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EDITORIALS: It's Our Opinion

Another Complaint . . .

has been registered by a township resident regarding the moving of old houses into the area. This is the third or fourth such complaint we have received in the past year.

Under the provisions of the present zoning ordinance, it is lawful to move houses into or within the township except where certain subdivision restrictions prohibit it. We do not believe that the moving of houses should be eliminated completely, but rather that specific provisions be made which would protect existing property.

The growing concern over this problem is very understandable. Many township residents have put the bulk of their savings and a great deal of hard work into a permanent home. They are justly proud of it. But in a matter of hours, a large portion of their savings and effort can be washed down the drain by the sudden appearance in the neighborhood of an old house which cannot be made to conform with the existing facilities.

On the other hand, there are still many areas in the township which are undeveloped. There are other areas where these houses could be made to conform with existing dwellings. In fact, there are several locations where this is being done without objection. If these homes are altered and repaired on a practical time schedule, they can not only provide adequate housing for many residents but can be a credit to the township as well.

The primary function of laws is to protect the individual and the group and preserve rights and property. It's worth thinking about!

The Prediction . . .

of a light vote in the special election last Tuesday proved, unfortunately, to be very true.

In fact, fewer persons bothered to go to the polls on Thursday than did in the Primary on January 21. As one election worker said, "It makes you sorta ashamed to sit here and see so few who care." As we stated before, maybe the lack of fanfare and the absence of controversial issues made the election seem unimportant, but the record of indifference still stands as an indelible mark.

Is this record business so important? That is a question you will have to answer according to your own dictates. If you are satisfied with minority rule . . . it probably isn't important. If you are convinced that rights and privileges are secure whether they are exercised or not . . . it probably isn't important. If you feel that your vote is insignificant . . . it probably isn't important.

But this is counter to everything we have been taught as American citizens. Rights and privileges are the bastions of our democracy and individual responsibility is what makes it strong. Any machinery will rust and decay if it is not used, including the machinery of democratic government. It is up to us to use it at every opportunity. It is our strength and our future.

The Softer Punch . . .

attitude proposed to Republican leaders by President Eisenhower is an important step in the right direction.

Actually the President isn't suggesting a softer punch so much as he is a cleaner punch. There is a big difference and it applies to both corners of the political ring. A lot of below-the-belt slugging has been going on, much to the disgust of the average citizen. This type of tactics only succeeds in confusing the audience and creates a new round of boos.

The people expect a fight, but they want a clean one. They have the job of picking the winners and they want to see ability, not poor sportsmanship. They want opinions, but they want them based on facts. They want straight reports with all the whys and why-nots added. They don't need all the fainting and groaning to make up their minds who is first on the score card.

The President's appeal is very timely. Whether the various participants will respect the suggestion is yet to be seen, but it's sound advice. No one admires a poor sportsman and they usually show when the final bell sounds.

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 department.
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
- Lutheran Hour** broadcast at 5:30 p.m., Sunday over CKLW.
New Year's Day service 10:00 a.m.
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
Grand River and Warner Avenue
Church School: 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:15 a.m.
(Nursery is maintained during the morning worship.)
- LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**
7775 W. 11th St. 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**
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 10:30 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
Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Youth Groups: 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Midweek Service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST**
Farmington at Shiloh
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Church and Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- 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: 7 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 Communion: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 8:30 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**
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. 6372.
- CHURCH OF GOD**
20341 Shiloh Avenue at Middlebelt
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 p.m. Wednesday Service.
8 p.m. Saturday, Young People's Service.
- ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**
10000 Oak Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Rev. Versie Bendley will be the guest speaker.
Wednesday, choir rehearsal at 7:00 a.m.
8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, S. C. S. business meeting.
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.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Meeting in the new high school 8:00 a.m. The east entrance.
Morning Worship and Church School at 10:30 a.m.

Mom Can Use Them at Last



State politicians act like they are walking on eggs.

There are live issues to fight out right now but they get the soft shoe treatment. Eyes are on the fall elections and heads realize the situation: today's action can easily become tomorrow's campaign target. Upsetting the party apparatus is the chief fear of all concerned.

Most of the fighting has been under cover. When lines are drawn, activity can be expected to take place in the open.

Key to delay has been the race for Governor.

Republicans, not sure who will run, or who has the best chance for victory in the primary, have been laying low until things clear up.

The Democrats, not sure who will run for office, have been marking time also.

Refusal to announce his intentions until the latest possible moment permitted Gov. Williams to make the most of the situation and he has. Until political forces could identify opponents, no one was anxious to start winning. Even after John Feikens, GOP state chairman, tried to force his hand, the Governor withheld a public decision. Feikens predicted that Sonny would try for a fourth term as chief administrator "because labor bosses refused to finance any other campaign."

G. Mennen Williams simply answered, "I haven't yet made up my mind."

The one target for all Republican candidates would be, by mutual agreement, the Democratic candidate. This is the effect of a resolution GOP hopefuls have decided upon.

Another effect is that they won't be needing each other. Disunity produced from furious primary campaigns is blamed by some for Republican election losses in other years.

Harshest words of the session were spoken in argument about FEPC.

The House committee considering Fair Employment Practices legislation tabled the matter in action which usually kills a proposal.

Republicans are in an embarrassing position on FEPC. President Eisenhower backs the measure strongly, but state GOP members show little enthusiasm to make law here. At one time Governor Williams threatened to call

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LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON
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A commission of citizens appointed by the President has made a study of the pay scale for members of Congress and has recommended substantial raises. A higher salary scale for Congressmen would be a good investment for the American citizenry. I think one should be approved at this session. It should be a straight salary raise and should not include any tax-free allowances or provisions.

