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## It's Our Opinion:

### EDITORIALS:

#### Tighter Controls . . .

Use of outside water have once again been imposed by City officials in an effort to preserve the presently overtaxed supply. The increased controls have become necessary, in part at least, because of the failure of some to respect the regulations. This, coupled with the limited supply and the unusually dry weather, has created a serious situation.

The City Council was advised last week that a large number of citizens were ignoring the sprinkling restrictions. On one evening alone over 80 violations were recorded. As a result, the reserve water supply was exhausted and many homes were without necessary drinking water. Had a serious fire broken out, it is questionable whether there would have been enough water available to control it.

With many new residents putting in lawns, shrubbery and trees, it is tempting to hedge a little bit in order to protect what, in most cases, is a sizeable investment. However, when the situation is projected in terms of the preservation of life and property, violation of the controls can become an extremely serious matter. The loss of a home because of a dry fire hydrant would be the ultimate of tragedy, particularly when it could have been avoided.

It is unfortunate that plans were not initiated some time ago for the expansion of the water system. Failure to act was due to a large extent on lack of information, as well as repeated assurances that Farmington had an excellent supply. This latter assumption was undoubtedly true at the time, but it did not take into account the tremendous growth that was about to take place . . . a growth that was bound to come.

Little can be accomplished, however, by looking back. Every effort must now be made to complete the present water expansion program as quickly as possible. In the meantime, it is absolutely essential that all citizens cooperate to the fullest extent in the preservation of the existing water supply. It is vital to the protection of the entire community!

#### For Several Weeks . . .

Farmington Police enjoyed a pleasant change of pace as far as auto accidents are concerned.

The big question is "why?" If we but knew the answer we might be able to solve the terrifying problem of death and injury on our streets and highways. Is it because of a reduction in the amount of traffic or maybe the gruesome headlines that followed the fateful Labor Day week end? Is it because of the increased attention that is being focused on the subject as a result of the forthcoming special session of the State Legislature? Your guess is as good as anyone else's.

We are sure of one thing, however. The change of pace was mighty refreshing after one of the roughest summers in the history of this area. The traffic accident problem in Farmington and throughout the State has reached major proportions, and it will take a major counter-attack to neutralize the gains that death has made. It is impossible to recover the victims who have already fallen, but there is a chance that others can be spared.

Our first offensive must be based on a realization of the problem and a recognition of the fact that none of us are immune. Too often we think of accidents as something that only happens to the other fellow. We get away with breaking the law once . . . and we think we can do it again and again. Traffic safety is not just a set of self-styled rules, it is a frame of mind. Before we can begin to beat back this enemy, we must honestly realize that accidents can happen to us. We must also visualize what will happen to our families and loved ones if we are killed or permanently injured. It isn't a pleasant thought, but it is happening every day and it is very real.

Once we begin to realize these cold, hard facts we'll start getting somewhere. Traffic safety must be personalized right down to you and I, and we must think about it every time we slide in behind the wheel of our car. We can halt this slaughter on our streets and highways, if we really make up our minds to do it!

ONE MORE dictator has hit the dusty trail to oblivion. This time it happened down Argentine-way, and Juan Peron, like those that have gone before, has found out that freedom is something you can't shout down, even from a marble balcony.

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
29344 Shiloh and 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.

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

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Church School at 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery School maintained during 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**  
29015 Powers Road  
Sunday Masses: 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30. Holy Days, 8:30, 7, 8, 9. Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.  
Fr. T. J. Lord GR. 4-5720

**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 29311 Inlander Road  
Clarenceville, Calvary Hall  
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Rev. Roy Johnson GR. 4-5355

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
13 Mile Road at Greening  
Sunday Service 11 a.m.  
Church School 10 a.m.  
Rev. J. Lord GR. 2-8010

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2815 13 Mile Road  
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.  
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0675

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
29000 Grand River  
Sunday Services 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m. in Stuckey School, 26000 Farley.  
Rev. V. Halboch

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Services in Universalist Church  
Clarenceville, Calvary Hall  
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School Children.  
J. B. Guinan GR. 4-3374

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

**ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD**  
Seest in Farmington E. S.  
Tuesday Service 7:30 p.m.

**MARANATHA EVANGELISTIC 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 Sun School, 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship 5, 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.  
Bible Study 10:00 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**  
23701 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 Services, 11 a.m. Church School at same time.

**KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
10001 Middlebelt Road  
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.  
C. Crandell GR. 4-4751

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Grand River at Warner Ave.  
Sunday: 8:50 and 11:15 a.m. (duplicate services)  
Church School, 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m. for Intermediate and 8:30 p.m. for Senior.  
Rev. R. Sarraw GR. 4-6573

**BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
821 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

## By George



"I musta blacked out!"



**POLITICIANS ARE SWAPPING** soapboxes in Michigan as both parties stack their ammunition for 1956 campaigns. Republicans, with a story for the working man, are going after the labor vote. Democrats, prosperous with a full slate of incumbents in the capitol, are wooing the farmer.

The switch in emphasis will have an effect on the 1956 election, both sides claim. The new crusade of campaigning are expected to make Michigan one of the hottest states in the drive for votes.

"We are going to show the laboring man that he has benefited from a Republican legislature," said Republican State Chairman John Feikens. Democratic State Chairman Neil Staebler said the party is whipping together a "state farm program" to show normally Republican farmers that they would do well to vote the other way.

