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It's Our Opinion

EDITORIALS: Another New Year . . .

is about to break over the horizon. The 365 blank pages before us will carry the history, the hopes, the tragedy, and the progress of another year. What 1955 will mean to us individually and collectively, nobody knows. That is part of the great mystery of life.

Yet we can, by our work and our prayers, guide the unseen hand in writing a history that we will all be proud of. This can best be done by evaluating the past and redefining ourselves to the future. Progress is built on the foundation of trial, error, and finally accomplishment. It is important that we survey our past efforts before continuing construction of the future.

During the past year the Farmington community has experienced the greatest growth in land development and population in its long history. This growth has come increased revenue and potential earning power. With it has also come a more powerful voice in the affairs of local government. The result has been improved school facilities, greater community participation, more active civic and service organizations, increased support of community activities, and more progressive governmental legislation.

The year 1954 has seen the enlargement of township police protection, the enactment of a building code, improvement of the zoning ordinance, more vigilance in the development of new subdivisions, and a concentrated effort to secure adequate water and sewer facilities. It has also seen vast improvements in the city, including the enlargement of the city water system, the establishment of two regular Council meetings per month, major improvement of street intersections, appointment of a city engineer and the addition of new fire equipment. Work was started in 1954 on three new elementary schools in the Farmington School District, plus an addition to the high school building, and after many years of effort, a new merchants' organization was formed in the Farmington community.

While it is easy to look back along the path just blazed, it is another story to gaze out over the virgin territory that lies ahead. The coming year will undoubtedly see a new record in growth and development. To meet this challenge we must exert increased effort and enthusiasm. We must continue the work of improving services and facilities in both the township and city, including water, sewer, and streets. A planning authority should be established in the township to create an orderly development of the area. Increased aid should be secured in the assessing of property. Township office facilities should be enlarged and improved. Park and recreational facilities must be expanded in the area to meet the needs of the increased population. A permanent street improvement program should be initiated in the city, as well as the development of increased commercial and industrial facilities.

During 1955, driver training education should be initiated in the Farmington schools, along with an expanded guidance and placement program. Improved library facilities should be established to meet the ever-increasing demands. Our civic and service organizations should continue to expand their services to the community as well as take an aggressive and constructive part in the affairs of local government.

Thus we have the guide posts of the past and the challenges of the future. What is written on the next 365 blank pages of the calendar is largely up to us. Let's hope that we can all be justly proud of the record when we close the book on 1955.

Start The New Year . . .

right by staying alive. This may seem like a rather senseless statement and yet, if history means anything, far too many citizens will never see the dawn of 1955.

They will die in a pile of steel and glass before the echoes of the bells and music have faded away. They will die because of a moment's carelessness. They will have just one more for the road . . . the road that will mean death to themselves and maybe someone else. They will forget the yellow lines, the warning signs and the road intersections. They will jam down the accelerator for the thrill of seeing how fast four wheels will travel.

They may find out, but chances are they won't live long enough to tell anyone about it. And the new year? It won't mean a thing, except the sorrow and heartaches they leave behind and a date to be carved on a tombstone.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

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.
9 p.m. Saturday, Young People's 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
Morning Services, 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School at 10:00 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 Shawansee
9:30 and 11:40 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.
10:30 Sunday School with all-grade lessons.

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
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.

Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening.

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: 8:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oak
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.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at 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 21956 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. Worship Service.
6:00 p.m. Intermediate and Senior Youth Fellowship.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.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, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25000 Grand River Avenue
Early Service 8:00 a.m.
Midweek Service 9:30 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School is held at 9:30 a.m. in the Stuckey School at 25000 Parley.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. B. Gulson
Farm, 1619-B and 1049-J (Service to Universalist Church)
Holy Communion first and third Sunday of each month.

Church School: Pre-school to third grade during Sunday service.
Fourth grade through high school, Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Farmington H. S. Building
Richard Gelger, Pastor
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Nursery school and classes for children and young people through Junior High School age.

