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## EDITORIALS:

### It's Our Opinion

#### Several Weeks Ago . . .

the members of the Farmington Exchange Club had an opportunity to learn the whys and wherefores of the "Welcome Wagon", an institution dedicated to the business of building friendships.

One of the major functions of the "Welcome Wagon" is to extend a hand of friendship to new residents of the community. The "Welcome Wagon" hostess can not only advise these newcomers of the merchandise and services available in the community, but can inform them about our churches, schools, and civic organizations. They can make our new neighbors feel at home!

The Enterprise has mentioned this type of a program several times in the past. We mentioned it because of our experience with similar activities in other communities. Over 1,100 municipalities, large and small, are participating in the "Welcome Wagon" project. It is not only effective as far as the merchants are concerned, but extremely impressive to new families moving into the community.

We are putting the emphasis on new residents because of the tremendous increase in population already under way in the city and township. This is ample justification for the initiation of such a project in Farmington. However, the "Welcome Wagon" can effectively serve all of the residents, old and new. It can honor the birth of a baby, a birthday or anniversary, or a marriage engagement.

Whether it is the "Welcome Wagon", a local organization, or some similar program, we believe that the idea should be given some serious consideration by the merchants and businessmen of the Farmington community. Our population is on the increase and it will continue at an ever-increasing pace. It is important that we personally welcome these new residents into our community and make them feel at home. There is no substitute for friendship!

#### There's A Feeling Of Spring . . .

in the air . . . and it's wonderful. Yes, the grass is getting green, the buds are beginning to show on the trees and there are colorful blossoms on some of the early flowers . . . and, oh yes, the stories of death and injury on our highways are becoming more and more prevalent.

It is a sour and terrifying note, isn't it, right on the end of a hopeful sentence about spring? But it is a reality we must face . . . a reality we must do something about. Many of us, out to enjoy the color and warmth of the new season, will experience that terrifying jolt into reality unless . . . we beat carelessness.

We have seen an increase in auto accidents during the last few weeks right here in Farmington. And from all reports the highway accident toll is expected to rise steadily as spring turns into summer. These are facts we must face and must do something about. We can protect the lives of our family and others by fully realizing the serious responsibility we have when we get behind the wheel of an automobile. Your car can mean convenience and pleasure or it can mean sudden death or long painful injury. The choice is largely yours to decide.

None of us wants to die, be permanently injured or spend months flat on our back in a hospital bed . . . but we forget! Our hospitals are full of people who thought it couldn't happen to them . . . but it did. It can happen to you!

There's a feeling of spring in the air and it's a wonderful feeling, let's keep it that way!

#### Another Government Target . . .

will be eliminated from the archery range if President Eisenhower has anything to say about it.

For years purchase and mass storage by the government of surplus dairy products has been a justified target for the people to shoot at. According to latest reports the government-bought surplus has piled up to an amazing 429 million pounds of butter, cheese and dried milk at a cost to the government of about \$159 million.

President Eisenhower logically wants to get rid of the surplus not only to save the taxpayers millions of dollars, but to eliminate needless spoilage and to stop the inflationary spiral. It is a step in the right direction, but the steps are usually pretty slow down Washington way.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2550 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 and Bible Class,  
9:30 a.m., nursery to senior department.  
Divine services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m., Sunday over CKLW.

**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 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.

**CLARENGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cambridge and Grand River  
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. Morning Worship, 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.

**FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10:00 a.m., Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.  
11:10 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.  
5:00 Young People's Choir.  
6:30 Junior, Hi-BY, 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 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**  
Nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m. a.m.  
Church School, 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

**FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY 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 BOROVS**  
Sunday Masses: 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" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday Channel 7.  
"Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
2122 Indian Road  
10:00 a.m. Bible School.  
11:15 a.m. Worship.  
Nursery provided.  
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayers.  
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.  
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
20241 Shawansee 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.

**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 in classes; classes for all ages.  
During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.  
7:30, Evening Worship service.



## Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS  
By GENE ALLEMAN

Serious problems already facing members of the legislature concerning deficits, new taxes, rationing and many lesser questions, left little time for them to be concerned about last Monday's election. Unfortunately, their feelings are reflected by many of their constituents. Except where local matters like bond issues or races for city positions made hot contests, light balloting was reported.

Intense attention was paid the election, however, by Charles M. Ziegler, who ran for another term as Road Commissioner. The campaign for this position showed activity when his Democratic opponent, Eugene I. VanAntwerp, charged that Mr. Ziegler, through failure to take full advantage of matching federal aid, lost Michigan \$9 million in road building funds.

Mr. Ziegler lost no time in securing a letter from the Bureau of Public Roads stating that Michigan's Road Commission had utilized every penny of federal money. It ended with the sentence, "Michigan's record of taking up federal-aid allotments has been most excellent."

Future state elections will be directly affected by reapportionment provisions that are finally approved. Senators and representatives approach the problem with the same attitude most people feel while awaiting a visit to the dentist. They know it must be done; that it will cause some discomfort; that in the long run, it's all for the best. But they can't be anxious about it, either.

Michigan voters approved a measure last fall which requires the legislature to rearrange its system of selecting members to conform more nearly to the population distribution in the state. If the legislature fails to take this action, the law specifies that the Board of Canvassers, which consists of the secretary of state, the treasurer and the state land office commissioner, shall draw the redistricting lines.

