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It's Our Opinion

The Dykes Will Hold . . .

we're fairly sure of that, but how far will the rising tide of automobile traffic in and around the Farmington area back up. So far, this summer, the cars have stayed within the confines of the roadway although they have been on the verge of spilling over several times. The dykes are holding but the pressure is getting ever greater.

On several occasions during the past month or so traffic has piled up on U. S. 16 from Seven Mile Road on the east to Kensington Park on the west. In addition more and more motorists are seeking other routes around Farmington. The result is increased congestion on the various mile roads north and south of the City. While the pressure continues on U. S. 16 new problems are being created due to the diversion of traffic.

What is the answer? It has already been tentatively outlined by the State Highway Department. This problem will not be solved until a modern limited access highway has been constructed around Farmington, Novi and New Hudson. The big question is when will it be accomplished? Many property owners along the Cut-Off, many residents of the Farmington area, and many more motorists would like to know the answer. We haven't succeeded in getting it yet, in spite of repeated efforts.

This is a major undertaking of vast importance and we realize it is going to take time. Because of the increased surge of traffic however, we believe that every effort should be made to facilitate this project as quickly as possible. It is important from a standpoint of safety, it is important from a standpoint of individual and community planning and it is important from a standpoint of temporary relief on existing roads and highways in the area.

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The Latest Fire Cracker . . .

to be dropped in the aisles of Congress is a sparkler to say the least. It has to do with the establishment of a possible investigation of investigating committees.

We have gotten the impression during the past few months that the taxpayers have had just about all the investigating they can put up with. They would like to see a little action on some of the dangling legislation that has been overshadowed by the dramas before the TV cameras. We don't mean to imply that all of the watchdogs should be sent back to the kennels with a juicy bone, but we do think that the pack could be thinned down considerably.

Investigations into various governmental activities definitely have a place . . . but we believe that place has been in the front row long enough. It's time other things of equal or more importance got a chance to look at the footlights.

This Friday . . .

July 9, is the final day of registration for the special July 19 Clarenceville School District election.

Needless to say this election is of primary importance to every parent and every property owner in the District. It should automatically attract a 100% participation on election day. But unfortunately it isn't that easy. A lot of coaxing and convincing will be necessary in order to get out the vote.

We believe that the vast majority of citizens are interested in their schools, but they don't seem to see the necessity of saying so on election day. This doesn't apply in just Clarenceville or Farmington . . . it is true in nearly every school district. This often results in serious delays because of minority decisions and requires the costly procedure of re-submitting various proposals to the voters.

There is no substitute for individual participation in a democratic election. No one can or should do it for you! The degree of interest displayed at the polls is often reflected in the amount of interest shown by public officials. We can not afford to overlook the importance of the individual in our democratic processes. You are just as important as the other fellow when you get inside that voting booth, and that goes for a school election the same as any other.

So, be sure you are registered on or before July 9 . . . and be sure you vote on July 19!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD

20841 Shlawassee at Middlebelt

10 a.m. Sunday School.

11 a.m. Morning Worship.

8 p.m. Brangelle Service.

8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.

8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples' Service.

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.

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 Shlawassee

9:30 and 11:40 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.

10:35 Sunday School with all grades.

6:00 Young People's Choir.

6:30 Junior, Hi-By, 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.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Shlawassee at Farmington

Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Church School, 11:15 a.m.

Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening.

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH

Shlawassee at Farmington

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.

Wed. Masses: 8:30, 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" WKXZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Services at Middlebelt School on Middlebelt North of Ten Mile

Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Evening service at 7:30 p.m.

Mid-week prayer meeting held at the home of the pastor at 21996 Tulane Street Wednesday 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

(For bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH

13 Mile Road at Oxford

10:00 a.m. Church School.

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.

Sermon theme, "Managing Our Lives".

6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

W. S. C. S. business meeting at 8:00 p.m. Thursday.

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

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

A Nursery will be maintained during the Worship Service.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. J. B. Gulan

Farm. 1049-31 and 1049-J (Service 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.

Fourth grade through high school, Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Services and Church School at 9:30 a.m.

At Farmington High School Bldg. Westminster Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. at the Manor.

OAKLAND CHURCH OF GOD

20221 Angling Road

Between 7 Mile and 8 Mile

Worship, Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

No Surplus Problem

Michigan citizens will see engineers and businessmen do what chemists have tried to accomplish for many years: make gold out of seawater.

Perhaps the comparison is a trifle figurative. The feat will be achieved with dredges, barges and construction equipment; not elaborate chemical apparatus.

