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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

The Reluctance . . .

on the part of the Township Board in approving the newly proposed building code is not only creating confusion but is delaying the orderly process of progressive government.

This does not mean that building in the Township has stopped or even slowed down. Far from it . . . building is continuing at an ever-increasing pace. This makes it all the more important that an adequate code be adopted which will not only provide broader minimum standards on all types of building, but will also set up a clearly-defined system of administration.

Since the City of Farmington adopted this same Building Officials Conference of America Code several months ago, we have had an opportunity not only to study it but to see it in operation. It is comprehensive and yet easy to understand and it is based on years of trial and error. As a result of these facts more and more communities are recognizing its value and are putting it to work.

The majority of the Board members have indicated that they are in favor of a new and more adequate building code. We recognize the importance of thought and discussion on these matters which are of such vital concern to the community. At the same time we feel that a detailed discussion of the code itself is but a duplication of effort . . . an effort which has been made over the years by experts.

Every code and ordinance that has ever been written is subject to amendment. These changes can best be brought about through actual usage. As far as administration is concerned, a great deal must be left to the interpretation and discretion of building officials. This does not mean that the minimum requirements can be ignored, but it does mean that certain conditions and circumstances must be weighed in the judgment of individual cases. This is why we have inspectors and Boards of Appeals.

Delegation of responsibility and the creation of the necessary tools to work with are essential elements in the orderly development of any community which is growing as rapidly as Farmington Township. To delay the realization of these elements is only to put off the inevitable.

The Importance . . .

of traffic safety, particularly in the vicinity of school buildings, seems to be gaining more and more emphasis with each passing week.

Although this problem first gained prominence as a result of the school bus transportation situation, it has since developed into a much broader and more complicated matter. As has been pointed out, the improvement of roads, establishment of speed limits and erection of control signs are outside the jurisdiction of the School Board, and yet they are of vital importance to the District. Thus if the safety and welfare of the youngsters is to be taken care of, a cooperative program on a community-wide basis must be initiated.

Such a program must include all of the agencies of government who have a responsibility in the problem. Efforts are now being made to arrange a meeting between the School Board and Township Board for the purpose of discussing these mutual problems. We believe that the City Council and representatives of the County Road Commission should also participate in the joint discussion.

We believe that these problems can be solved quickly and efficiently provided that a singleness of purpose is maintained and a genuine spirit of cooperation is displayed.

Last Week . . .

the City of Birmingham opened its first municipal parking lot with a colorful ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The lot provides space for 231 cars and is equipped with meters to provide both one-hour parking for five cents and 12-hour parking for 25c. A similar arrangement might well be considered on the proposed public parking areas in the City of Farmington. Metered sections for all-day parking on an eight- or ten-hour basis would be of convenience to employees and would provide a source of revenue for the construction and maintenance of the parking area.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
28241 Shawansee 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 Johns

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 10:30 a.m.
Nursery School maintained during the worship hour.
Rev. Carl Schultz GR. 4-6880

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
12 Mile east of Orchard Lake Road
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.;
Rev. Lloyd Shue GR. 4-1543

OUR LADY OF SOFAROS
23615 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 8:00, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 5:30, 7, 8, 9, Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Beckwith GR. 4-5720

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
29011 Lakster Road
Clarenceville Odd Fellow Hall
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Rev. Roy Johnson GR. 4-5355

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
18 Mile Road at Greenleaf
Sunday Services
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. I. Lord LI. 2-5010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services, 10:45, 12:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0675

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Stuckey School, 26000 Farley.
Rev. Stanley Low

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services in Universalist Hall
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., School Children.
J. B. Guinan GR. 4-2560 or GR. 4-3374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
26115 Farmington at 11 Mile
Sunday Services, 10:30 a.m., Church School at same time.
Rev. R. Geiger GR. 4-1671

MARANATHA EVANGELIST CHURCH
15388 Lehigh 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.

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

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

GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH
10158 Gaylord Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m. B. Y. F. 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
33255 Grand River Ave.
Sunday Service, 11 a.m., Township Hall.
Sunday School, 11 a.m., and Wednesday Service, 8 p.m., both at 33255 Grand River Avenue, corner of Liberty Street.

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 a.m. Church School at same time.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
10001 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
R. C. Crandall GR. 4-4781

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. (duplicate services).
Church School, 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m. for high intermediate and 6:30 p.m. for Senior.
Rev. R. Sursaw GR. 4-6573

BETHLE 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



POLITICAL EMBARRASMENTS have been taking the play away from the campaign to improve the chances for long life for those who drive cars on Michigan highways.

It's been a hectic autumn for Secretary of State James M. Hare. He proposed his "14 steps to highway safety" at a point when the public was generally concerned about the slaughter on the highways.

"This has got to be non-political," he said.

Insiders figured Hare was sincere in his proposals. Many of them had been projects of Republican legislators in the past, but Hare had them in a package at a time when they were as attractive enough to sell.

It contained a proposal for a state system of driver license examiners, supplanting local officers who for years have issued licenses.

Sheriffs, under fire before from reformers who believed a politician could never adequately enforce the law, were incensed.

At a meeting in the capitol, they pinned Hare's ears back, demanding that he prove that incompetence in licensing was killing people on the highways.

At a second meeting with the sheriffs, Hare had them on the run with his statistics, case histories. His point was that with state control, Michigan would have better — or fewer — drivers.

At this point, Sheriff Ferris E. Lucas, secretary of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, said, "Maybe the state officials, too, have been doing out favors for their friends in licensing."

