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EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion

Some Confusion . . .

seems to have developed among residents over the proposed changes in the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance.

This confusion has apparently arisen due to a lack of understanding regarding the mechanics involved in changing the ordinance. The original zoning board, in drafting the ordinance, recognized that as the township grew changes would be necessary from time to time, thus they set up definite provisions for future amendments. The provisions follow closely the same procedures required when the original ordinance was adopted.

The steps are these: The Township Board declares its intention to amend the ordinance and submits its recommendations to the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board has up to 60 days to review the amendments and call public hearings for the purpose of hearing opinions from the people. The members then submit their recommendations back to the Township Board for final action. If the Township Board approves the amendments, the property owners have ten days to file referendum petitions, if they so desire. Thus neither the Township Board nor Zoning Board is able to push through legislation without the consent of the people.

It is not the intention of this editorial to discuss the details of the proposed amendments now under consideration. Rather, we want to emphasize the over-all importance of the situation. It is essential that all of the residents of the township understand not only the procedures involved in making changes, but the details of any amendments that may be proposed. This is particularly important in view of the tremendous growth taking place in the township, which will, of necessity, require changes.

A thorough understanding and sense of community responsibility on the part of the individual will do much to silence rumor and distrust which only delays and confuses. If we individually apply the formula of progress and the betterment of the community to each situation as it comes along the future of Farmington Township will be secure.

Improved Lighting . . .

of Grand River both east and west of the business section is becoming an ever more pressing problem.

In a report from the City Police Department, it has been disclosed that in the last year and a half some 38 accidents have occurred on Grand River between Orchard Lake Road and Nine Mile Road. This is a section of approximately two blocks. This area is particularly highly congested because of business places and merging traffic.

There have been no statistics on it, but the accident rate is also fairly high between Maple and Brookdale on Grand River. Because of the gap in concentrated business development between Maple and Orchard Lake Road, motorists have a tendency to increase their speed in this section, thus increasing the possibility of an accident.

Increased street lighting would not only give better illumination but would serve as a warning to motorists that they are still in the city and in an area of business and residential concentration. The additional lighting would help the motorist to see cars parked along the curb, which has been one of the main contributors to accidents in this area, as well as pedestrians and other cars coming onto Grand River.

The ever-increasing flow of traffic, not only on but leading into Grand River, requires that action be taken as soon as possible in an effort to reduce the accident rate.

It Takes A Long Time . . .

usually for the light to come on in Washington after the switch has been flipped on.

Such is the case concerning the waste and inefficiency resulting from double taxation by Federal and State governments as well as the process in handling such funds. Many people for many years have been pointing out this problem, but the light is just beginning to glow in Washington.

The process of the Federal Government drawing money from the States only to give it back to them in another form has for some time been an obvious waste of time and effort. Obvious, at least, everywhere except in Washington.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
28500 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 department.
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 Warner Avenues
Sunday School, 10:00 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 Thursdays 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
Cass and Grand River
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:00 a.m., the Morning Worship.
11:30 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.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST
10:00 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School with all grades lessons.
5:00 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, Hi-Y, and Senior Youth Groups.
6:30 Adult Study Class.
7:00 Pre-service prayer meeting.
7:30 Happy Evening Hour.
7:30 Wednesday, Hour of Power.
8:00 Friday, Senior Choir.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study, 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, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 12:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

FOREST HILLS CHURCH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 BORMOWS
Sunday Mass, 7:00, 8:30, 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.

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" (teletext) 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.
"Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHBURY 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. 5372.

CHURCH OF GOD
28541 Shilohsway 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 People's 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.

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

Raising the Drawbridge



Lansing Notes: Estes Reports On Public Act No. 66; Thurston Views Coming Election

Representative Howard R. Estes of Oakland County today announced that despite the present state of the thermometer, this was the time to plan for safety on our lakes during the approaching summer. He called the attention of all to the township authorities to the Public Act No. 66 enacted by the Michigan legislature at its 1932 session. Under this statute any local unit of government may enact rules, regulations or ordinances designed in any way to safeguard the public upon our waterways. They may also employ any necessary police or guards to enforce these rules and may designate a special officer or may create a special body to take charge of this program.

Where more than one unit of government borders on any single body of water, the several political subdivisions could do these things jointly. Concluding his statement, Representative Estes said: "There is now no reason why we cannot make our waters as safe as humanly possible. The thoughtless few who choose to ignore common sense rules of safety and decency can and must be curbed." This statute was passed to permit local governments to curb the reckless "hot rod" motorboat operator and to protect our vacationing public from the heedless acts of the negligent and careless few.