Approval of the St. Lawrence waterway by Congress this year ended a 9 year battle with interests which argued that such a project would mean financial ruin for them. Waterway supporters by no means agreed that these gloomy predictions would come to pass for opponents. But they are sure that the channel will do much to develop this part of the nation.

How much will Michigan benefit from the seaway? Several people have made predictions on this subject. One of the best qualified is John Beukema, chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Michigan Economic Development Commission. Beukema was for years the secretary of the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce. He knows the seaway subject extremely well since Muskegon, as a port city, has an intense natural interest in seeing the channel become a reality.

"The seaway will have as great an effect on Michigan's economy as the invention of the automobile, but it will take time," Beukema told Economic Development commission members at a recent meeting. "What we must look for is an evolution rather than a revolution."

Beukema dwelled on the time factor. He pointed out that it will take about six years before the seaway is finished. Industries now using railroads and trucks will not change overnight to use ships, he remarked. "It takes time to build up a commerce -- and the shipper has to be sold on the benefits of water travel."

Major benefits were divided in

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Originated in Louisville, Ohio, this little Louisville, Ohio, will stage a city-wide celebration and have special instructions on the Constitution in the schools on September 17 for the third consecutive year. Citizens will then be marching bands, parade floats, and a big auditorium program; and then soberly reflect on the debt each of them owes to the principles of freedom written into the Constitution 167 years ago. A few other communities will celebrate too, but none perhaps on the scale and with the enthusiasm of the Louisville citizens.

In fact, Louisville people were the first in recent years to celebrate Constitution Day. A group of representative citizens got together three years ago and decided Louisville ought to do something to dramatize the value of the Constitution and the blessings of constitutional government. All the patriotic, civic, educational, religious, and business organizations joined on September 17, 1952, in a celebration bigger than any Fourth of July in Louisville history.

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The Louisville Herald splashed 15 photographs of the celebration activities on its front page. Its story of the big day took up the remainder of Page 1. "Starting at the end and glorious event," reported the Herald proudly, "was a colorful and meaningful parade which wended its way through the main streets of Louisville, with what seemed like the entire population looking on." And the entire population participated too in all the other events of the day. Ohio's Attorney General came and addressed a Constitutional convocation.

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LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON
Furniture Editor
Farmington

WHAT'S SEPTEMBER 17th

The 4,000 people of Louisville, Ohio, are making preparations for the greatest celebration in the city's history on September 17. Can anybody guess what they will be celebrating -- on September 17? Not many Americans can. And yet the event that occurred on September 17, 1787, might well be considered of greater importance than anything that has since the day of Jesus Christ on earth. The event was the adoption of the United States Constitution by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

The Constitution created a national government to strengthen individual freedom and safeguard that freedom against all encroachments including government itself. James Wilson, a delegate and noted lawyer, said at the opening of the Constitutional Convention: "For the first time in six thousand years of human history men have come together to deliberate and peacefully resolve what their government shall be." The Constitution they thereupon drafted and signed is the greatest governmental document in human history.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Twenty-five years ago (July 11, 1928)

Reject Consolidation

Three school districts in the northern portion of Farmington Township rejected proposals for consolidation with the Isaac Road School District at annual meetings Monday night. The Nichols, Hosner and German Schools were the three involved. All three rejected the consolidation proposal by wide margins.

Ten Mile Road Question

A final hearing on whether or not to continue construction on Ten Mile Road and bring the highway paved into the City of Farmington will be conducted soon, the Oakland County Road Commission stated this week. The decision will be that of either continuing construction of the road over Middle Hill or substituting this plan with a plan which would bring the road into the city.

Ten Years Ago (July 13, 1944)

Parking Change

A change from angle parking to parallel parking on the east side of Farmington Road south of Grand River was agreed upon by the City Commission at its regular meeting Wednesday night. It is indicated that parallel parking may be required all over the city shortly. The Commission also voted to provide \$130 for a preliminary survey for a city project including a new library, a hike amount to be provided by the township.

Loans on Wheat

Loans on wheat of acceptable quality produced in 1944 are available to all farmers in the area, the Oakland County AAA Committee disclosed this week. The loan rate for Oakland County this year is \$1.41 a bushel. A storage allowance of seven cents a bushel is also granted farmers storing wheat on their own farms.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 13, 1949)

Cut-Off Light

According to the State Highway Department, it will be another two or three weeks before a regular traffic light will be installed at Farmington Road and the Grand River Cut-Off. Drawings are now being made by the Highway Department and will be submitted to the Oakland County Road Commission as soon as completed. Request for a road grant at Nine Mile Road and Grand River has now been approved, Farmington Police Commissioner Kenneth Loomis stated. The count is being made in connection with an earlier request from the city asking for markings to designate this intersection more clearly.

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