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EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion

The Recent Upsurge . . .

In serious and fatal traffic accidents on Middlebelt Road in Farmington Township is causing considerable alarm, as well it should!

This section of road has been extremely hazardous for some time, but it is becoming even more so as the flow of traffic increases. Traffic accidents on Middlebelt have resulted in death to several persons and serious injury to a score of others thus far this summer. Most of the accidents have been the result of excessive speed or failure to halt at stop signs.

Citizens of the Farmington area are well aware of the seriousness of the situation. Many of them not even drive Middlebelt because of the danger involved. But we wonder if highway and safety officials of the county and state realize what is happening. Early last spring, authorization was given for the erection of traffic lights at Grand River and Middlebelt, but at this writing the lights are still missing. Township officials have made repeated inquiries as to when the lights would be installed and have gotten various answers. In the meantime a number of serious accidents have occurred at the intersection.

A lot of time and effort are being expended in an all-out drive to reduce the heavy toll of accidents on our highways. Frankly, it is very discouraging to write editorials pleading for safe driving and in the same week report new deaths and injuries because of a lack of safety facilities. If we are to reduce accidents on Middlebelt Road, lights must be installed immediately at the intersection of Grand River, and in addition, a speed control zone should be set up and the high shoulders at the various intersections should be cut back, allowing adequate vision. Larger stop signs should be erected on Middlebelt Road or paving markings installed to warn motorists of the dangerous intersections.

These projects cost money . . . but what does the loss of a life cost?

At Last . . .

the Council has taken positive steps to insure more adequate and modern fire protection for the City of Farmington.

By earmarking \$12,000 from the 1952-53 budget surplus for a new fire truck the Council has initiated action that should have been taken years ago. In fact, several times during the past, monies have been set aside in the budget for the eventual purchase of modern fire equipment, but it has always been drawn out for some other purpose. This time the money has been definitely earmarked by the Council.

Although there has been only one major fire in the city in the past seven or eight years, it is no sign that there will not be more. We must be prepared to meet any situation. In order to meet it our volunteers must have the necessary equipment to work with.

The Enterprise hopes that a new fire truck will be purchased as soon as possible now that the money has been allocated, and we hope, too, that it will serve as a stimulant for the establishment of a regular 24-hour fire department.

Adequate equipment and regular, on-duty fire fighting personnel are essential to the welfare and safety of any growing community.

The Battle . . .

on Post Office ridge continues as it has for the past several years. The conflict was initiated by the previous administration and is being carried on with vigor by the present one.

Although the battle concerns the entire general public, much of the action has been leveled at the users of second class mail as a diversionary measure. The newspapers in particular have become the object of a flanking attack designed to break the Post Office Department deficit. In spite of several increases already in effect, Postmaster General Summerfield proposes a new 42% boost in second class rates.

We appreciate Mr. Summerfield's desire to balance the Post Office Department budget, but we resent the implication that newspapers are being subsidized as a result of the rate structure. The newspapers are willing to pay their just share based on the actual cost of handling and distributing their respective publications. At the same time they have a right to expect, as any citizen does, that suggestions presented at committee hearings, which would add to the efficiency and service of the Department without any major rate increases, be put into effect.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
25600 Grand River Avenue
Adult 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 departments.
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
Adult Church School, 9:15
Morning Worship, 10:15. (Nursery attendant during this hour.)
Church School Classes, 10:15, for Beginners, Primary and Juniors.
- LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**
W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.
Children through third grade provided for during hour of regular service.
No Senior Sunday School for summer.
- 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.
Thursday Prayer Service, 7:30 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.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m., the Young People's 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.
11:10 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.
5:40 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, Hi-BY, and Senior Youth Groups.
6:40 Adult Study Class.
7:10 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.
- 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.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.
- OUR LADY OF SORROWS**
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:35 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-TV 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
21123 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.
Free Youth Clubs weekly.
Free transportation phone SO. 5272.
- CHURCH OF GOD**
20341 Shilavasse 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.
- TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. J. B. Guinan, Farm. 1049
(Services in Universalist Church)
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon, Holy Communion on each first Sunday.
Church School: Pre-school to third grade during Sunday 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.

Hi, Comrade!



Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

"Is it safe to eat?" That's a question Michigan people rarely ask themselves unless they are in faraway lands.

People in this country take for granted that food and drink offered for sale here is wholesome and can be consumed without danger of contracting disease. It is natural that we should make this assumption for experience has shown us that such is the case.

This desirable condition didn't just happen. It is the result of the combined efforts of many governmental agencies. An important member of this group is the state Department of Agriculture.

The department's main function is to see that some 120 state laws and 75 regulations are complied with by everyone concerned with supplying food to the public.

Seven separate bureaus divide this work and function under administration of the department's director, Charles Figy.

A wide range of activities are covered by these bureaus which include: laboratories, dairy and marketing and enforcement. Others bureau control the growth of plants and trees, animal diseases, care of building and grounds. Such matters as public relations, livestock sales, farm coordination and many others are handled by the bureau of agricultural industry.

"Constant surveillance," said Figy, "is maintained on every phase of food production goes on. Sanitary conditions of the farmer, wholesaler and retail grocer are continually under scrutiny. Much effort is made to guarantee the consumer that his purchases will be full weight, properly labeled and unadulterated."

