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## It's Our Opinion:

### EDITORIALS:

#### It Is Obvious . . .

that a great deal of thought was given by the Franklin Knolls Improvement Association to the preparation of the sewer resolution presented to the Township Board last week.

The basic principals outlined in the resolution are not only practical but constructive. During the past several years the Board has been confronted with the growing problem of sanitation, particularly in new subdivisions. The establishment of a firm and uniform policy, we believe, is of utmost importance to the future of the entire community.

Such a policy can be achieved by developing the suggestions presented in the Franklin Knolls Improvement Association resolution. In fact, the Board has started the ball rolling by proposing a joint meeting with other nearby Townships to discuss the problem. The suggested requirement that a deposit be posted to cover the cost of sanitary sewer facilities before approval of any new plats, is constructive and in the best interests of the community. In areas to be serviced by the proposed Farmington Interceptor, these funds could be applied to the project, thus speeding its completion. In all cases the deposit would provide a measure of insurance that adequate sanitary facilities are provided.

The vast majority of the builders and land developers will, we believe, be in accord with such a plan provided it is a standard policy. Care must be taken in drafting the policy to see that it accomplishes the objectives without impairing progressive development. We are confident this can and must be done. A promising seed has been planted, we hope that the time is not too far away when it will bear fruit.

#### Awarding Of Bids . . .

for the initial phase of the new Farmington-Brighton Expressway should come as welcome news to the majority of the residents and merchants of this community.

During the past several years, the increased volume of through traffic has created a number of serious problems. Not only has the task of enforcement become more difficult, but the adventure in bucking the crowd and trying to get into a parking space is exciting, to say the least. Nor is the situation expected to get any better until such time as the expressway is open.

We are of the firm opinion that business in Farmington will increase substantially once the hazards of through traffic have been removed. It will not only reduce traffic accidents, but will afford residents easier access to local stores and business places. Because of the present congestion, many are finding it easier to shop somewhere else. This fact has been proven in a number of other communities which have experienced the same problem.

With the new expressway, people who desire to come into the business area can do so easily and safely. At the same time, those living within the community can transact their business more quickly and with less confusion. In view of these developments, plans should be made as soon as possible for improved parking and shopping facilities to meet the increased demand.

The building of the expressway will take time, but so will the planning of a program designed to adequately serve the needs of the community.

#### Looking A Gift Horse . . .

in the face seems to be unavoidable, even if it is going to cost more than the barn to keep him in and a year's supply of oats.

That seems to be the reaction to the announcement by the Hoover Commission regarding reductions in Federal expenditures, including public power systems. It is estimated by the Commission that approximately 15 billion could be saved by carrying out the recommendations. This could mean a balanced budget and a reduction in taxes.

However, as expected, the report is being met with strong objection. The thoughts of getting the government out of debt, of increasing its efficiency and getting a dollar's value for a dollar spent, seems to strike a note of horror in the minds of many politicians. It evidently isn't so much what the gift means, it's the cost of the thing that really counts.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
2844 Sibley at Middlebelt  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 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 Johns

**FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Services 9:30, 11:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dr. G. Northrop 1277

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Church School at 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery School maintained during the worship hour.  
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 SORROWS CHURCH**  
Sunday Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.  
Fr. J. J. O'Connell 0324

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Grand River at Oxford  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Prayer - 8 p.m.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Services at 28911 Inkster Road  
Clarenceville Old Fellow Hall  
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Rev. Roy Johnson 2124

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
18 Mile Road at Greening  
Sunday Service 11 a.m.  
Church School 10 a.m.  
Rev. L. I. Lord LL-2-3010

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
Middlebelt and Elm Road  
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.  
Rev. W. Lutworski 1647

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
18 Mile River  
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Friday, 7:00-9:00 P. M.  
Rev. V. Halboth

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Services in Universalist Church  
Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School  
C. B. Guinaa 1049-M or 1049-J

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
Services in Farmington H. S.  
Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Rev. R. Geiger 2112

**ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD**  
29221 Anglin Road  
Tuesday Service 7:30 p.m.

**MARANATHA EVANGELISTO CHURCH**  
15388 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 Services, 9:30 a.m.  
All Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship 6, 7 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

**SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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**  
2250  
Sunday Service 11 a.m. at Town Hall. Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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

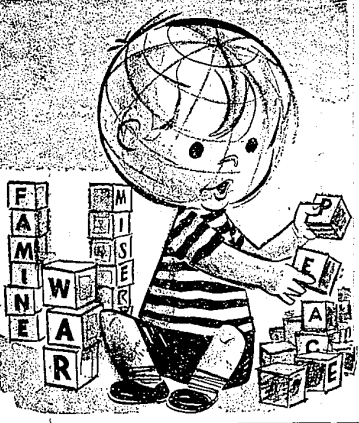
**FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
Warner and Thomas Street  
Services in recess for summer.  
Rev. R. Lincoln 2839-V

**KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
10061 Middlebelt Road  
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.  
B. C. Crandall MAY 6-3734

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Grand River at Warner Ave.  
Worship Service and Church School, at 8:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour following services.  
Rev. R. Sursaw 0126

**BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
8900 Middlebelt Road  
Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:45 p.m.  
Rev. J. J. Traub GA-1-9140

## Let's Spell Something Constructive



**TOURISTS ARE POURING** back into Michigan for the 1955 season among Michigan's 11,000 lakes in the rich resort areas which are enjoying increased prosperity after last year's decline.

It's a \$50 million a year business for the state and a healthy flow of tax dollars for the state treasury.

Robert J. Parlong, executive secretary of the Michigan Tourist Council, predicted that a 10 per cent decline in dollar volume last year will be erased before fall.

