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It's Our Opinion

An Amazing Job . . .

is being done in the field of medical science to rid the world of disease and increase the life expectancy of human beings. Yet at the same time these gains are being cancelled out in ever-increasing numbers through death and permanent injury on our highways. It doesn't make sense, does it?

We have developed a whole new series of wonder drugs to protect the body against illness, but we have yet to find a wonder drug against traffic accidents and highway deaths. It can't be done? It must be done or all our gains will be lost. Today more of our citizens die or are left permanently crippled in auto accidents than in most of our so-called dreaded diseases. There is an answer, and it must be put to work.

When an epidemic hits our community and our country, we move — and fast. We go to a doctor for protection and treatment and we do what he says. We don't argue with him or dispute the proved facts of his science. Yet, what happens any week end on Michigan's highways? We say, "It's terrible, what's the matter with people, anyway?"

Traffic laws, like the laws of medicine, must be enforced if this slaughter is to be eliminated. Our police and courts must prescribe a strict cure in accordance with the laws if this epidemic of traffic accidents is to be controlled. In plain, unvarnished words, we've got to get tough! At the same time the police and the courts must be backed up by all law abiding citizens interested in staying alive. Our citizens must be made to realize that like our medical scientist, our traffic experts are trying to save lives . . . your lives. Making excuses, arguing, disputing the laws and cussing out enforcement officers is only another way of promoting continued death and injury. At the same time, an attitude of indifference on the part of our courts and police only encourages citizens to break the laws.

There isn't much point in lengthening the life span of man if it serves only as more statistics in the highway death record.

Last Thursday . . .

evening members of the inactive Farmington Area Civil Defense organization, along with a number of other citizens, got together for the purpose of trying to revive the defense program in this community.

Much of the time was spent in hearing eye witness reports of the devastation caused by the tornado at Flint and Milford. Since these terrible disasters, civil defense has taken on a new and more important meaning. As was pointed out at the meeting, what would Farmington do if a similar catastrophe struck? It is something for everyone to think about and, more important, do something about.

The Enterprise has, on a number of occasions, stressed the importance of civil defense as a peace-time activity as well as a war necessity. Unfortunately, it has taken a tragedy to illustrate the need. The ineffectiveness of the civil defense program, not only in the disaster areas but throughout the state, was graphically pointed out by the confusion that followed the tornadoes.

Many things can happen in a community such as ours. They can happen suddenly and with devastating effect. We must be prepared to meet any emergency if lives are to be saved. However, in order to have an efficient organization, we must have personnel and a plan as well as a sincere belief in the value of such a program. The recent disasters have done much to implant in the minds of all of us the need for direct action. Whether it be a tornado, a serious fire, a major accident or an electrical storm, we must be prepared to act.

Let's hope that none of these things happen . . . but let's hope too that if any one of them should happen . . . we will be ready!

It Appears . . .

that once again a small but obviously influential group has succeeded in setting the nation back on the trail to the rear. We refer to the expected pigeon-holing of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project for the umpteenth time. It appears that if the job is to be done, Canada will have to do it and we will have to sit on the bank and watch. It's a sad commentary on progress and a serious blow to the fine relationship between two great countries.

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 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, 10:40 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.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
10:40 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
6:30 a.m., Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
10:45 a.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

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

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study at 9:30 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, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 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.
"Hour 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 SO. 8372.

CHURCH OF GOD
25341 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.
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.
10:00 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 clear, simple classes for all ages. During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.
7:30, Evening Worship service.

Politics Make Strange Bedfellows!



"Michigan has a 'one disaster' police force." These are the words of State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs, an amiable man whose appearance resembles President Eisenhower.

It is Child's task to direct operations of the Michigan State Police Department. He reached his conclusion about the department's limitation a few days after the Flint tornado — a disaster which required all troopers available. Fate: 142 officers, more than twice the usual number, were in the Upper Peninsula pursuing the last of seven escaped convicts.

Difficulties experienced during these two emergencies in two peninsulas are responsible for some concern by several state officials and many citizens. Michigan's present authorized police strength is 678. Only 670 are now in uniform. In addition, the department employs about 217 civilians at district posts and at state headquarters in East Lansing. The latter group includes radio operators, mechanics, clerks, custodian and secretarial workers.

Commissioner Childs admits that 678 sounds like a big number until the figure is analyzed. "Remember," he said, "there are 24 hours each day when state police are on duty." Central headquarters requires 67 men, mostly specialists. They include fire, racket, training, fingerprint laboratory experts and administration officers.

"Not one car was on patrol in the Lower Peninsula the day following the Flint tornado," said the chief police official. "And only two or three men were left at each post."

"Our present force," says Commissioner Childs, "is not sufficient to give the service we would like to give."

Michigan's police department has not kept pace with the growth of the state's population in the past ten years. There are 57,022 square miles of land in the state, with 107,000 miles of road to be covered. An average of 64 million miles are driven daily by three million drivers in two and a half million vehicles. The total is much higher than it was in pre-holidays. And the total is much, much higher than it was in previous years.

