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EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion

The Final Results . . .

of the special vote registration in Farmington Township were a little disappointing.

Maybe we hooked our hopes on a star when we should have picked a roof top, but we had a logical reason for doing it. Since the last election a large number of new families have moved into the township and we had hoped that the majority of them would add their names to the registration books. However, only 18 signed up during the three weeks prior to the deadline on September 4.

In spite of the light registration, Farmington Township has an extremely high percentage of qualified voters. So we are going to latch onto one of those far-off stars again and hope that a record vote will be recorded at the special election on Monday, October 5. Maybe we're shooting too high . . . but we can't help but feel it's worth a hope at least.

Township residents have two very good reasons for casting their ballots in the October 5 election. Every American citizen has an obligation and responsibility to vote whenever the opportunity presents itself. This is particularly true when the issue directly affects the local community. Both of these reasons are clearly present in the special hunting ban election.

Once again the citizens of the township have an opportunity to strengthen democracy. Maybe this statement sounds trite . . . but it's true. The secret ballot is the most powerful and most conclusive voice in the world . . . and you have the responsibility and the right to use it. Once again the citizens of the township have a chance to decide whether vital local legislation will be approved or disapproved. Nothing could be closer to the people involved.

Regardless of the issue or individual opinions, the result of this election must be clear-cut and decisive. Minority action only leaves doubt and confusion . . . only weakens the foundation of democracy.

The Campaign . . .

to save lives on Michigan highways is beginning to pay off, although quite a few drivers may not see it quite that way.

During the Labor Day week end Farmington police and State troopers were out in force patrolling the streets and highways. The result was a lot of violation tickets and a lot less traffic accidents. Those drivers who received a summons may not appreciate the favor that was shown them. They undoubtedly feel that they were "picked on". The truth is that some of them, at least, were saved from possible death or serious injury.

Yes, there were accidents and deaths over the Labor Day week end and unfortunately there will be more. But the increased emphasis on law enforcement is having its effect, and it will have more effect if we all realize it and remember it. Good sportsmanship on the street or highway is as important as it is on a football field. We don't think much of a player who roughs up a kicker or interferes with a passer and we're glad to see the officials step off a penalty against his team. The same goes for a driver who breaks the rules. A penalty may make him think . . . before he kills himself or brings death and injury to others.

Driving an automobile is hardly a game, but it does have its winners. The champion always gets from here to there and back safely and he depends on skill, not luck, to do it.

A Heated Controversy . . .

is beginning to brew over the question of abolishment of the township form of government.

A lot of facts and figures are being compiled by some groups to show that townships are not only inefficient but ineffective as well and that, through the means of the sales tax diversion amendment, they are largely responsible for the sad condition of the state's finances. No one can deny that some townships are improperly managed. Nor can anyone deny that the state financial picture is anything but critical.

Yet, the opponents of township government are forgetting one basic principle . . . if democracy is to survive, government must be kept close to the people. If we abolish townships . . . what about villages and cities? Can the county or state collect taxes, administer zoning, build and equip fire stations, cooperate with local citizens in the building of roads any easier or cheaper than townships can? We don't throw away a good pair of pants because the pockets have a couple of holes in them . . . we get 'em patched up!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
25600 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 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
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
(A nursery is maintained during the Morning Worship.)
- LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**
W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Church School, third grade through high school, 9:30 a.m.
Nursery through second grade at 10:45 a.m.
- FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10:00 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.
- CLARENGEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**
Cambridge and Grand River
10:00 a.m. large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
9:30 a.m. the 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**
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-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 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.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings, 8 p.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, 8:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.
- OUR LADY OF SORROWS**
Sole 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**
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.
- SOUTFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
21122 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Fellowship.
7:45 p.m. Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth Clubs weekly.
For free transportation phone SO. 5372.
- CHURCH OF GOD**
20341 Shilavassce at Middlebelt
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 a.m. Evangelistic Service.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8 p.m. Saturday, Young People's Service.
- TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. J. B. Gulina, 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.
- 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.

Due for a Change

SEPTEMBER

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Back passing on bingo and other forms of "charitable" gambling is responsible for one of the dirtiest political situations in years. Each government agency finds it wise or necessary to point its finger in another direction. Result: Any one trying to fix responsibility gets groggy running a circle from office to office.

Behind doors, the situation can be simply described. Banning of bingo depends on the prosecutor and sheriff in each county. These officials can order arrests. If they like, they can make a case, courts have little choice, must find defendants guilty. State law and legal precedents are plain. Bingo and raffish are unlawful according to Supreme Court interpretations.

"Onts" exist for just about everything.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, FARMINGTON
23701 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Farmington Town Hall.
6:30 p.m. Sunday School at 23701 Cass Avenue.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Service.
Reading Room, hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
That matter is found to be unstable in human experience is shown in the Lesson. Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, September 20, under the subject of "Matter".

The Golden Text is from Hosea (1:7): "I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
The Rev. Russell Lincoln will preach at the 11:00 a.m. service Sunday, September 20, on: "The Land of the Living".

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
10:00 Morning Worship Service. Special music by the choir. Illustrations by the choir. Special music by the choir. Illustrations by the choir.

11:30, Sunday School; Bible study in classes; classes for all ages. During the School hour the Junior Church 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.
Sunday School theme: "Quickening Our Gifts".

6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 20, family night with hot lunch at 6:30.

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 21996 Tulane Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Gaylord Baptist Church
15185 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.

