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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS: The Problem . . .

of providing necessary off-street parking facilities in the central business district is still a No. 1 topic of discussion before the City Council in spite of the fact that it has been considered and reconsidered off and on for the past several years.

It has been obvious for some time that the situation would become ever more critical because of the increasing population and the use of temporary parking facilities. In view of these facts, a number of plans were proposed and discussed both by the City Council and the Planning Commission.

Little can be gained by looking back, since the problem is still in front of us. Leadership is needed and needed badly in the solving of this situation. At the last meeting of the Council there was a decided difference of opinion as to whether the merchants or the city were responsible for eliminating the problem.

The Enterprise is confident that the majority of the residents in the Farmington community would prefer to shop at home if the necessary facilities and services were made available. A wider variety of business establishments, improvement and expansion of existing stores and availability of service conveniences are all a part of this program.

Under the latest proposal, the city has offered a site for a parking lot south of Grand River and west of Precise Tool Company. They are now working on various methods by which the improvement of the area can be financed.

Frequent Rumors . . .

were making the rounds last week to the effect that the Farmington School Board was paying \$500 per acre for the proposed Junior High School site on Twelve Mile Road.

These rumors came to our attention in the usual round-about way and, upon examination, found out that they were not only untrue, but that they were initiated even before the option form was submitted to school officials.

The sale price as well as the terms of the option agreement were released to The Enterprise as soon as they were available. We have taken exception with Board action and policy on a number of occasions in the past and we will probably do so in the future, but we have always attempted to do it on the basis of issue and not rumor.

An Election Year . . .

must be coming up . . . the politicians are beginning to talk about helping the small businessman again. Ever since politics began, the various parties have waxed loud and long about giving the small businessman a break.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

- CHURCH OF GOD 2044 Shawansee at Middlebelt Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 8 p.m.
FARMINGTON ASSSEMBLY OF GOD Grand River at Middlebelt Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
CLARENSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Grand River at Cambridge Sunday Services 8:45, 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Services 9:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH Church School at 10:30 a.m.
FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH 1000 Fowles Road Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
OUR LADY OF SORROWS 2200 Fowles Road Sunday Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30. Holy Days, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Church School at 11:00 a.m.
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Services at 20911 Inkster Road
ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH 43 Mile Road at Greening Sunday Service 11 a.m.
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Church School, 10:30 a.m.
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 25000 Grand River Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services in University Church
MARAMATZA EVANGELISTIC CHURCH 18388 Beech Road
LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.
SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH 21122 Indian Road
NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Services 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH 19188 Gaylord Road
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH 33225 Grand River Ave.
CHURCH OF CHRIST West Point Park
FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Warner and Thomas Streets
KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST 10001 Middlebelt Road
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Grand River at Warner Ave.
BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 8300 Middlebelt Road
SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH 21122 Indian Road



Michigan Mirror INTERPRETING THE NEWS

MICHIGAN IS STARTING FAST and early to count its blessings for 1956. The third annual Michigan Week has been scheduled for May 29-32 and committees already are at work.

The advertising value of Michigan Week has been demonstrated. Business is booming and more people are coming to the state to spend their money and vacation time. Russel Swaney, head of Detroit's Federal Reserve Bank, is Wayne County chairman for the 1956 Michigan Week.

Major's will again exchange cities is a rewarding feature of Michigan Week. "The sponsors believe next year's Michigan Week will see the greatest outpouring of pride and enthusiasm that the people of state have ever shown for the place they live and work," said Walker L. Cisler, president of Detroit Edison Company.

MICHIGAN PHYSICIANS, dentists and veterinarians will hear leading civil defense authorities discuss the medical aspects of civil defense in an intensive one-day symposium in Detroit on November 16. As the first symposium embracing such a variety of professions, this is looked upon by civil defense officials and others as a pilot project which may set a pattern for similar national activities.

Its purpose is to assist in the (Continued on Page 8B)
The Book BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH REV. FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor 21405 Farmington Road Corner Colfax (8 1/2 Mile Road)

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LOOKING AHEAD BY GEORGE S. BENSON

There is a story in the Modern McGuffey Sixth Grade Reader which carries an ageless moral lesson. The reason has greater application today than at any time since the founding fathers came ashore at Jamestown and Plymouth Rock. The story is entitled "Something for Nothing."

It is the story of Jack, a bright lad who is in love with the miller's daughter. He sets out to win his fortune in seven days. "What I want," he exclaims to his mother on departing, "is something for nothing." His first encounter is with a stalled donkey and its owner. He whips in the donkey's ear and it responds. The owner rewards Jack with three nuts, and the lad is sure the nuts will magically obtain something for nothing.

Jack's next comes upon an old woman with an apple cart, eating her lunch. He sits down and helps himself to an apple. "The good natured woman doesn't mind. But in payment for the apple, she tells Jack, "You must tighten my horse's harness." Jack laughs.

His next encounter is with an old man with merry eyes who is playing a fiddle. "My third meeting," says Jack to himself, "May be the best." He whistles with the fiddler's tune, and then dances. Jack tells the fiddler about the beautiful miller's daughter. "And you will marry you now?" asks the old man. "A fine, bright lad like you?"

"She will marry me when I roll up my sleeves and get to work," says Jack. "But that I'll leave to others, for I've no mind to work my days away . . . Not when a bright lad can always get something for nothing." "You can't!" "I have!" "I've heard tell!" "True!" "Well . . ." Jack begins and suddenly he starts to wonder. The old fiddler looks as if he might have stepped out of a tale, but he gives no signs of leading Jack to a fortune. Until he says to Jack, "I think I'm exactly what you're looking for."

"You are!" exclaims Jack. "I knew there was magic in your fingers the minute I heard you fiddling!" "Are you sure there isn't magic in yours," says the old fiddler. "In mine?" asks Jack with surprise, and he holds up his two hands and looks at them, palms up and palms down. "Folks say I've finger-magic with my . . ." (Continued on Page 4B)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

ROAD CLOSED SIGN
Twenty-five years ago (November 20, 1930)
Although the road is open to traffic, the "road closed" sign at Grand River and Farmington Roads which has haunted business men in the east end town for months is still in place. It is reported that the State Highway Department plans to keep it there until next spring. The Department contends that there is not a good cross-over east of the city to the double road, and that the new road is unsafe for traffic both ways. One businessman affected by the closing of the road is quoted as saying, "They'll have to put up a new sign every day if they try to keep it there until spring."

Zoning Ordinance
Several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Farmington have been proposed by the Board of Appeals and were submitted to the City Commission this week for approval. The Board of Appeals has proposed three amendments pertaining to Commercial property and buildings thereon. The proposed amendments will be given a final reading at the meeting of the Commission on Wednesday evening, December 12.

Water Main
Work is expected to begin shortly on a new eight-inch water main extension to serve the Floral Park section of the city, it was announced this week by Roy Miller, Water Commissioner. Miller stated that work will begin as soon as materials arrive. Delay in obtaining pipe has held up the project. The new main will be an extension of the present six-inch main ending between Prospect and Power on Shawansee Road. Cost of the project has been set at \$10,637.45.

Charter Petitions
November 30 is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for election to the special City Charter Revision Commission. Nine candidates will be selected to the Charter Commission at a special election to be held January 2.

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