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# It's Our Opinion:

#### EDITORIALS:

#### The Citizens . . .

The Citizens . . . of Farmington Township have once again stirred their officials into action regarding the eventual realization of a water system in the dry areas of the Township.

As a result of the large mass meeting Wednesday evening and the smaller committee meeting Thursday evening and the smaller committee meeting Thursday evening, The Enterprise is more convinced than ever before that a water system in Farmington Township can become a reality. The major problem is to get everyone pulling in the same direction. This is a big undertaking. It will require not only a lot of technical skill, but an even greater amount of determination and enthusiasm. Regardless of the problems involved, they can be overcome if everyone pulls together. This isn't just a fancy pep talk . . . it's a theme which can bring results.

All of the experts attending the public meeting Wednesday evening admitted that the job would be tough, but they also emphasized that it could be done. This spirit of willingness to work and to try is the key to the success of the entire project. A great deal of criticism was directed at the various public officials. In our opinion some of this criticism was justified. There has been far too much delay in the progress of the program. There has also been a lack of determination and enthusiasm on the part of the majority of officials. This has necessitated mass action in order to bring the problem to a head.

On the other hand, the task has not been easy. The Township Supervisor has spent a great deal of time and effort to follow the steps recommended by the engineers and financial consolutants. As we suggested in this column months ago, the steps could be speeded up considerably by delegating some of the responsibility. The Supervisor has, many tasks to perform and it is impossible for one man to do them all quickly and efficiently.

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In spite of an apparent reluctance the board un, Thursday evening, appoint a committee for the purpose of delegating some of the administrative details of the project. This, we believe, is a vital step in the right direction. Such a committee can not only perform much of the necessary leg work, but can coordinate the interests of the entire community through direct contact. This would eliminate the justifiable interests of the entire community that were criticism by affected property owners that they were not directly informed of the program. It would also widen the scope of ideas as evidenced at the two meet-

widen the scope of ideas as evidenced at the two meetings last week.

We hope that out of this experience will come a new concept of governmental organization in the Township based on commissioners and committees within the Board for the purpose of administering various key departments. Such an organization would eliminate much of the confusion and unrest that exist and would transform it into a force of pro-

## The Word "Light" . . .

seems to be gaining in frequency and significance with each passing school election. The latest application of the word "light" occurred on Monday when a mere handful of voters went to the polls in the special

There and the or voters went to the poins in the special Clarenceville school election.

We can not understand the reluctance of the voters to exercise their rights, especially in school elections. Is it just because there isn't a heated controversy involved? The smooth and uninterrupted operation of our schools should be of vital interest to the controversy involved. entire community. Parents and taxpayers have a definite investment in their schools which deserves attention and support whether it is controversial or

not.

Every time we have a light vote we not only weaken the school district but we lessen the individual's importance and influence. Some may say we are making a mountain out of a mole hill, but complexency in one election can and has destroyed nations. Our democracy is based on individual responsibility and we can not ignore it. Voting is one of the keys to our democracy, and it doesn't make any difference whether it's a national presidential election or a special school election, we can't open the door to progress or opportunity unless we use the key!

### The Legislature . . .

will convene in special session beginning November 1 to discuss, among other things, the growing need for improved highway safety. We only hope that Miss Polly Tix, the well-known back seat driver, will be locked up in the rear trunk long enough so that something worth while will be accomplished.

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# THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD 29341 Shlawassee at Middlebelt Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 8 p.m Sunday School, 10 a.m., Wednasday, 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 7:30
m. Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

GLARENGEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Grand River at Cambridge Sunday Services 8:45, 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Elsie Johns

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Services 9:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dr. G. Northrop GR, 4-2983

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SALEM FVANGELICAL CHURCH
Church School at 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Nursery School maintained durng the Worship hour.
Rev. Carl Schultz GR. 4-6880

FOREST HILLS
UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Sunday Services 9:45 a.m., 7:30
p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
23015 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7, 8:30, 9:45,
1:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 5:30,
8, 9, Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.
r. T. Beahan GR. 4-5720

r. T. Beahan GR. 4-572

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School — 9:30 a.m.
Church Service — 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer — 7:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Services at 20911 Inkster Road Clarenceville Odd Fellow Hall Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 m. Sunday School 10 a.m. ev. Roy Johnson GR. 4-5355

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH 18 Mile Road at Greening Sunday Service 11 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. v. L. I. Lord LI. 2-8016

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Middlebelt at Eight Mila Ro Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 m. Sunday School and Břble lass, 9:30 a.m. ev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0675

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 25000 Grand River Sunday Services 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Stuckey School, 26000 Farley, Rev. V. Halboth

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services, in. Universalist Church Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., Schoo Children, J. B. Guinan GR. 4-2860 or GR. 4-3374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Services in Farmington H. S.
Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.,
Church School at same time.
Rev. R. Geiger GR. 4-1671

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD 20221 Angling Road Tuesday Service 7:30 p.m.

MARANATHA EVANGELISTIC CHURCH 15888 Beech Road Sunday services, 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday School, 9:45

a.m.
Thursday, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Rev. Stanley Low

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH Seven Mile near Farmington Rd. Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m. All Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Youth Fellowship 6, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY
CHURCH
21122 Indian Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m.
30 p.m. Bible School 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Services 10:30 a.m., 30 p.m. Sunday School 11:30

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH 19188 Gaylord Road Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 6 b.m. B. Y. F. 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
28701 Cass Avenue
Sunday Service 11 a.m. at Town
Hall. Sunday School 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

OHURCH OF CHRIST
West Point Park
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30
m. Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

TRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Warner and Thomas Streets Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Church chool at same time.

RENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST 19601 Middlebelt Road Worship Services: 11 am., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m. R. C. Crandell GR. 4-4731

R. C. Crandell GR. 4-4703 FIRST METHODIST GHUDGO Grand River at Warner Ave. Sunday: 8:50 and 11:15 a.m. (du-plicate services).

Church School, 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m. for Intermedi-te and 6:30 p.m. for Senior. Rev. R. Sursaw GR. 4-673 BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 8:900 Widdlebalt Road

GO TO CHURCH





If the legislature fails to come up with quick answers to problems that have concerned lawmakers for years, Williams can obviously claim Republicans flopped. GOP House Speaker Wade Van Valkenberg, of Kalamazoo, sensing the plight that could result for his party, demanded that Williams present a specific program for oil issues.

years.

The Michigan Press Association (consisting of most Michigan newspapers) has maintained a continuous interest in traffic safety for several years. Some property of the property with building the property with traffic experts and state officials to decide the best ways to beat accident problems. Muskegon County has been a leader in highway safety with a civic program that is now being copied in many parts of the state. Lawmakers in both the House and Senate have long advocated programs.

Republicans are fretful that the legislature may not be able to do in four days what it and other alarmed groups have been working on for years.

"We know the job is never complete, but programs have been progressing for some time. If the governor has a magic formula, we dike to see it."

We'd like to see it."

Van Valkenberg and others urged that the governor take legislators "into the fullest contidence" on proposals before the session.

There are signs this may be done.

ALARM OVER what can be done for mentally retarded children

AHEAD GEORGE S. BENSON

When General William F. Dean was released from a Communist prison cell in North Korea two years ago after having withstood years of "brain-washing," he came home to Washington and had breakfast with President Eisenhower. Following this breakfast the President held a press conference. He said he sometimes won-dered why more of our soldiers had not succumbed to Communist indoctrination. He said he felt this way because of the meager education given our young peple as to what their obligations are to a free form of government, what if means to support it and what it means to support it and what it takes to keep it and pass

t on.
The President was saying in ef-ect that American citizenship edu-The President was saying in el-fect that American citizenship edu-cation is vitally important to the strength and security of our na-tion, and that there wasn't enough-tion, and that there wasn't enough-ressed this anxiety, some school systems and colleges were con-ducting courses in American citi-zenship education; and some were planning such courses. America's school system is versatile and many schools are beginning to rec-ognize the immediate importance of more positive teaching in Am-erican citizenship. One of the out-standing examples is the Spring-field (Missouri) public school sys-tem.

REPUBLICANS ARE LOOKING for a gimmick in the call for a special session of the legislature. Governor Williams has issued the call for a new look at three old problems on November 1, two months before the 1956 regular session begins.

"If there are answers that can be effective in the two months before the next regular session, we'll go along," said Senator Creighton (Coleman and other Republicans privately, say Williams is calling the special session for a special purpose, probably political.

If the legislature fails to come up with quick answers to problems that have concerned laws that the content of the state of the special session of a special session, or a special session for a special session with quick answers to problems that have concerned laws the special session for a s

what will be needed.

Education, the third major is sue of the special session, has become a major state problem. Floods of new students are foring expansion of school facilities and creating a teacher shortage, distinction of the answer.

Dr. Clair L. Taylor, Republican superintendent of public instruction, in August suggested that Mitchigan's 50,000 school teachers be given another \$200 a year raise from state surplus money.

Williams at the time said the (Continued on Page 81)

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (October 9, 1930)

Fire Calls

All records for fire department calls in Farmington were broken during the three-month period from July 1 to October 1, according to a report compiled by Gily Clerk Nathan H. Power. The total of 55 fire alarms in the three-month period far exceeds all previous figures since the volunteer department was organized. August was the busiest month in the period with 29 calls. All but two of the calls were due to grass fires, made numerous by the unusually dry weather. The large number of fires proved costly to the City and Township. A total of \$888 in salaries were paid to volunteer firemen answering the calls.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 11, 1945)

At a regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education Monday evening, discussion with Farmington Board of Education Monday evening, discussion with proposed new school site. It was voted by the Board that School Attorney Archie Leonard examine the description of the property, which contains 20.34 acres, approximately three acres more than originally estimated, and make arrangements to complete the transaction. The property is owned by Our Lady of Sorrows Church and is the west half of a tract of land lying between Shiawassee and Ten Mile Road from Power Avenue west to Farmington Road.

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FIVE YEARS AGO (October 12, 1950)

Manager Government

Following a Town deciting last week, ac step closer the narwer as to whether or in Tarmington City will revise its charter to make way for the City Manager type of municipal government. City residents decided on the formation of the committee after hearing Mr. Marvin Tableman of the University of Michigan describe City Manager government in comparison to the present Commission system. Elected as a steering committee for the citizens group were Charles Layton, Max Hulett, George Otis, William Garnham, Howard Richards, and City Commissioners Roy Miller and Emory Hatton.

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