THE DETROIT GOSPEL BARRICADE
10000 Winston
FULL GOSPEL
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Young People's Meeting each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
Ladies' Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Old Fashion Prayer Meeting Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Catholic)
Inster, Road, 1 Mile N. of 5 Mile
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Rev. E. C. Crandall, Minister
Rev. M. A. 5231 Office Rm. 10330

LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President - Michigan College
Saginaw, Michigan

During the years that I've been aggressively combating the infiltration of Communism in America, a person occasionally has asked: "What keeps you going in your crusade against Communism?" The answer: Our people as a whole don't fully understand the true nature or recognize the real danger of Communism. Until they do, all we love is threatened.

Phillip Deane, an English newspaperman in Korea, didn't learn the full truth about Communists until he was wounded and captured by the North Korean Reds. He was a prisoner for 32 months! He has put down his experiences in his book, "I Was A Captive In Korea" (Norton). His description of the Communists' brutality is almost unbelievable. Those people in America who are "soft" toward Communists, those who are everlastingly attacking our Congressional committees as they expose hidden Reds in government and elsewhere, ought to read and reread Phillip Deane's report on the death of Cordus H. Thornton, an American lieutenant from Texas whom the Reds captured along with the remains of remnants of Thornton's platoon.

The North Korean Commandant known as "Tiger" ordered Thornton not to permit any of his men to collapse during a terrible starvation death march. He ordered them to make. Finally, so many of his men fell dying along the way. Lieutenant Thornton could no longer comply with the Tiger's command. The Tiger was horrified before he ordered along the way. Phillip Deane reports the scene in his book:

"Why did you let those five men drop out?" asked the Tiger.
"Because, sir, they were dying. I couldn't let them die. I had to order and have them carried."
"Because, sir, that meant condemning the carriers to death from exhaustion."
"You knew I had ordered no one should drop out?"
"Yes, sir."
"In wartime the penalty for disobedience is death. You disobeyed orders. I will kill you. That is what would happen in the American Army also, is it not?"
"In the American Army, sir, there would be a trial."
The Tiger turned to the assembled Korean soldiers: "I have authorized I kill him. He has disobeyed orders. What must I do?"
"Kill him," screamed the soldiers. "Kill them all."
"You see," said the Tiger to Lieutenant Thornton. "You have had your trial. A People's Trial. People's Justice. Now I will kill you."
"In Texas," said Thornton, a tone of contempt in his voice. "We call that lynching, not justice."
"Tell him," said the Tiger (to the Red soldiers), pointing to Thornton, "he must turn about." Lieutenant Cordus H. Thornton was on parade. His shoulders squared, head up, chin in, arms firmly at his sides, he abounded as one does during drill. The Tiger took a handkerchief and bound Lieutenant Thornton's eyes. Then with his pistol he shot him in the back of the neck. A tall, blond sergeant jumped forward and caught his officer's body before it touched the ground. Tenderly, as if carrying a child, the sergeant took the lieutenant's body to the ditch.

This incident was a part of the education of Phillip Deane, news-

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 20, 1928)
First Driver

Ed Thayer of Farmington had the honor of driving Farmington's new fire truck on its first call. The blaze was on the roof of the home of William Irish at 508 East Grand River Avenue Tuesday evening. The damage was small and only chemicals were used. Mr. and Mrs. Irish are eager to thank all who helped and to reward a passing motorist who saw the fire and notified them.

Exercise

Residents of Farmington may have opportunity for plenty of exercise this winter. In the interest of economy, Mayor Wells D. Butterfield suggested at the City Commission meeting Monday night that the city "might do away with the snow-ploys on the sidewalks."

New Pastor

H. Addis Leeson is the new pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church, designated this week by the Detroit Methodist Conference at Sault Ste. Marie. Rev. Leeson will preach his first sermon in Farmington on Sunday.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 16, 1943)
Scouts Sell Produce

Farmington Girl Scouts are producing the results of a busy summer for they are now collecting and selling the produce from the garden they maintained this year. The garden is located at Gill Road and Grand River, and each week end during the summer the girls would meet to take care of their plants and vegetables.

Food News Help

The unusual plea for aid, "We don't want funds, we want persons to join our staff and at good wages," is the cry being voiced in local school, club and employment circles by Clyde L. Reed, superintendent of Ford Republic, one of the world's finest boys' schools, located near Farmington at the corner of Nine Mile and Inkster Roads.

Gardeners Meet

The first meeting of the autumn season of the Farmington Garden Club was held last Monday afternoon at the Farmington Town Hall. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Leo Gamacho, the club president, introduced Mrs. David P. Dunlop, nationally famous for her artistic flower arrangements.

FIVE YEARS AGO (September 16, 1948)
Anniversary

Monday, September 20, the Civic Theatre will celebrate its eighth anniversary. Eddie Hoehler, manager of the Civic, has planned a week of celebration with plenty of extras. A week of outstanding pictures has been planned and many free passes will be given out.

Light Vote

Only a small percentage of the registered voters in the city and township voted in Tuesday's Primary Election. The general vote, including the town of the state and county. In the city a total vote of 253 was recorded, with 220 voting the Republican ballot and 33 voting the Democratic ballot.

Horse Show

Over 200 horses from Michigan and Ohio entertained the crowd attending the Third Annual Farmington Horse Show held Saturday and Sunday at the Farmington Valley Saddle Club grounds. Trophies, cash prizes and ribbons were awarded to winners in 42 classes of competition.

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