"The Republicans are driving the family off the farm with their agricultural policies," he said. "Cooperations are buying the land as business enterprises."

Both parties conducted spirited voter registration campaigns in September. Democrats aimed a major campaign gun at the 80 per cent party, claiming President Eisenhower promised 100 per cent.

Laboring folks in Detroit will be bombarded with the idea that Republicans in the legislature have increased workmen's and unemployment compensation benefits. All this, while the guessing game reaches new peaks over who will be the candidates.

Feikens insists that Governor Williams has gone for a fifth consecutive term and President Eisenhower will try for his second four-year stay in the White House.

The governor, who has been mentioned as a Democratic presidential candidate, is silent on the thought but has done little to indicate which way he might go. Democrats are patient, but some top party leaders figure it will be for a fifth term in Lansing.

Here's how they analyze it: Potential candidates at Chicago next August 13 - except Governor Williams - will be able to go into the convention, campaign



LOOKING AHEAD  
By GEORGE S. BENSON  
President - Middlebelt College  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

During a typical year my speaking schedule takes me to more than 100 meetings, conventions, conferences, college and school assemblies, forums, workshops, dinners and luncheons. Among the most stimulating experiences are the occasions when I discuss the American way of life with high school or college students and faculty. As this column is written I have returned to my office from an especially inspiring experience in the field of education. The occasion was the school-opening and program for the educational and administrative staffs of the Springfield (Missouri) public schools.

A full day was devoted to "Education for American Citizenship." In this city of 70,000, love of country and concern for the future freedom and happiness of the coming generation seemed to be a civic characteristic. What the Springfield public schools are doing, and how they are doing it, is of significance to all the school people and parents of America, especially at a time when much public discussion is centering on education, its basic purposes, its academic programs and its methods.

Springfield's Board of Education, Superintendent Willard J. Gruff and his staff, and the 830 teachers who teach the city's 14,500 scholars are to be congratulated on the harmonious teamwork evidenced in formulating and carrying forward Springfield's excellent educational program in American citizenship.

The subject of my address to the assembled teachers at the general session was "The Crisis of Our Generation." The entire day was devoted to the subject "Education for American Citizenship." The Community's interest was represented by Mayor Warren Turner, Dr. Durward Hall, president of the Chamber of Commerce; James A. Jeffries, president of the Board of Education; Miss Evelyn Johnson, president of the Springfield American Citizens' Association; and the executive committee members of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Superintendent Gruff keyed the day's activities by setting forth some of the important elements in the Springfield school program. He emphasized a "Statement of Purpose" adopted by the Springfield school system. "The administration and teachers in the Springfield Public Schools," the official statement says, "believe that the primary purpose of public school education in the United States of America is to maintain and promote the American way of life. They are earnestly committed to teaching the meaning of freedom and the know-how required to remain free."

"The open assembly program was followed by panel discussions on 'Education for American Citizenship,' with teachers serving as panel members." In my address opening the afternoon session, I identified "the crisis of our generation" as the world situation in which nation after nation is being turned away through force or

Whatever is accomplished in the special session of the legislature in October will also have an influence on 1956. The governor has called the legislature into special session to consider highway safety, care for mentally retarded children, and a \$200 a year pay increase for 50,000 school teachers.

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What would happen in that case is an interesting project for any attorney that happens to be in the mood for a night of contemplation.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (October 2, 1930)  
Tax Rate

Farmington Township's tax rate will be changed little this year from the rate of a year ago. The rate this year will be \$6.75 per thousand dollars valuation as compared with last year's rate of \$6.77 per thousand. Township valuation, as determined by the Board of Review, is placed at \$8,242,989. The hopes of officials for lower taxes in the Township rest in the matter of State and County valuations. If the valuations placed by Supervisor Cox is accepted by the State and County officials as their basis for taxation, the amount levied would be materially reduced. The valuation placed upon the Township by the State last year was about \$11,000,000. Of the township rate this year, \$4.95 is for the general fund and \$1.85 is for road repair.

**Water Main**  
The contract was let last week for the laying of a new water main on Grand River Avenue east of the Rouge River. Carle and Tomasin, contractors for the city sewer project, were awarded the contract with their bid of \$3,350. The City Commission voted to improve the Thomas Street sewer by installing a new, larger main and by laying it deeper. Carle and Tomasin offered to do the job for \$813.25. The offer was accepted.

**TEN YEARS AGO (October 4, 1945)**  
Community Fund  
Plans are complete for the Oakland County United Community War Fund Drive in Farmington. Local Chairman Glenn H. Cargill, with the assistance of workers and solicitors, will conduct an extensive drive for funds between October 8 and October 29. Money received will provide soup, food and warm clothing for liberated allies, care for needy babies in America and games and entertainment for troops at the front, Cargill stated.

**Classes Resume**  
Superintendent of School E. V. Ayres announced Wednesday that kindergarten classes in all Farmington schools would resume on Monday. School buses will operate on a regular schedule, he said. Kindergarten classes were temporarily discontinued in the school district because of the gasoline shortage.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (October 6, 1950)**  
Township Police  
Phillip Kempainen, former Farmington City policeman, has been appointed as the new Farmington Township police officer. It was announced this week by Township Supervisor Ernest Blanchard. The new police officer is 26 years old and served eight months on the city police force prior to his new appointment. He came here from Stockton, California, where he served as a patrolman. Kempainen will assume his new duties on October 15. He is replacing William Edger, whose resignation became effective September 1.

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