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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

The Tax Picture . . .

In the Farmington area is much talked about subject these days, which is very understandable. School taxes particularly have taken a decided rise as a result of the latest building program.

However, in analyzing the tax picture, we must recognize certain pertinent facts: One, the ever-increasing growth of the community is continuing to exert pressure on existing school facilities. Almost as soon as a new classroom is completed it is filled to overflowing. Two, all tax issues for school building programs must be and have been approved by the voters of the District.

There is no question but what adequate school facilities must be provided. This is a responsibility we all owe to our community and our future. The question is not just high taxes. We recognize the fact that our tax bill is sizeable and most of us don't like it. Yet we don't like the prospects of half-day sessions, of crowded classrooms and limited educational opportunity for our children. We can storm and complain, but in the end we can do and pay. The question is: "How can we fulfill our responsibilities and at the same time lift at least a part of the burden?"

There are several ways it can be done! We can look to Lansing or to Washington for help. The road is rough and the waiting is long and the handouts are few, but we might get something. Or, we might take a constructive and objective look at our own backyard. We might analyze what we have and then what we need to improve our tax base in order to ease the load on the individual taxpayer. The latter method may require more time and effort by more people, but it is the surest and the quickest way.

The Farmington community has many natural and physical resources which are conducive to commercial and small industrial development. Careful planning and systematic promotion is all that is needed to infuse this type of urgently needed development. The establishment of new commercial facilities and small industrial plants would not only improve the tax base and lighten the burden on the individual, but would add considerably to the maturity and service of the community.

In order to accomplish this objective, the combined facilities of the civic and service organizations, the local governments, the land owners and developers and the individual citizens will have to be mustered in one common program. It is a big order . . . but it has been done and is being done today in many localities, large and small. It can be done here, if we are willing to try!

The Large Field . . .

of candidates in the coming Farmington Township Primary is symbolic of a growing interest on the part of many people regarding the affairs of their local government.

We sincerely hope that all of the candidates, including those seeking re-election, will in the next few weeks formulate a progressive and constructive program which will serve as their guide if elected. Equally important, we hope that they will make this program public as an aid to the voters. It is the intention of The Enterprise to publish as much information as possible regarding the candidates in an effort to stimulate voter interest and to better acquaint the public with the prospective office holders.

This, we believe, is a responsibility not only of the newspaper but of the candidates themselves. In the past, cooperation has not always been 100%. We hope it will be this year. In local elections, as in state and national contests, the people have a right to know. It is important not only for majority action at the polls, but for good government at the grass roots of America.

A Hornet's Nest . . .

never looks too menacing until you give it a good solid boot. That's about the way the Capitol Building in Washington looked last week as all the occupants gathered inside to hear President Eisenhower's State of the Union Message. But, we can't help but wonder just how long it will be before someone lets go with the swift kick. It is bound to happen, and when it does you'll be able to sense the buzzing way up here.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

Editor's Note: Due to an increasing number of requests by various churches in and around Farmington for space in the "Go To Church" column, it has been deemed necessary to set up a standard form for all churches and to minimize the space allotted to each. In the future only the church name, address, times of services, and the minister's name and telephone number will be listed. We do not have this information for all churches listed in the column. Pastors are requested to submit this information in writing to us as soon as possible.

CHURCH OF GOD
26341 Sylvania at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 8 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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

CLARENCEVILLE 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 Johnson

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Services 9:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dr. G. Northrop 1277

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Church School, 9:15 a.m.
Rev. Carl Schultz 0214

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 SOFOWS
2303 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 9:30, 10:30, Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Beahan 0324

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Saturday Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at Middlebelt Church
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. Roy Johnson 2124

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
13 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. Leroy J. Lord

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski 1547

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
23000 Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
In Stuckey School, 26000 Farley.
Rev. V. Halbois

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in Universalist Church
Sunday Services, 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m. School Children.
J. B. Quinn 1049-M or 1049-J

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Services at Farmington H. S.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.
Rev. H. Geiger 2112

ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD
22211 Agate Road
Tuesday Service, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit GOSPEL TABERNACLE
10000 Winston
Sunday Services 9:45, 11 a.m., 8:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Saturday Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.
Sunday Services 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30, 11 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 8, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

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

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH
10188 Gaylord Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m., B. Y. F. 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
25204 Cass Avenue
Sunday Service 11 a.m. at Town Hall, Sunday School 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Warner and Thomas Streets
Sunday Service 11:15 a.m., Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Rev. R. Lincoln 2839-W

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Inferior Road, north of Eight Mile
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Bible School 10 a.m.
Rev. E. Crandall MA. 6-3734

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Services 8:30, 11:15 a.m., Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. R. Sursaw 0326

Seeking a Crack in the Wall



STATE GOVERNMENT reform movements under the "Little Hoover" Commission have taken a new turn.

After five years the State Legislative Committee on State Government Reorganization disbanded; turned over 36 reports to the first legislature.

