing was saved.

FIVE YEARS AGO (September 25, 1947)
Blood Bank To Be Here October 20 - 21
It was announced this week that the Red Cross civilian blood donor mobile clinic will be in Farmington for two days next month, Monday and Tuesday, October 20 and 21, under the auspices of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Roy Erdmann, general chairman of the blood bank, announced that civic and service organizations in Farmington have been asked to cooperate in the two-day program.

Falcon Gridders Down Plymouth
Farmington's football team got off to a flying start Friday afternoon in the opening game of the season as they defeated a strong Plymouth team 19 to 13 at Farmington. McLean, Falcon quarterback, scored the first Falcon touchdown on an over-the-line plunge with Packard kicking the extra point. McLean passed to Bertin, Farmington end, for the second score and the try for the extra point was no good. Farmington's Greco scored the third Falcon touchdown on a 30-yard run and once again the try for the extra point failed.

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VOTING

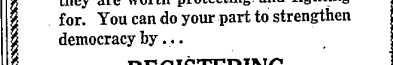
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