"This should be a great year for one of Michigan's biggest industries," he said. Settlement of automobile contract disputes in Detroit was a harbinger of a good season. Full employment in Detroit and other metropolitan centers has a direct impact on the resorts.

The state is keeping pace with the industry. Conservation officials have groomed the 57 state parks for the summer. These are areas where tourists can camp and swim and fish — and relax — free or for small registration fees.

Major park project this year will be continuance of work on Sterling State Park on Lake Erie. This park was heavily damaged by a storm in 1950, and part of the beach was swept into the lake. But with only a small strip of beach and play area, Sterling had more visitors than all but three parks in the state last year.

Still in the future, but certain to be tourist magnets are Michigan's new highway construction program and the Straits of Mackinac Bridge.

The bridge, to be completed in 1957, already is drawing crowds. The five-mile span will rival some of the biggest bridges in the world. Highway officials hope by the time it opens there will be enough highways to carry traffic to its approaches.

Michigan motorists already are paying a 1 1/2-cent increase in the state gasoline tax to pay for the new roads, at \$35 million a year.

"All this is going to make Michigan an even more attractive place to spend a vacation," said Parlong.

**KOREAN VETERANS** who received general discharges have won their point.

The state bonus law, administering the \$60 million grant giving veterans a maximum \$500 for service in the Korean conflict, specified that only honorable discharges



**LOOKING AHEAD**  
by GEORGE S. BENSON  
Author of "Facing Fifty" "Study America"

One of the basic concepts which shaped the formation of our American government was that individual initiative, when free to expand its opportunities, would generate a great progressive force. And it has. The progress of our nation, when compared with other nations, proves the soundness of this concept. Yet there are many citizens who do not clearly understand the basic governmental concepts which have given Americans the highest living standards in the world. This lack of understanding is not good for our country.

In China and other areas of Asia I spent ten years examining the causes of their great poverty. Ninety per cent of the people were barely existing, each living for a month on what an American would call one dollar. Yet China has vast resources in soils and minerals and forests. What was the holdback? In brief, here was the trouble: The people were afraid to venture because of the lack of adequate and equitable laws, equitably enforced. Let me illustrate.

A group of Chinese wanted to open a coal mine. They had capital. Workers were plentiful. The coal deposit was unlimited. And the market was there. The only question was: "Would it be advisable?" One of the group said: "Well, you know the group of people along the river. They have a few soldiers. If we get the coal mine producing they'd come and take it away from us."

Another of the group said, "Yes, and the Governor is in league with that group." They had to forget the idea of opening a coal mine. Their governmental structure provided no protection.

Another example: A town in the China interior installed an electric light plant. An envious group in another town, burning peanut-oil candles, overpowered the authorities and tore down the electric plant. But they couldn't carry some of the heavy pieces on their shoulders, so when they put the plant together it wouldn't operate. They were consulted anyway; they still had no electric lights, but neither did the other town.

Individual initiative throughout the population is not possible for want of equitable laws, equitably enforced.

I've had the opportunity twice to study conditions in England first hand. From 1945 to 1951 the Socialist-Labor Party operated the government. The government took over ownership of the major industries, the coal mines, the transportation systems, the utilities.

They ran the answer. J. J. LaLone, secretary of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, said that more than 5,000 veterans would be denied bonuses under the general discharge ruling. Hundreds complained.

They ran the answer. Attorney General Thomas M. (Continued on Page 3A)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

SEWER PLANS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 10, 1930)

Plans for the extension of the Farmington sewer system have approved by the Bureau of Engineering of the State Department of Health. The city is ready for the charter amendment vote on July 21 and no difficulty is anticipated in its passage. The question has been raised as to whether the proposed amendment does not give the City Commission too much power. It has been pointed out that it does not give any unusual authority, but only the same as conferred by the Home Rule Act. The amendment does not give the Commission power to spend ten per cent of the assessed valuation in one year, but it permits it to create an indebtedness of not over two per cent in one year. It prohibits contracting indebtedness at any time which will make the city's total debt over ten per cent of the assessed valuation.

**Traffic Light**  
The new traffic signals at Grand River and Farmington Road have received much commendation from officials and motorists. They present a pleasing appearance and are visible for a much greater distance than the old overhead type. They are mounted on poles, which carry street signs of the New York City type, with the name of the street in large letters and that of the cross-street in smaller lettering above.

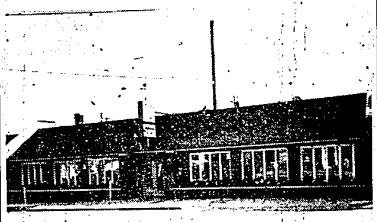
**TEN YEARS AGO (July 12, 1945)**  
**School District**  
The first meeting of the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District was held Tuesday at the school. At the meeting the Board voted to adjust the amount paid to persons taking the school census in compensation for traveling expenses, reviewed the bids received on caulkings the gymnasium, the elementary and high school buildings, and voted to purchase a dishwashing machine for the high school cafeteria.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (July 13, 1950)**  
**School Board Election**  
Curt Hall was named president of the School Board Monday. The Board was reorganized and salaries were established. They authorized the Board to spend more than \$17,000 in accordance with the school budget. In order to prepare the present schools for the half-day sessions next fall, the superintendent was authorized to spend \$100 for new furniture to equip present classrooms now serving small children to serve older children under the half-day plan. They also authorized the purchase of two new school buses.



"What fun to have a picnic lunch! This one's tasty, I've a hunch. And the picnic's peak for me. Is my top beverage, you see: Milk to drink while I munch!"

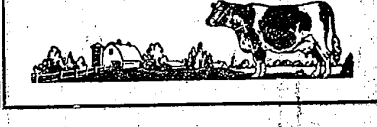
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