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It's Our Opinion

Time Doesn't Wait . . .

it keeps right on ticking along, and it takes a quick and steady step to maintain the pace.

It's the job of the City Planning Commission to look beyond the clock and the calendar . . . to set back the future. This isn't an easy task in view of the head start time already has, but it isn't unsurmountable. It isn't if . . . we gear our minds to the future, if . . . we try and understand the importance of the problem, and if . . . we work together in achieving the objective.

The Planning Commission is spending a lot of time and effort in an attempt to build an orderly and attractive community. But they can't do it alone. They need the support of our public officials and the encouragement of our citizens. Last month, at what was to have been a joint meeting between the Council and the Planning Commission, only two Councilmen attended, one of whom is a member of the Commission.

At that meeting a progress report on the year's activities of the Commission was presented. In addition, several sections of a new proposed zoning ordinance were discussed as well as the possible extension of the present Farmington commercial district. Since that time developments have taken place which may well nullify at least a part of the work that has been done. This lack of coordination and understanding is not only costly in effort and money, but adds greatly to the lead time already has on us.

If we're successful tomorrow . . . it's because we planned today. But one group can't do it alone. Planning requires cooperation, enthusiasm, and a common objective. Without these elements, our step will falter, but time will continue to race on.

What Does 14% Mean . . .

to you? It could stand for many things — profits, losses, increases or decreases. But to at least one Farmington citizen it means a small minority vote on election day.

That 14% was the ratio of actual voters to the number of qualified electors who participated in the special Farmington Township School District election last Monday. The one Farmington citizen we refer to called us to express her concern regarding the low percentage vote. She suggested that legislation should be enacted establishing a minimum vote requirement.

We share her concern over the comparatively small number of citizens who voted in the school election. The final result might have been more encouraging had the weather been different. But this is hardly an excuse where our schools, and our democratic processes are concerned. Certainly more than 14% of the registered voters could have gotten to the polls if they had really wanted to. But they either forgot, or they just didn't care.

In a democracy we can not and should not force citizens to vote, any more than we can or should force persons to vote a certain way. Our strength as free people comes from individual responsibility. There are dangers in our present system. Minority decisions are not healthy to our democratic way of life, but they must be eliminated by individual action, not restrictive legislation.

The Enterprise endorsed the proposed school building program and we are pleased that it passed . . . but we are far from satisfied with the degree of participation. Many people throughout the world have lost their freedom because they forgot that it is more than a right and a privilege . . . it's an individual obligation.

Another Milestone . . .

has been reached along the path to somewhere. We have, with our genius and know-how, developed an instrument which can destroy an entire metropolitan city in a second and which can open up new horizons for the progress and well-being of all mankind.

If we can harness such power and force for destruction, we can harness it for construction. The thoughts on the one hand are terrifying beyond description and on the other are challenging beyond imagination. The leaders of the world have a choice . . . it can be the end or the beginning.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2550 Grand River Avenue
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday School and Bible Class,
9:20 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.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
West Seven Mile, E. of Farm. Rd.
Senior Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
Morning Worship, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Church School, 9:30 a.m., third through eighth grade.
Nursery through second and high school, 11:00 a.m.
Intermediate Youth Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
Senior Youth Fellowship at 7:00 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:15 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 10:00 a.m.
6:30 Junior, H-B-Y, and Senior Youth Groups 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST
Farmington at Shawansee
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Junior Church and Morning Worship.

10:30 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.
5:00 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, H-B-Y, and Senior Youth Groups.
6:30 Adult Study Class.
7:30 Happy Evening Hour.
7:30 Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8:30 Wednesday, 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, 11:15 and 12:30.
Week-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.

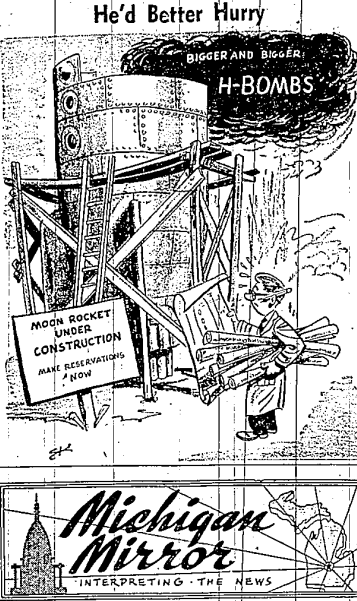
"Faith for Today" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.
"Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21122 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayers.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.

Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation call 771-1-327.
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at Middlebelt Church on Middlebelt North of Ten Mile
Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Evening service at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week prayer meeting held at the home of the pastor at 21195 Tulane Street Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
(For bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Sermon theme: "Whither Rides The King?"
Baptism and Reception of membership class.
6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.
Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion at 8:00 p.m.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
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.



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INTERPRETING THE NEWS

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.)
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
SCIENTIST, FARMINGTON
2301 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Farmington Town Hall.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 23701 Cass Avenue.
10:30 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.
Reading Room hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
How sickness and disability may be overcome by bringing thinking into accord with the truth of God and man through prayer will be the topic of Christian Science service Sunday.