"Our job is finished and it's now up to the legislature," said Senator Frank Andrews (R-Hillman).

Reforms in every major fact of government were proposed in the study which started with researchers who dug out the facts and piled them on with recommendations to a citizens' advisory committee.

The group of citizens—all leaders in labor, industry, education and business—worked over the reports from the researchers and passed on the modified recommendations to the legislative group.

Lawmakers gave the reports a first screening, then recommended them as statutes.

Major reforms have been few and far between, but both Democrats and Republicans agree that those which did become law have made state government more efficient and have realized some economies.

"An example is the records center, which saves office space and makes records available in a central filing system," Andrews said. "This alone is saving thousands of dollars each year."

Among important recommendations ignored so far by the legislature are abolishing of the elective auditor-general in favor of a legislative auditor; the centering of all administrative power in the governor.

Andrews said he would ask for a special legislative committee to press for all the reforms recommended by the commission.

PRISON INMATES were given a testimonial turkey dinner for working overtime to finish a \$45,000 farm dormitory at Jackson State Prison.

The building was one of several spread over the prison system to ease the overcrowding crisis.

Prison officials wanted the building completed before the first of the year. They used inmate labor to trim the costs and, to speed up the work.

By working overtime and during lunch periods and on their free days, the more than 30 prisoners finished the job well ahead of schedule.

"They worked hard for us and we want to show them that we appreciate it," said John J. Spicer, assistant corrections director in charge of institutions.

THE DEAN of Michigan prisoners, Tony Duley, is starting his 14th year behind bars for a 1907 murder in Oshtemo.

He has long since been eligible for commutation of his sentence by the governor, the first step toward freedom. He is 69 years old.

Now feeble and frail, Duley has been promised a home for the rest of his days by a South Haven family. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Baron, who became his first visitors in ten years in 1952.

There have been roadblocks to Tony's release, but he is still hopeful. Prison officials say he has paid his penalty and law enforcement.

'Life' To Be Subject Of Christian Science Sermon
How spiritual understanding of God as divine Life opens the door to healthier, happier living will be set forth in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Life" at Christian Science services Sunday.

Selections will be read from the King James Version of the Bible including Psalms 16:8, 9 and from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.



LOOKING AHEAD
by GEORGE S. BENSON
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Citizens of Louisville, Kentucky, recently learned that the Communist conspiracy in America is a grim reality, that its secret agents were infiltrating important elements in our community life and are influencing public opinion in a manner helpful to world Communism and harmful to our nation's security.

The series of events that astounded Louisville citizens centered around Gap Braden, who for years had been a member of the editorial staff of the Louisville Courier-Journal, the city's only morning newspaper.

People took sides. Tension mounted. Shots were fired into the Wade residence. And then, on June 27, a bomb was exploded in the city.

Commonwealth Attorney A. Scott Hamilton conducted some thorough investigation into the case.

Hamilton's theory was that Braden and the key people in the "Wade Defense Committee" were Communist conspirators, that they had used the Wade family and the house buying scheme, and had themselves actually bombed the house for the sole purpose of agitating trouble between the races as a part of the Communist scheme to cause continuous trouble, calculated to weaken and finally overthrow the American government.

Graham started work on his part in the project with top men from the following clubs: Zeta International, Kappa International, Alpha International, Michigan Association of High Twelve Clubs, Toastmasters International, Michigan State Exchange Club, Christian International, Optimist International, Michigan Business and Professional Women's Club, Rotary International, Lions Club, and the Michigan Plover Club.

Veterans organizations have been organized to deplete the role Michigan has played in keeping America free since the revolutionary war when the state was a territory.

"The potentialities of the cooperation of these two great groups is almost beyond estimate," said Graham.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 16, 1930)
Two Hour Parking
Establishment of a two-hour limit on parking of automobiles in Farmington's business district in the spring is regarded as likely due to the difficulties officials have been facing in their efforts to control double parking, according to a statement made by Emory O. Hutton, police commissioner of the city.

Valentine Party
A Valentine party will be held at the Farmington High School February 14 from 9:00 to 12:00 midnight. The party is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Groves-Walker Post. There will be cards, dancing and refreshments.

Building Ordinance
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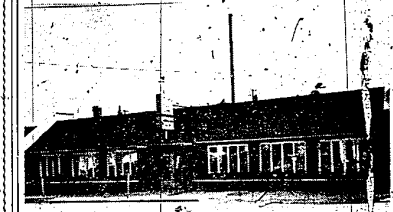
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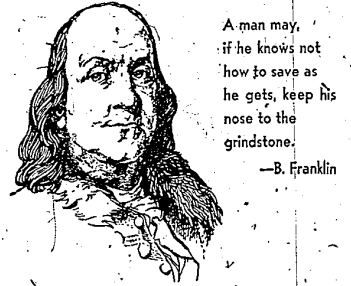


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