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EDITORIALS:

It's Our Opinion

Difference Of Opinion . . .

is what makes the world go around, according to an old saying. If so, the globe must have spun just a little faster last Tuesday as a result of the activity at the regular Township Board meeting.

There was a firm and honest difference of opinion expressed at the meeting, which we believe is both interesting and important. It is not our intention in this editorial to take sides on the issue, but rather to point up the principal points involved in the discussion.

The issue revolves around the question of spending tax dollars. On one side there are those who believe in building a substantial reserve for future necessities. On the other side there are those who believe that tax money should be spent as needs arise. Both opinions have considerable merit if wisely administered.

The building of a reserve does afford an opportunity for more major improvements. It also increases the borrowing power of the government without the necessity of increasing taxes. On the other hand, the expenditure of larger sums each year gives the citizen immediate and direct benefit from his tax dollar. This policy also results in more prompt attention to current problems and greater satisfaction to the taxpayer.

On the opposite side of the ledger, the building of a substantial reserve adds fuel to those who would do away with Township Government on the theory that they have little authority and big bank deposits. As we have stated before, we can not go along with this theory. Township Government is a vital part of our democracy and should not be scuttled by an adding machine. As for more liberal spending, utmost caution must be taken to prevent a gradual draining away of funds without any lasting benefit.

We think the problem boils down to one of sound judgement. In general, large surpluses are dangerous, especially in government, unless definitely earmarked for certain capital improvements. This, we believe, should be done through a program of planning. The citizens of Farmington Township should have a part in that planning and should be aware of improvements involved. Such a program should consider the present as well as the future.

It would do much to dissolve the differences of opinion . . . and still keep the world going around.

If Your Letter . . .

doesn't appear in the "Sincerely Yours" column of The Enterprise, it isn't that we don't want to publish it . . . chances are you didn't sign it.

Last week we received several letters and notes from residents giving their views on various community matters. We wanted to publish them, but they were unsigned. Every so often we remind residents that letters must carry the signature of the writer in order to be printed . . . and every so often people forget. The signature does not need to appear in the publication if the writer so desires, and it will be kept in confidence, but it must appear on the original copy for our records.

We are anxious to get your opinions and to transmit them to others. The Enterprise is your community newspaper and we want you to use it. So sign those letters, please!

The Approval . . .

by the State Legislature of an appropriation which will provide for the hiring of 50 additional State Police officers should help considerably in the campaign to reduce the alarming toll of traffic accidents in Michigan.

Commissioner Childs has announced that the additional Troopers will be placed on road patrol as soon as they have completed the necessary training program. The majority of the men will be working in the rural areas where the rise in traffic accidents has been particularly alarming.

The number of new State Policemen authorized is a far cry from the 150 originally asked for, but it is an important step in the right direction.

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.

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.

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 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
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
Midweek Service, 8:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Service, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST
Farmington at Shawansee
9:30 and 11:40 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.
10:35 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.
6:00 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, Hi-BY, and Senior Youth.
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.
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 Sunday, 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21242 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 FR 1-5372.
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at Middlebelt School on Grand River, 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 21995 Tulane Street Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
(For bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
at 13 Mile Road and Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Drawing the Line



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, 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.)

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.

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
That unswerving obedience to the eternal demands of Christ is the only way to individual salvation and progress will be brought out at Christian Science services this Sunday. The Lesson—Sermon given will be entitled "Preparation after Death."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
On Sunday, April 25, at 11:15 a.m., the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln will preach another of the sermons dealing with our liberal heritage. This will be a book sermon, entitled "Socrates, the Man Who Dared to Ask."
Church School in Adams Hall at the same hour.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30, Morning Worship Service. Special music by the choir. Illustration of the 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.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rte. 1, B. G. 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Farmington, Michigan
Church School, 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
At Farmington High School Bldg. Westminster Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. at the Manse.

Gaylord Baptist Church
13135 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.

OAKLAND CHURCH OF GOD
20221 Angling Road
Between 7 Mile and 8 Mile
Worship, Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m.
Everyone welcome.

THE DETROIT GOSPEL TABERNACLE
10000 Weston
SUNDAY GOSPEL
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Young Peoples 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
Inkster Road, 1 Mile N. of 8 Mile
Bible School, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m.
E. C. Crandell, Minister
Phone MAYfair 62324

LOOKING AHEAD

A subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations has been making a study of "The Government in Business." The study has not been completed, but the subcommittee has made its first report. Information given in the report, reflected the business of the federal government, and the vast expansion in recent years of its business and industrial operations.