A swing in power from rural to city legislators will follow the reapportionment. A change in the status quo is often disturbing but when rural lawmakers must arrange for the transfer of majority to city areas, it's like sending a boy for a switch to beat him.

The new setup will provide additional members for three Detroit area counties in the house, while the Upper Peninsula, northern half of the lower peninsula and the City of Saginaw will lose one each. Little can be done about the increase; the wrestling match concerns how the areas losing a representative shall be realigned.

Parts of the districts Kenneth O. Trucks (R-Eastern) and Harry B. Warner (R-Leroy) might be merged as would the areas represented by Elmer E. Eriandson (D-Escanaba) and John F. Wood (R-Continued on Page Six)



## LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON  
President—Looking Ahead Club  
Saginaw, Michigan

A group of hard-headed business men, imbued with a genuine spirit of public service, have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work in the massive graystone building on Pennsylvania Avenue from which is directed the \$20 billion a year business of the United States postal service. They have a single-minded purpose: to improve the nation's postal service while reducing its cost. If they succeed, their chief reward will be the satisfaction of showing that sound business management can be a practical expectancy in government.

The personal background of a number of the members of the new management "team" now being recruited in the Post Office Department, under the leadership of Arthur W. Summerfield, was well known to me when I walked into the Postmaster General's suite of offices. In the field of business and industry where they have carved out their success through hard-gained know-how, their abilities could not be had for double or triple the salaries they will receive from Uncle Sam. I put the question to Charles R. Hook, Jr., deputy postmaster general and organizational workhorse of the Summerfield team: "What motivates you men to make the personal sacrifices you're making to come to Washington?"

Hook is the son of one of America's most widely known steelmakers. He literally grew up in industry, but on his own. As vice-president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for the past six years, he has become recognized as one of the country's top authority on organization and personnel management. Here was his answer to my question:

"Our nation's predicament could be more serious only if we were in an all-out war. The American people generally are aware of the fact that unless we begin operating our Federal government on a balanced budget and demand ability and personal integrity as basic characteristics of the men in the management of government, the future is not going to be one we would like for our children. We business people who are leaving our work and our homes to come to Washington feel this deeply. We've been asked to make a contribution to the nation's security. We've responded — as all citizens in these times must."

The first job of Summerfield and Hook was to size up the task. Here's what they found: a \$20 billion yearly business with an operational budget of \$2.9 billion with more than 500,000 employees, with 43,000 post offices and postal stations — and with a deficit this year of \$859,000,000. "It's said Hook, 'Just our New York post office, one of the 43,000, does almost as much business as Macy's department store, the biggest in the world.' No wonder I found Hook hard at work in his office on Saturday! And he asked me if I'd mind doing the interview at the lunch hour! I didn't mind."

Men with know-how in each phase of the operation of this mammoth business are being brought in. John Allen, of California, is an example. Summerfield said Hook, "I just don't know how Allen voted last November, but they know he is one of the best men in American big transportation problems. For five (Continued on Page Three)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 12, 1929)**  
Sign of Spring  
The surest sign of spring has appeared in Farmington. In the modern day it is not the song of the robin or the first warm day, but the "put-put-put" of the motorcycles on which rides the officer of the law. Deputy Clayton Stokes has begun his daily patrolling on a new machine, which is one of ten obtained by the county for its officers.

**New Superintendent**  
The Farmington Board of Education has made its selection of a new superintendent of schools. At a special meeting Monday evening, the Board voted to engage Ralph B. Baker, for four years superintendent of schools at Uby, Michigan. Mr. Baker is now studying at Mt. Pleasant for a master's degree.

**Theatre Party**  
On Monday evening about thirty Farmington residents will attend the Bonstelle Playhouse in Detroit to witness the comedy "Two Girls Wanted". A motor coach has been provided for those who have already purchased tickets and will take the passengers directly to the theatre.

**TEN YEARS AGO (April 8, 1943)**  
Recital  
Under the auspices of the Music Department of Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan, Miss Louise Ward presented her graduation recital Sunday evening in Walsh Hall. Many of Louise's relatives and friends from Farmington attended the recital.

**Officials Re-Elected**  
Voting was light in both the city and township and all incumbents were returned to office in Monday's election. Those winning in the city election were Deles Hamlin, Adolph Nacker, Fred W. Bagnall, Theodore Hinger, Harrison Johnson, Emory Hatten, Avis Goetz, James Hogle, Harry Moore, Clinton Wilbur, Floyd Nichols, Lloyd Gullen, Horace Durban and Elmer Catherman.

**Red Cross War Fund Drive**  
The final figures have been compiled for the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Contributions from Farmington City and Township totaled \$6,748.48, and to this sum may be added two allocations, one from General Motors in the amount of \$1,696.00 and one from Consumers Power Company of \$150.00. This brings the total to \$8,594.48.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (April 8, 1948)**  
No Exception  
Farmington City and Township voters defeated both proposals in Monday's special election, as did voters over Oakland County in general. Only a few areas went on record in favor of the hospital expansion program, and the total county vote was overwhelmingly against the proposal for county hospital expansion.

**Action was taken at the Saturday morning meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission to speed up completion of the organization of the group and to create a summer recreation program for the Farmington area. Following a suggestion by the National Recreation Association, the group will seek official status so that funds may be accepted wherever and whenever available for recreational purposes.**

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