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EDITORIALS:

It's Our Opinion

The First Objective . . .

of the new, enlarged Farmington Township Board should be the establishment of a committee to study the improvement of the present township offices or the construction of new offices as outlined in a motion approved by the people at the Annual Township Meeting last Monday.

It is our opinion that this action is essential to the efficient operation of the township. In the past two years a tremendous change has taken place and it has only started. More and more people are coming to the township office for information and services. This is evidenced by the necessary increases in personnel and equipment which is now crowding the office. As the township continues to grow, which from all indications is happening at an ever-increasing rate, more space will be required. Thus it is important that changes be made which will not only take care of the present needs but will provide for the future.

In addition to the facilities needed for the regular operation of the township business, space should be provided for the conduct of public meetings. The necessity of this step is clearly illustrated at most regular Board meetings and at the annual meetings.

We realize that a considerable amount of study and talk has been devoted to this problem by the various Board members. However, we think it has gone beyond the talking stage. A complete review of the problem should be made at once and a blueprint of action drawn. It is not our intention to voice an opinion as to what should eventually be done. We feel it requires considerable study. However, we do believe that some temporary and inexpensive steps should be taken now to provide needed space in the present office. This would relieve the pressure and allow for a more detailed study of the future, long-range objective.

The Enthusiasm . . .

displayed by the large crowd that jammed the Farmington High School gymnasium last Wednesday evening for the annual Little League Baseball Rally was a wonderful example of community spirit.

It not only exemplified the companionship of parents and children, but showed the deep interest Farmington has in its youth. It was graphic proof that we are on the road toward fulfilling the responsibility of every community, belief in our boys and girls! We can perform no greater service to our community, our country or our future than to instill leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of belonging into our youth.

In one short year the Farmington Little League has become a community institution. However, it didn't just happen! It took enthusiasm, initiative, and a lot of hard work on the part of a lot of people and, equally important, it took community interest and support. The success of the first year is proof that Farmington has the spirit.

Beginning this year, Farmington's youth interest program is being expanded with the formation of a Little Bigger League. Thus even more boys will have an opportunity to play and to learn. The building of men and the future takes time . . . it is a continuous process that requires our continued enthusiasm and support.

Both the Farmington Little League and Little Bigger League are about to launch a new season . . . let's keep 'em playing . . . let's keep building men . . . let's continue showing 'em we care!

There's An Old Saying . . .

which points out that the only two certain things in this world are death and taxes.

We wouldn't want to stake our life on this statement, but it does serve to illustrate a point. And if they don't watch themselves up in Lansing the one may spell the other. At any rate a few more plump tax laws can mean death to a lot of businesses. The latest deal is a payroll tax which is supposed to give the state about 30 million dollars a year. The tax is paid by the employer and is reportedly deductible from Federal Income Taxes. But no matter how you slice it, the merchant, the businessman, is going to catch it in the neck.

The state needs more money, but taxing its sources of income into oblivion isn't going to get it for them.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 25200 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 8:30 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 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
 Cambridge and Grand River
 10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
 11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
 3:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, 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-grade lessons.
 6:30 Young People's Choir.
 6:30 Junior, Hi-Y, and Senior Youth Groups.
 6:30 Adult Study Class.
 7:00 Free-prayer 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
 A nursery 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
 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, 12:30 and 5:30.
 Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00 and 9:00.
 Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Church 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
 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 OC. 6372.

CHURCH OF GOD
 20841 Silvercreek 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 a.m. 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.

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V. F. W. Prize Winner

Farmington High Student Goulet Expresses Views On Democracy

The Enterprise takes pleasure in publishing the winning essay in the annual V.F.W. Auxiliary of Post 4023 contest written by Richard Goulet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josef A. Goulet of 23616 Warner in Farmington.

Goulet is an eleventh grade student at Farmington High School and plans to attend college after graduation. His prize-winning essay follows:

DEMOCRACY IS WHAT WE MAKE IT

The most precarious type of government is a democracy that is sustained by irresponsible people. The only movement that can possibly save this type of rule is an awakening of the people to their sense of duty and responsibility to their country. That is the problem which we of the United States are rapidly approaching today.

A great proportion of the American people are obsessed with the unintelligent idea that one person alone can do nothing to strengthen a good cause or destroy a bad one. They harp on the idea that their one vote does not matter. This feeling continually blocks people from participation in governmental affairs.

Irresponsible persons are people who will follow someone rather than lead. They offer no solution to the important, current day problems and are content to sit back and let the other fellow do the work. It is this type person that is easily dominated. Aggressors and dictators get their start in this way. There will always be

Hitlers and Stalins who sit around waiting for a lapse of responsibility of the few true democrats that still remain.

No government is better than the people make it. A democracy has to be run by the people themselves, not by merely a small group of puppeteers. Democracy means the people; cratos means rule. Therefore democracy means that the people rule. It took only fifty men to draft the Constitution of the United States, but today it must take millions of people, working together, to properly carry out this sacred trust.

The growth of our country has increased our problems infinitely. To meet these problems successfully, a great percentage of the people has to take an active interest in government and the heritage that is democracy. Almost the same number of men now run the government as did years ago. These men now have power over many more millions of people. This is all the more reason to watch them more closely — the people must keep a check on the government. A democracy can be only what we make it.