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



Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

EDUCATORS HAVE STARTED AN 11-month campaign to learn more about Michigan's school problems.

The program is designed to prepare 27 state delegates with information to take to the 1955 White House Conference on Education next November.

President Eisenhower has asked for the nationwide conference to determine what role the Federal government must play to keep America "the most enlightened nation in the world." The state has been divided into 14 regions, each of which will send its own conference and pick delegates to a state meeting.

State meeting, in turn, will coordinate all the problems and send them with the delegates to the Washington conference next year.

"The time has now arrived, I believe, when the people are ready to do something more about the schools," said Dr. Clair L. Taylor, superintendent of public instruction.

Major problem in Michigan now is finding money to build the 2,000 new classrooms needed to handle enrollment increases in the next few years - and teachers to teach them.

Dr. Taylor stated succinctly that these questions will be asked of every community in the next 11 months:

"Where are we?
How did we get here?
Where are we going?
How are we going to get there?"

Importance of education in estimation of officials jockeying the United States in the cold war with Russia was stressed by Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State College.

Dr. Hannah, recently returned from an 18-month tour of duty as assistant Secretary of Defense, said:

"We know that Russia is training engineers and scientists faster than we are, and good ones, too. We must do something if we are going to keep pace with them."

MICHIGAN'S 1955 Senate will

THE DETROIT GOSPEL TABERNACLE
19000 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 Fashioned Prayer Meeting Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
West Seven Mile, E. of Farm. Rd.
Church Service, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School - 9th to 8th Grades, 9:30 a.m.; Beginners to 2nd Grade, 11 a.m.; High School, 11:00 a.m.
Int. Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m.
Sen. Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p.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 call FT. 1-5372.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30, Morning Worship Service. Special music by the choir. Illustrated children's 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.

Gaylord Baptist Church
18158 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. F., 8 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
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LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President - Harding College
Georgetown, Arkansas

Charles M. White, president of Republic Steel, a great American and a sound thinker, has just returned from a business trip to Europe, visiting England, Scotland, France, Italy, and Spain. He encountered an attitude, a state of mind, a public opinion throughout Europe based on propaganda falsehoods detrimental to our nation. He wrote the following open letter to Republic's 40,000 employees - and I wish to submit it to America's 150,000,000 citizens with a recommendation for action.

"In each country," wrote Mr. White to his employees, "I talked to a great many people. I was particularly interested in two things - the feeling of Europeans toward the United States and the strength of Communism in Western Europe. The response which I received to my inquiry on both subjects disturbed me a great deal. I found that in spite of all this country has done to help the nations of Western Europe we have fostered abroad a feeling of hostility."

"Much to my amazement our great and humanitarian country is largely looked upon as the country most likely to upset peace in the world. In other words, the Communists have done their work so well in these countries that we are tagged as warmongers because we enjoy our freedom so much that we are willing to fight for others to have it. On my second point of inquiry I was tremendously disturbed to see the hold which Communism had in some of the countries I visited. The Communists say that our government is ruled by Wall Street, that starvation and poverty are the usual thing. There was nothing too outrageous for the Communists to say. And they repeated these lies often enough that people believed them."

"I have been giving a lot of thought to this matter and I have an idea which, with your help, can be carried out. I know that many Republic employees either were born abroad or have relatives and friends abroad. So I would like to suggest this program:

"That you and every Republic employee . . . write a long letter telling about your life here; your job; your home; the schools your children attend; your churches; the kind of food you eat; the kind of newspapers and magazines you read; the movies and television you see and radio to which you listen. Tell about your freedoms - your freedom to travel, to attend the church of your choice, to criticize the government, to vote by secret ballot . . .

"But most important, tell them that there is no secret to our standard of living. It rests firmly on the fact that we produce more and more. This means more and more jobs and more and more people able to buy the things they make."

"We know that everything isn't perfect in this country but I think we also know that we're a great deal better off than most other people in the world. From what I have seen, even our poorest people live better than many of the skilled workers in other countries. Don't boast but just talk in your letter as you might talk if you were meeting your friends face to face."