In our present day American society Congress is the most vitally important agency of government, the heart of the Republic. Its members have a value to the nation that cannot actually be measured in dollars and cents. Only a few are independently wealthy, and this will likely be the situation in future Congresses. Therefore, for nearly all Congressmen and Congressional candidates the size of the pay check — and the "take home" pay — is a determining factor in their career.

The American people should be in favor of any reasonable measure that would help attract the very highest order of citizens to serve in Congress. Once they are in Congress the members' pay is not calculated on comparative merit. Unlike employees in private enterprise and other governmental fields, Congressmen may not expect additional salary compensation or promotion for unusual ability, extra hard work, long hours, or extraordinary diligence.

For the type of intelligent, wise, honorable, self-identifying, public-spirited and courageous Americans we need in Congress, the chief incentive is the opportunity Congressional membership affords for great public service. The big reward is the inner satisfaction that comes from performing this service creditably. Yet, Congressmen and prospective Congressmen are human. They desire for themselves and their families an adequate living standard, the good things of life. It is to our advantage to place the salary scale for Congress in balance with the challenging requirements of the job. The philosophy of American life is far forward on the basis of worth.

But while suggesting a pay raise for Congressmen, we citizens ought to remind them that the \$10,000 salary they received 20 years ago was considered adequate at that time; and the \$15,000 salary they began receiving five years ago also was considered adequate. Inflation made the \$10,000 salary inadequate; and finally, the \$15,000 salary too. And a large part of the inflation was caused by permitting the Federal budget to go unbalanced during 17 of the last 20 years. In many of those years, Congress should have balanced it!

Another factor in making the \$10,000 and \$15,000 Congressional salaries shrink in purchasing power has been the consistency in raising tax bite taken by the Federal government. The United States NBWS calculates that a Congressman drawing \$15,000 today actually has 33 per cent less purchasing power than in 1939 when he drew only \$10,000! Inflation and higher taxes are the reasons why. If Congressional salaries now are raised to \$27,500, as the presidential commission suggests, the Congressmen actually would be only \$1,922 better off than they were in 1939 while drawing only \$10,000 because of

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 21, 1929)
Asked To Retain
That Superintendent of Schools Ralph B. Baker will return as head of Farmington Schools for another year appears certain. The Board of Education having offered Mr. Baker a new contract at its meeting last Thursday evening. It is expected that Baker will officially accept the new contract within a few days.

Don't Chase 'Em
Mayor Wells D. Butterfield's statement last week startled a number of citizens claiming the distinction achieved by President Coolidge's "Do not care to run." Typical of the attitude of many to whom it was suggested, "Why don't you run?" — you'd make a good mayor." Quick as a flash came the reply, "I know darn well I would . . . but I won't!"

Women Seek Action
Three civic problems were brought before the Farmington City Commission at its meeting Monday evening by a committee representing the Farmington Women's Club. The committee asked that action be taken regarding the falling away of the embankment along Shiloh Avenue Street, the absence of civility in the school gymnasium, and the "smoke nuisance" in the business section. Mrs. Lloyd Gullen, Miss Meriah Andrews and Miss Helen Hard placed the matters before the Commission.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 17, 1944)
Many Attend Program
Approximately 100 Parent Teachers Association members and guests heard Mr. Wallace F. Watts of the Michigan Children's Institute at their meeting Tuesday evening in the school gymnasium. Many were interested to hear from Mr. Ayres and Miss Craig that complete and modern aptitude and ability tests as well as intelligence tests are a part of the Farmington School Program.

Set Goal
At a meeting held last Saturday in Pontiac, Mrs. Hattie DeWright, co-chairman with Mrs. W. W. Shuman of the Red Cross, received official notification that the quota for the Farmington City and Township this year has been set at \$9,500. Quota of the Oakland County Red Cross in the 1941 War Fund campaign is \$27,000.

Blakeslee Speaks
Vic Blakeslee spoke to the Farmington Exchange Club on Wednesday about the problems of fire and gasoline rationing, giving his accurate account of the situation as it is today, and the future outlook.

FIVE YEARS AGO (February 17, 1949)
Break Ground
Ground was broken last Friday morning for the new Clarenceville gymnasium-auditorium building, Louis Schmidt, superintendent of school, announced this week. Some of the footings have been laid but heavy rains on Monday night have slowed work on the footings. It is expected that they will be ready soon for the pouring of the concrete.

Defeat Plymouth
Farmington High School Patriots defeated Plymouth Tuesday evening at Farmington by a score of 69-37. At half time, Farmington led 25-19. High scorers for Farmington were Keith Wieland and Fred McLean, with 14 points each.

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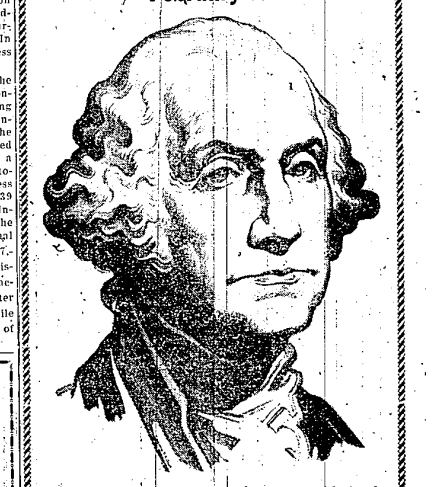
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