"We need about 1,250 men on the state police force," estimated Commissioner Childs. This is an aim to be hoped for over a period of years. The only way for this increase to come about, he added, is by a realization on the part of the public that the increase is badly needed. Funds for the state police department are appropriated each year by the Legislature. "The Legislature understands our problems," (Continued on Page Three)

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. B. Guitan, Farm. 1043
(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 25015 Valleyview.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m., Church School.
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship.
Sermon theme: "Spring Cleaning."
8:00 p.m., Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

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 21396 Tulane 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.

LOOKING AHEAD
By GEORGE S. BENSON
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The five big private electric companies that supply nearly all of the houses, businesses and industries in New York State are doing what the economic planners in this country said couldn't be done. They are proposing to build a giant \$300,000,000 power project from the taxpayers. The Niagara River using water from 150 miles above the mighty falls, financing it with their own money! The economic planners, whose goal has been the socialization of the entire U. S. electric power industry, have contended the federal government must build the big power projects because private companies do not have the necessary financial resources.

It is true that no single private company can match the federal government's ability to spend multi-million-dollar amounts collected from the taxpayers. But groups of private companies operating in a single state or region can finance any feasible project. And that is what they are proposing to do. In the case of the "Public Power" supporters in Congress nevertheless want the government, and not private enterprise, to build and own and operate the proposed project. The issue, therefore, is a clear-cut choice between government and private ownership!

Government ownership would mean the spending of \$300,000,000, and probably a great deal more, of the taxpayers' money. Government construction costs and operating costs are notoriously high. Usually a project estimated by government officials to cost \$100,000,000 actually costs about twice that amount before the U. S. Treasury gets through paying the bills. With the government project, the Niagara project would cost \$500,000,000 — half a billion. And once in operation, it wouldn't be a taxpayer like the private company.

If the private companies are permitted to build it, the hundreds of millions paid by taxpayers will be available for other heavy expenses of government. And when fully completed the Niagara project, would pay an estimated \$23,000,000 in new tax money each year!

Other private companies recently have combined to finance development of the "Public Power" proponents said couldn't be done by private enterprise. Five private companies in the Paducah, Kentucky, area pooled resources to build a giant \$40,000,000 steam plant to serve a new atomic arsenal now under construction; and approximately 20 companies in the Ohio Valley joined forces to build a power project to serve another huge atomic plant. In both instances, the Public Power advocates had said the job was "too big for private enterprise."

Niagara is a spectacular challenge to American industrial ingenuity. In 1895 a private company, the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, pioneered water power development when it installed the Adams station just above the falls. Later other stations were built. These utilized all the water for power permitted under an agreement with Canada. In 1950, a new agreement permitted use of additional water above the falls. Thus the power (Continued on Page Six)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 28, 1928)

Even One hundred and sixteen automobiles travelling along Grand River passed Gates Corners, west of Farmington, Sunday afternoon before a car could get across Grand River. The count was made by Elmer Emmons, Farmington Township Treasurer, who was one of those that made "the long wait." Traffic all along Grand River Sunday was reported at a mid-summer rate with exceptional congestion in late afternoon and evening.

Lamb Heads Exchange At the meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon, Arthur Lamb was elected president of the organization to succeed Dr. G. F. Weaver, whose term expired Wednesday. John J. Schulte was elected first vice-president.

Revenge West Point Park's fast-traveling baseball team won revenge over Lake Orion on Sunday, defeating that team on its home grounds 7 to 5 in an interesting contest. West Point Park, which has developed a winning streak, played one of the best games it has shown this season, one error being the only bar to a perfect day in the field.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 24, 1943) Capacity Reached The Michigan Bell Telephone Company today asked that Farmington people, as a war measure, keep their use of the telephone to a minimum to help relieve a serious condition in the community's communication service. The company also asked users to be as brief as possible in all their telephone conversations, to refrain from asking "information" for numbers listed in the directory and to avoid calling for the time of day.

Camp Bound Several Farmington boys and girls are spending this week at camp at Walden Woods and will return this Sunday. Those attending are Jerry Stewart, Marilyn Vivier, Audrey Vivier, Beryl Erwin, Priscilla Johnson, Cherry Richards and Doris Crook. FIVE YEARS AGO (June 24, 1948) Heads Bar Wendell Brown, 29921 Ardmore, has been elected president of the Detroit Bar Association, it was announced last week. Brown has been active in the association for a number of years and served on the board since 1939.

West Coast Hit Farmington was represented on the "largest stage in the world" two weeks ago when June Toth, talented high school pianist, entertained 12,000 persons at the Kiwanis International convention in the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The stage in the Shrine auditorium is reported to be the largest in the world. June made a tremendous hit in Los Angeles and spent an active and interesting week at the Kiwanis convention.

Another Convention Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Anderson and family attended a singing concert in Waukegan, Illinois, last week. A feature of the program was the Arty Men's Chorus of Detroit, which Mr. Anderson directs. His son, Ivar, Jr., and Mrs. Fred Lundberg of Farmington sing with the group and Margaret Brown of Hollywood Drive is accompanist.

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