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, FARMINGTON
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.
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
To love and be loved is the earnest desire of everyone. How to accomplish this is explained in the Lesson - Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, August 2, in the subject of "Love".
The Golden Text is from 11 Corinthians (13:11): "the perfect, be in peace; comfort, be of one mind, live in good, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Adult services in summer recess; to be resumed September 13.

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.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Sermon theme: "Spring Cleaning."
6:00 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
13183 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.

KNOWLEDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian)
Isabel Road, 1/2 mile N. of 3 Mile
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
B. C. Cranfield, Minister
Res. ALA. 6-2324 Office NE. 1-0259

LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON
Editor, Farmington Enterprise

There's an old saying in the writing profession that a person will never become a great writer until he has lost a steady income and begins to make a living solely on his own. Recently a promising free lance writer was offered a steady job with permission to continue his outside writing and keep the extra income. He turned it down. "When I'm on my own," he said, "necessity keeps me hard at work on my writing, and my writing improves. With a steady income from another source, the need to keep working hard at my writing is gone, and I quit working hard. Need is my driving force."

Almost the same thing was said more than 100 years ago by one of America's greatest free lance writers, Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Take away from me the feeling that I must depend on myself," he wrote, "and instantly I relax my diligence." Emerson has frequently been called the wisest of all Americans. He lived his philosophy, making his life writing essays and poetry and giving lectures. Since this is the 150th anniversary of his birth, Emerson's wisdom, which shines in his writings, is appropriate for reviewing. It is of special interest to the writer, and his marking is being beckoned along the road toward collectivism.

Emerson contended throughout his writings and lectures that if society is to develop and progress the individual and his personality must be emphasized and not the State or the mass. "Society everywhere," he said, "is a conspiracy against the manhood of every one of its members." Society never advances, he said, unless it is man improves. The wise and just man will always feel . . . that he imparts strength to the State, not receives security from it.

"The first rule of economy," Emerson said, "is that every man shall maintain himself. The harvest will be better preserved and go farther laid up in each farmer's corncrib and each woman's basket than if it were kept in national granaries. In like manner an amount of money will go farther if expended by each man or woman for their own wants and in the feeling that this is their all than if expended by a great steward of National Commissioners of the Treasury."

"In dealing with the State," Emerson wrote, "we ought to remember that its institutions are never aboriginal, though they existed before we were born; that they are not superior to the citizen; that every one of them was once the act of a single man; every law and usage was a man's expedient to meet a particular need, that they are all alterable, all alterable, we may make as good, we may make better."

"The rise know that foolish legislation is a rope of sand which perishes in the twisting; that the State must follow and not lead the character and progress of the citizen; and that the form of government which prevails is the expression of what cultivation exists in the population which permits it."

"The less government we have," said Emerson over and over again, "the better; the fewer laws and the less confided power. The antidote to this abuse of formal government is the influence of private character, the growth of the individual. The highest end of government is the culture of men."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

First Airplane
The first airplane to be built in Farmington is rapidly nearing completion and is expected to be taken up for its maiden flight on August 11. Sherman Yerks and Henry Miller, two Farmington men, are the builders of the plane, which will be a monoplane of fairly large size. All the work will be done at the garage in Farmington except the fitting the wings on the frame. The wings will be attached at the Stinson factory at Northville, where the first flight will take place.

Knocks Stars
A look at a grocery store advertisement in this issue of The Enterprise revealed the following as samples of the cost of living at that time: one pound-pail of peanut butter, 14c; loaf of bread, 5c; three cans of tomatoes, 25c; 25 pounds of sugar, \$1.63; quart of olives, 33c.

Ten Years Ago (July 29, 1945)
Old History Books
Two highly interesting old books of record were unearthed recently in Farmington by a local resident, supplying much information about the ancestry of some of our city's citizens. In particular, the Lee family history is well traced. The biography of Horatio Lee, one of the most interesting accounts in the book, well written and containing many little sidelights of humor, is a gem.

Household Tats Collection
Figures for June show Oakland County in third place in the state with 102.6 per cent of its quota filled. Oakland is the first large county in the state to attain 100 per cent and is one of six to top the quota, according to John D. McGills of the War Production Board.

To Improve Honor Roll
Legion officials announced this week that they plan to change the construction of the City and Township Honor Roll, and will add another board on each side of the present board, similar in design and construction. This will be done so that all of the names will appear on the front of the board.

Season Ends
Ending the most successful summer session in five years, the Farmington Summer Band brought its six week music program to a close this week. Director Lloyd Smith said this summer's hand activities were the most successful from the standpoint of attendance and accomplishment.

Old Jinx
The Farmington Junior Legion ball team ran into trouble over the week and when they came up against the old jinx, the Pigeon Lake team, they were defeated 10-0. The team had a record of 10-0 but lost the last game, the scoreboard showed Farmington with 16 runs, 29 hits and 2 errors against Farmington's 4 runs, 6 hits and 3 errors.

Reunion
The 27th annual reunion of the members and descendants of the Fly family was held last Sunday in Farmington City Park. It was attended by 55 persons.

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