The federal government owns and operates more than 100 business-type activities, most of them in competition with private enterprise, and it has inventories of officially estimated at from \$75-billion to \$100-billion, which is comparable to those of all private enterprises combined. Encouraging actions have been taken by Washington recently toward the apparent aim of halting the growth of government in business, and in thus actually setting the government out of most of its competitive business and industrial activities. But only a small start has been made.

Next, the government's of selling manufacturing and processing activities ought to be closed. Most of them are adding to the tax burden of all citizens, since they do not pay federal taxes and in many cases the products manufactured cost the government (the taxpayers) more than it could buy them for from private manufacturers.

"The military services," reports the subcommittee investigating government in business, "insist that it is economical to toast and grind their coffee. (They require) some 88 million to 144 million pounds annually, which is about 5 per cent of the United States total consumption. They insist that coffee control can only be obtained by production in their own factories. On the other hand, the Veterans' Administration, which procures some five million pounds of coffee annually, alleges that the coffee it buys on a competitive contract basis, i.e., the hospitals, is a better blend at lower price than that obtainable from the military factories."

Another item, reported: "The navy insists that the rope manufacturing operation at the Boston Navy Shipyard is economical and produces a superior product. However, the navy manufactures only a third of its own rope, and buys the other two-thirds of the commercial market. The two stocks are mingled, showing that in reality the navy considers commercial rope to be equally acceptable. The cost record showed the subcommittee by letter that commercial rope was cheaper."

A sizeable percentage of the 2,300,000 civilian employees in the federal government work in factories and government business establishments. If these workers were in private industry with its keen competition and profit incentive, they would probably produce the goods at lower cost. The operations would return a profit to the companies thus broadening the tax base and lessening everybody's tax burden. And it would another tendency dangerous to the American way of life. "As big government gets bigger," observes the House subcommittee, "there is a tendency for government agencies to take over more and more activities . . . one enterprise leads to still another."

No doubt the government got into many business activities on or what was considered at the time "absolute necessity." And perhaps there are some few activities, particularly among the armed services, which necessarily still dictates should be done by the services. However, since operating a

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 25, 1929)

Two Fires In One Hour
Two house fires which broke out within an hour of each other in widely separated parts of Farmington Township last Friday morning taxed fire department facilities to the limit. Though both fires were taken out, neither home could be saved. The first fire occurred at the Pendt homestead on Gill Road, occupied by William Ruttenbar, and the second was at the home of Ernest Becker near Noble School.

New School
Preparation of plans and specifications for a new school building for Farmington District No. 6, now using the Noble and William Grace school buildings, in the east portion of Farmington Township, was voted for by electors of the district at a special meeting Thursday evening.

Raccoon Makes Call
A full grown raccoon called at the Harry McCracken farm home last Friday evening, standing on the front porch and scratching at the window, frantically trying to get in. The raccoon was not trying to make friends, only attempting to elude McCracken's big collar.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 27, 1944)

Scout Jambores
The Southern Neighborhood Group of Boy Scouts is now making plans for a Scout Jambores to be held in the Farmington High School auditorium on Thursday, May 1. All phases of Scouting will be presented and Scouters displayed for public inspection.

Two Commissioned
Two Farmington boys received Second Lieutenant commissions from the Army Air Force recently. William B. Pink, 2749 Independence, was awarded his silver wings April 13 at Blytheville, Arkansas. On the same day, Oliver Coolman, 2941 S. Shadyside, received his commission at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 28, 1949)

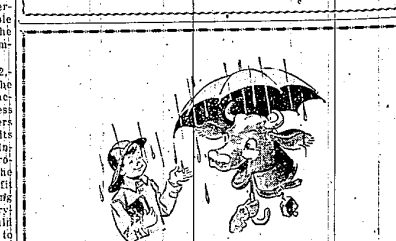
Joint Police Radio
Meeting in a joint session, representatives of the Township Board and the City Commission last Saturday approved the filing of an application for a police radio set-up for the Farmington area. The radio, if put in operation, will be used by both township and city policemen. With the radio set-up, calls could be dispatched from police car to police car or from a central dispatcher.

X-Ray Unit
Friday, May 6, and Monday, May 9, Farmington will be visited by the Michigan Department of Health mobile x-ray unit. Two years ago the unit was in Farmington with 737 Farmington residents having x-rays.

Work On Parking Lot
Work was begun this week on the new city parking lot now being constructed on Grand River Avenue just east of the Farmington Fire Hall. Workmen have begun clearing trees and brush from the property in preparation for grading and surfacing.

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