The average U. S. citizen is so engaged in making a living that he thinks that he does not have time for participation in his government. This makes him ignorant of current political affairs. When something happens that this lazy citizen dislikes he immediately begins to degrade and criticize the government, especially the "top brass" in the military. This is a bad attitude to take. Do not misunderstand. Criticism is good as long as it is directed along constructive lines but as soon as it becomes negative and begins to discredit for the sake of discredit, it completely loses its purpose. (Continued on Page Five)

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2200 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.
 Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 Not all people understand what it means by the atonement of Christ Jesus. Christian Science explains this in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Doctrine of Atonement" which will be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, April 19.

The Golden Text is from I John 1:13: "That which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST

Warner and Thomas Streets
 Sermon by Dr. Frank D. Adams at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 19: "Something About You, Citizens!" Junior Church in Adams Hall at same hour.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. J. B. Guilan, Farm. 1049
 (Services in Universalist Church)
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon. Holy Communion 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: "Impoverished Lives."
 6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
 Wednesday night, Choir rehearsal at church at 7:00 p.m.

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 21995 Truane Wednesday 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.



By GENE ALLEMAN

What will happen when atom bombs fall here? And if they fall? How much can we help ourselves by spending time and money now to reduce disaster later, should disaster strike?

Particularly the "if" but also the "when" of modern bomb attacks make the whole problem of Civil Defense difficult. Individual people tend to put off decisions about CD until "some other time," realizing that organized action, to be effective, must be planned long before an attack takes place. Legislators seem to react in a similar way. For the most part, they can't work up much enthusiasm for Civil Defense problems.

It is not too hard to understand their attitude. Basic feeling is that the state should not be expected to get excited about spending for Civil Defense until the federal government shows signs of backing a national program with big money and a real organization. They do not feel that Uncle Sam has shown that interest. "Washington has the money and figures," a senate leader said. "If their sources of intelligence do not show conditions dangerous enough to warrant a federal program, how can individual states be expected to take action?"

Recent Red peace overtures will not increase chances for Civil Defense appropriations either. For the legislature, like an individual, breathes more easily when the pressure is off. And with solons still sweating out a big state deficit, the legislature can be expected to spend a little time and even less money on Civil Defense provisions.

But continuation of talk at a federal level of spending and clean cut action can be expected to have its effect on the legislature. When President Eisenhower talks about the legislature can be expected to take action. President Eisenhower talks about the legislature can be expected to take action.

Investigation into problems of padding of school reports so local districts can get more money from the state is being approached very gingerly, indeed, by capitol people. It all started with the discovery that Sandusky has probably received \$145,000 more than was due it during the last two years. Examinations of school figures in Lansing caused Governor Williams to request that 20 counties be investigated.

But it is being whispered in capitol corridors that a detailed audit and strict application of the law might implicate as many as 200 school districts. Legislators hope that there are without good foundation and that the whole matter can be corrected with a minimum of embarrassment and publicity.

Michigan will gain substantially if the federal "Tidelands Oil" bill (Continued on Page Eight)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 10, 1928)

In this week's issue an article written by N. H. Power, a pioneer resident of Farmington, tells about the first wedding in Farmington. Said Power's article: "The first wedding in town occurred in 1826. Nathaniel Tolman married Mary Lewis. Squire Amos Mead performed the ceremony in a large house that stood near what is now known as the John Boyle farm, in the northeastern part of the town. No diamond ring was placed on the hand of the bride by the groom. No wedding march was played and no rice was thrown, but in spite of these omissions their married life was a happy one."

The condition of Farmington's fire department and the situation in regard to the cells for detention of city prisoners has resulted in suggestions that the city construct either a new fire hall and cell block on the city property on Division Street, or a new jail in the rear of the police booth on Grand River Avenue.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 15, 1943)

Bond Sale
 A small group of the Glee Club girls will sing at the Civic Theatre next Wednesday evening to boost the sale of War Bonds. After the first picture the lights will be turned on and Mr. Hobler will sell Bonds while the girls sing.

Mayor Pro Tem
 The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Farmington was held Wednesday evening at the City Hall. All Commissioners, Bagnall, Huett, Hinger, Macker, Johnson and Hatten were present. Commissioner Fred Bagnall was named Mayor Pro Tem to act at any time Mayor DeLoe Hamlin may be absent.

Appointment
 The Civilian Defense Council of Farmington held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening. Mrs. Albert Beals was appointed in charge of child welfare activities, and will work under the Civilian War Service of the Defense Council.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 15, 1948)

Baseball
 Farmington and Clarenceville will open their baseball season on April 20 and the lineups will be as follows: Farmington: Bryant, McLean, Hansen, Hilbert, Green, Chack, Schoer, Hie and Bertie. For Clarenceville: Roberts, Rousseau, Soudenburg, Rutla, Riddell, Shacala, Albers, Estep and Grimm.

Contest Winners
 For the tenth year in succession, the Groves - Walker Post, American Legion Auxiliary, has sponsored the Americanism Essay Contest. Writing on the subject "Our Great American Heritage," the following winners were named: Junior High School, Patricia Pitla and Rita Christian, respectively. Winners in the high school division were Dorothy Howard, Robert Ericson and Katherine Kingsley, respectively.

Home
 The Clarenceville High School band will present its annual revue on Saturday evening at the school under the direction of Arthur Mann. Fred Grose is president of the band, Rob Teahan is vice-president, Glen Grimm, secretary, and Jackie Kodla, treasurer.

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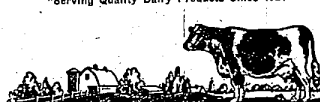


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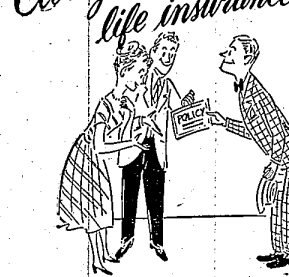
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