STATE ELECTION
With eyes on the spring election, April 5, Superintendent of Public Instruction Lee M. Thurston had this to say last week:

"Last fall nearly three million Michigan people went to the polls to vote for president, governor and other important state and national offices. The question now is: How many will vote in this spring election? If we look at past records, it may be only one quarter of the number who voted in the fall. Could this mean that the citizens are less interested in their schools, colleges or judicial officers, or the office of Highway Commissioner? Or is it the fact that there are no great national campaigns involved with red-hot debate on many political issues? This reason seems to me to be the true one. It is a well-known fact that people are more concerned about their schools than about any other public institution because they involve our children and youth. The question might be raised as to why we do not elect our supreme court justices and judges from partisan politics and still retain the values of the two-party system. In spite of many faults that can be pointed out, this system has worked well. The men and women on the Board of Regents, the State Board of Agriculture, and the State Board of Education — the controlling boards of the University of Michigan, Michigan State College, and the teachers' colleges — are of the highest caliber. I urge every voter in Michigan to go to the polls and to select, from among their individual choices, the best qualified candidates."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Farmington Town Hall.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 23701 Cass Avenue.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting, Tuesday, Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
That all reality is to be found in spirit is shown in the Lesson-Sermon under that subject to be found in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, March 8.
The Golden Text is from Isaiah (64:1): "Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sermon by Dr. Frank D. Adams at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8: "Two Doors to Salvation".
Junior Church at same hour.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. B. Gulman, Farm. 1049 (Services in Universalist Church)
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon from parson's office on each third Sunday.
Church School: Pre-school to third grade during Sunday service. Fourth grade and up on Monday afternoon at 4:00 at 32015 Valleyview.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Sermon theme: "What Have You in Hearts?"
8 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
Choir rehearsal at the church Wednesday night at 8:00.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at the Middlebelt School
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week prayer service in the home of the Pastor at 21908 Tulane Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH
19193 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.



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

"No new state taxes are needed to balance Michigan's budget. Just redistribute present state aid to local governments on a more equitable basis and require local governments to raise more taxes by a uniform state-wide equalization of property values."

That, in a nutshell, is the heart of the latest tax study before the Michigan legislature this week.

The recommendations were made by two tax experts from Princeton University, hired by the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Taxes. The experts themselves were prudent enough to term their plan "a long range solution" and hence fortified it with ways whereby emergency revenues might be obtained for immediate use.

But the solution would take away from some local governments a big slice of state aid funds, Michigan legislators have been openly cool.

Briefly, the experts plan amounts to this:
1. No new permanent taxes are required to keep this state functioning once the deficit is liquidated.
2. A one-or-two-year special tax program must be decided upon to liquidate the deficit.

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The tax study reported that \$25 to \$30 additional million will be needed next year for financing. They expect to raise this money in two ways. One is changing the method of distributing state money already mentioned. The other is to force local governmental units to raise more of their own money.

This, they say, can be accomplished by requiring all valuation be done according to state qualifications. Instead of the present method of permitting each unit to arrange its own equalization values.

This would affect nearly every county except Wayne, which is already fully equalized. It would raise the amount of money going to local units for schools and other services by \$28,475,000, an increase of 22%. It is fair to assume it would also mean a real and personal property tax increase averaging 22% for outside residents, money which would be paid directly to their own communities and lessen the need for similar amounts of state aid.

Dr. William Miller and Dr. John F. Sly, the Princeton experts, did not seem to think the matter of (Continued on Page Eight)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 8, 1908)
Open Office

The continuous development of the Farmington business area is marked by an announcement this week to the effect that the Ruston Abstract Company of Detroit is to open an office in Farmington. Location of the office here will make it unnecessary for residents to go to Pontiac for their abstract work.

"Debate Team Eliminated"
The minority decision of a single judge in an early debate eliminated Farmington High School's alibi debating team from competition in the state championship debates of the Michigan High School Debating League. Farmington's team lost only one debate, but an adverse ruling of one of the judges at Howell, where the Farmington debaters won, cost them a chance at higher honors.

This section would stand well up in the rivalry for Leap Year babies. Inquiry brought a report from Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner of Farmington of two births on this year's extra day. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Forsythe of Tuck Road are parents of a boy and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welch of Walpole Lake are parents of a girl, both of whom were born on February 29.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 4, 1923)
Big Crowd

The Farmington Kiwanis Show of 1943 is history, following a most successful presentation Wednesday evening. There was a full house and everyone came away feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

Present History
The Exchange Club meeting was particularly well attended Wednesday with a number of guests present, in addition to the members. Lloyd Gulien, in charge of the program, read an article written by Nathan Power, which appeared in the Fortieth Anniversary Edition of The Enterprise. Mr. Power, it will be remembered, was Farmington's most accurate historian before his death, and had a wealth of knowledge regarding the early days of this community. Mr. Gulien reminisced of his early impressions and experiences in Farmington, many of which would bring fond recollections to the minds of older residents.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 4, 1948)
The For First

While the Farmington Falcons were defeating Roseville 50 to 32 in a non-league game Friday on the Farmington floor, Milford was upsetting Keego Harbor to push the Falcons into a tie for first place in the Interiors Conference.

Scout Trophy
Farmington Boy Scout Troop 35, Baptist Church, is the proud possessor of one of the finest trophies in this section of the state. A gold plated statue of a Boy Scout in full uniform mounted on a beautiful pedestal with space provided for engraving the names of the winners is the award the Boy Scout Troops in the southern neighborhood strive for in their advancement progress. Engraved upon the plate at the base of this coveted trophy will be found these words: "The Jack Samuelson Advancement Trophy".

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LITTLE LEAGUE!**

In support of the Farmington Little League, the TOWN CLUB will sponsor a card party at the Farmington High School Gym on March 13, at 8:00 p.m.

- Refreshments
- Style Show
- Prizes

Tickets \$1.00 Men and Women Invited

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