Sidney Woolner, Hare's deputy, insisted on proof and Lucas slowly pulled out of his pocket a photostatic copy of an order to report for a licensing hearing that was ignored.

It bore the name of Thomas M. Kavanaugh, of Carson City, who now is the state's attorney-general, the chief law officer in Michigan.

Hare immediately ordered an investigation, another examination for Kavanaugh. Republican politicians leaped on the episode, promising that Hare's program would be junked.

Hare was embarrassed. Rep. Herb Clements (R-Decker) said that "in view of the disclosures of Kavanaugh's driving record, you can be sure that Hare's program will never be enacted."

He admitted that Kavanaugh was only one of 3,000,000 drivers in Michigan. Others said it would be "just too political" to scrap

protection for the other 2,999,999 because of Kavanaugh's record.

Then, due to a misunderstanding, a parking ticket affair at first seemed to involve Hare. This brought out more political spears.

He was either impersonated by a violator in tonic or a traffic cop misunderstood. But the first report was that Hare was fined for a parking violation, identified himself, and the ticket was torn up. The time was 3:08 p.m. on a Friday.

Hare said at that exact minute he was talking with a reporter in his Lansing office, 35 miles from Ionia.

The incident made the headlines, of course, and the chances of Hare's program — an accumulation of ideas gathered over the years by legislators — was again under a cloud.

"I certainly hope this very important program, whoever gets the credit for it, can survive these embarrassments which seem to be political, at least on the surface," he said.

FARMERS BECAME the focal point of Governor Williams' most recent announcement.

He ordered the state agricultural commission to change its emphasis from quality and production to quantity.

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The famous McGuffey Readers are coming back. They are the textbooks, first published more than a century ago, that were widely credited with building the sound intellectual foundations and the strong moral fiber of several succeeding generations of Americans. Modern McGuffey Readers, embracing the great moral teachings of the original McGuffey Readers, are being published and offered to schools throughout the nation. This is another encouraging sign, among many, that the education profession today is awakening to the challenges of a world in crisis.

The future strength of America, even with the great political and economic system that has been established, must depend upon the moral and intellectual assets that are being educated of our youth of today. Any people without these assets would be weak and would permit the gradual decay of the principles on which the American way of life is founded. In a sense, the American way is a system of government and economic virtues which stem from the best characteristics of a God-fearing mankind.

Commenting on the McGuffey Readers, which gradually were supplanted in the early 1900's, my encyclopedia says: "It is probably true that no other American school books have had a greater influence on American life, for they were not only a source of reading material but a widely accepted instrument of ethical education." The wonderful stories in the McGuffey Readers, from Grade 1 on up, taught reading in a fascinating way and at the same time etched in the mind of the child a character-building moral lesson.

The story of George Washington and the cherry tree — giving great stature to the virtue of honesty — became an American classic through the McGuffey Readers. Other stories from a long list of authors and from many lands found their first (and lasting) fame in the McGuffey series. The textbooks were called "eclectic" readers to emphasize that their contents represented the best lessons drawn from many cultures.

William Holmes McGuffey was born on a Pennsylvania farm, and soon thereafter his family moved into Ohio. The boy had no formal schooling but his desire for an education was overpowering; he often walked 20 miles to borrow books to read, some of them the early classics. Finally he managed to attend school and when 23 years old he began teaching. Later he graduated from Washington College, taught at Miami (Ohio) University, became president of Cincinnati College and later of Ohio University.

Professor McGuffey, however, enjoyed teaching and writing and he withdrew from administrative pursuits and joined the faculty of the University of Virginia as professor of natural history and moral philosophy. He held this position until his death in 1873, at age 73. His first readers were published in 1836 and continued to be re-published throughout his lifetime.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Public Meeting
A public meeting will be held Monday evening at the Farmington Town Hall to determine whether the community should consent to having the trolley tracks to Farmington done away with or continue efforts to have them left in. Public officials debated the issue last Monday evening but concluded that opinions of all residents of the community should be considered before any final decision is reached. Both township and City residents have been invited to the meeting to express their views.

Budget Increase
Huge increases in the annual county budget for the coming year are due, according to officials, because of extremely heavy need for charity funds in 1956. There is an overdraft of county funds this year for poor relief of nearly \$1,000,000, officials stated. The total budget approximates \$2,836,000, the largest sum ever appropriated for general expenses in the history of the county. This is almost \$670,000 more than the general fund appropriated in 1929.

Ten Years Ago (November 8, 1945)
Mail Tampering
A warning was issued this week to persons who have been tampering with the mail. Numerous reports have been received recently from rural routes by patrons that their mail has been removed from the boxes and opened. In some instances, parts of letters or envelopes have been found along the roadside many days later. Tampering with mail in any way is a Federal offense and offenders are severely dealt with by Federal authorities when apprehended.

Traffic Light
Chief of Police Joseph DeVriendt stated this week that he will take steps to petition the state to install a traffic signal light at Farmington Road and the Grand River Cut-Off. A light was formerly in use at the corner, but was removed during the war and transferred to a more congested area. A woman was killed in an accident at the intersection last week end.

Five Years Ago (November 9, 1950)
Charter Change
A total of 3,220 persons from the City and Township of Farmington went to the polls Tuesday in the last off-year election in the history of the community. Voters gave Republicans a little less than a two-to-one majority in general balloting. The proposal to revise the City Charter was approved by city voters by a six-to-one margin. Over 80 per cent of the registered voters in the city cast ballots in the election.

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