"AIDS, Disease, and Health Reel" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon.
FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
The regular service will be conducted at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, April 11, by the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln's sermon topic is "Jesus, Man of Single Purpose."
Church School in Adams Hall at the same hour.
Vesper Service at 4:20 p.m. Dr. Frank D. Adams will present a dramatic reading of "The Green Pastures".
Communion Service at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30 Morning Worship Service.
Special music by the choir, illustrated children's message.
11:30, Sunday School: Bible study in classes for all ages.
During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.
7:30 Evening Worship service.
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. B. Guinan, Farm. 1049
(Services in Veterans' 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.
CHURCH OF GOD
20341 Shawansee 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.

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Debts that hang on air like a ball and chain around anyone's neck. This is true with the individual, the family, the business, and with local, county, state and national governments. As this column is written, the Finance Director of our Arkansas state government has just announced that by 1970 the last \$100,000,000 of our state highway debt will be paid off. When the last bond is redeemed on that date there probably will be a state-wide celebration and every man, woman and child will have a great relief. The state will have broken its chains of debt.

Arkansas' borrowing to build highways would have been all right had it been kept within reasonable bounds and had the money been spent wisely, without political considerations. But it wasn't. The borrowing started nearly 30 years ago. First one governor and then another discovered the political magic of floating bonds to get things done without having immediately to tax the people for it. The money was spent loosely and sometimes with political design rather than wisdom.

Quickly our state was \$150,000,000 in debt. When unexpected hard times came, Arkansas defaulted — it couldn't meet the terms of its debt contract, and for a short time the bondholders were in serious jeopardy. The temporary injury to the state affected the welfare of every citizen. Then, 15 years ago, Arkansas refunded its highway-bonded debt and began a stiff program to pay off the debt under this program our debt service has been so heavy (largest and principal payments) we haven't been able to keep pace with the wear and tear on our highways.

That's why our citizens can look ahead with unbounded gladness to 1970 and the throwing off of the ball and chain of this debt. We are hoping that out of the way the tax revenues thus released can be used to improve our highway system, instead of for debt payments, and this return to us of our bonded debt will be a wholesome effect throughout the whole structure of our governmental system.

Our debt situation in Arkansas is a microscopic example of some aspects of a truly grave national problem, the rising federal debt. It has become a ball and chain around our nation's neck, affecting the full freedom of every citizen. The national debt now stands at \$275-billion. And yet Congress is being asked to raise the statutory limit so that the federal government can borrow new money and spend it — and postpone the day when taxpayers must pay and pay through the nose.

The \$275-billion national debt averaged an obligation of \$4,250 on every job holder in the U. S. A. And it must be paid in taxes. Not only that, but the interest, the cost of borrowing, must be paid in taxes. The interest now amounts to about \$7-billion each 12 months, which is more than the entire federal government cost us as recently as 1928. Also each 12 months, about \$60-billion is needed to redeem the debts coming due; and this must be borrowed. With the debt climbing, it is an endless circle. It all adds up to frenzied financing.

The sensible thing to do about the national debt is, I think, not to permit it to be raised and to institute a program for gradually cutting it down out of current tax revenue. This would mean reducing the \$65-billion 1954-55 budget proposed by the Administration, by just five per cent. Is this too much for the citizenry? (Continued on Page 5A)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 11, 1929)

Grand River Widening
Persistent demands of owners of property along Grand River Avenue for high prices of their frontage, which has seriously handicapped the State Highway Department for months, now threatens to block entirely the widening of the road to the Farmington business district. Within the last few days, it has been learned, the men at work obtaining the right-of-way have been withdrawn by the State Department, and the widening project is at a standstill.

Commission To Convene
Mayor Arthur Lamb and the new Farmington City Commission will convene for the first time next Monday evening to take up the business of governing the city. Members of the new Commission, in addition to Mayor Lamb, are: Leo Gildemeister, Carl Goers, Carl Hogle, Emory Hatten, Amos Otis and Fred Stamas. Other officials who will take office are: George Gildemeister, treasurer; Nathan Power, clerk; James Hodge, assessor; H. A. Seelye and Joseph Korte, board of review; M. J. Pettibone and Norman Farron, constable, and Ernest A. Fink, justice of the peace.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 13, 1941)
Add To City Park
The City Commission, at its regular meeting, Wednesday evening, completed arrangements for the purchase of a plot of ground located at the southwest corner of Shawansee and Power Road for the expansion of park and recreation facilities. The land is adjacent to the present city park.

Cards To Servicemen
The Farmington Blue Star Mothers of America will send out Mother's Day cards to all service men and women. They ask that each member bring a small picture to enclose in the cards that will be sent to their children.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 14, 1949)
Approve Dental Clinic
Plans for the establishment of a school dental clinic at Farmington was announced Monday evening following the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The clinic, operated under the children's fund of Michigan, will begin next September. The school will provide space for the clinic, which will be under the direction of Dr. R. M. Gates, D. D. S. The purpose of the program is to provide dental examination and care to students of the Farmington Township School District.

Fire Department Sets Record
Some sort of a new record was established Monday evening when the Farmington volunteer fire department extinguished a too-hot automobile out on Middlebelt just north of Grand River. A spectator told the firemen, just ten minutes elapsed between the time the call for the department was placed and the final rolling up of the hose after the fire was thoroughly extinguished.

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