"If you will write such a letter, Republic wants to help too. Take that letter to your employment manager. He will affix stamp supplied by Republic and will see that it is delivered to the post office for you. I think working together in this way Republic and Republic employees can do a great deal to bring truth to other lands and toward insuring peace on earth. Let's have thousands of letters from Republic employees mailed to other countries during the next month or so. Will you help?"

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STATE WELFARE officials would like to have more power over campaigns for charitable purposes - to protect the public and the legitimate fund-raising organizations.

W. J. Maxey, state welfare director, said his office licenses 40 charities which conduct campaigns across state and county lines, but (Continued on Page 3A)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 2, 1930)
Pine Tree Planting

Pupils of the Farmington Schools and a P. T. A. committee will start a drive Friday to plant 40 acres of pine trees to bear the name of Farmington Schools as donor and to be made as a forest preserve. The project is part of a statewide permanent reforestation plan to give Michigan "rebirth as a forest state." The project will cost approximately \$100. The statewide project is meeting with great success and already enough money has been collected to plant 9,000 acres of trees. When the planting is completed donors will be notified of the exact location where the trees they provided for are located.

Community Fund
Farmington came forward and responded generously to the appeal for the 1929 Christmas Community Fund. According to Mr. Lamb, members of the American Legion and Exchange Club collected a total of \$401.00 and a quantity of supplies for the needy. The amount collected exceeded the previous year's total by \$50. The sum collected in 1929 being \$352. Funds collected were used to fill bushel baskets to be distributed to needy families.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 4, 1945)
Kiwans Installation

The inauguration of new officers in the Farmington Kiwanis Club with a dinner and dance at Holford Inn Wednesday evening attracted a large number of people. New officers of the Farmington club were: Kenneth Loomis, president; A. C. Tagg, first vice-president; Leo Gidemester, second vice-president; James J. Warner, secretary; and John Rudberg, treasurer. Installed as Lieutenant Governor of District I for the Michigan District of International Kiwanis was Joseph Himmelsbach.

Memorial Home
According to officials of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, contributions have been coming in slowly for the new Memorial Home to be erected here. The Legion is now conducting a drive to raise \$20,000 by popular subscription to be added to the \$10,000 they already have in a building fund. An architect's drawing of the proposed new home was made recently and appeared in an issue of The Enterprise. The building will contain all facilities for the use of returning veterans and will serve as an ideal place in which to hold meetings and social functions.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 5, 1950)
Building Code

A special meeting of the Farmington Township Board is expected to be held late this week or early next week at the Farmington Town Hall for the purpose of discussing a building code for Farmington Township. It was announced Tuesday evening, Ernest Blanchard, supervisor, stated that the Board approved a resolution to adopt a building code in August. Work has been going on since the approval to get provisions of the code clarified. Some delays have been encountered in legal steps required in preparing the ordinance.

Rain Swells Streams
Rain, falling without let-up since Saturday afternoon, has swollen the streams in and about Farmington to near flood level. The Rouge River, where it crosses Eight Mile, has overflowed its banks. At its intersection with Middlebelt Road, the stream was only three feet from the top of Middlebelt bridge on Tuesday afternoon. Ditches along many township roads have been turned into miniature rivers.

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NEW YEAR Greetings 1955

May health, happiness and success be yours all through the New Year.

We are about to begin our 35th year of service to this community. During those years we have continually strived to add new and improved facilities in order that we might bring you better dining service and dairy products.

You, the people of this community, have made these things possible. We appreciate the support and encouragement you have given us.

FARMINGTON DAIRY
"GOOD AS THE BEST - BETTER THAN THE REST"
FARM. 0135 KE. 1-0346
"Serving Quality Dairy Products Since 1921"

"I WONDER WHERE I'LL BE THIS TIME NEXT YEAR?"

1955

You'll be ahead financially if you build your savings reserve regularly in this bank. When you save in earnest, you wish yourself a Happy New Year and really put some steam behind it. There's a lot of satisfaction in making steady financial progress.

Make this your record year for 1955.

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