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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

Once Again . . .

The Township Board has seen fit to hold a closed session, at which time a number of important matters were apparently discussed. This meeting was attended by a majority of the Board members. However, no members of the press or the public were invited.

Needless to say, this is an extremely dangerous and unwise practice. The Enterprise has attacked this procedure in the past and it will continue to do so, wherever and whenever it exists. This attitude is based, not on the fact that we are being denied, but rather that the public is being denied. The discussions and actions of any governmental body are of interest and concern to the people, thus they have a right to know what is going on. This is a fundamental principal of our democracy.

Such closed meetings are often excused with the statement that there was not time to advertise the meeting. This may be true on some occasions as far as the general public is concerned, but it need never be true as far as the people's representatives, the press, are concerned. Closed sessions and executive meetings only spread doubt and confusion and set up a series of rumors which often take months and years to straighten out. Public officials, like newspapers, have a responsibility which can not be taken lightly.

Trust, confidence and closeness to the people are vital elements in the conduct of good government. If any one of them is lacking, the administration of government is weakened. You can call it what you will, you can attempt to excuse it or you can label it as so much ranting, but the curtailment of public information is a very real challenge. The fight is being waged with increasing vigor, not just by news media, but by every alert citizen.

The people's right to know is sacred in a democracy. It is the responsibility of each and every one of us to see that it stays that way.

The Street Corners . . .

of the Farmington area will be dotted this Friday with busy men dedicated to the true spirit of Christmas. The spirit of helping others who need help.

Yes, this Friday, December 9, is Goodfellow Day in Farmington. A record number of volunteers will be hard at work in the cause of bringing Christmas to less fortunate families in the community. They are taking time off from their busy stores and offices to work a few hours so that others may know the joy and happiness of the holiday season.

But the Goodfellows can not do it alone . . . they need your help. Over the years the citizens of Farmington have responded in ever-increasing numbers to this cause. We are confident that the trend will continue this year and in the years ahead. The Spirit of Christmas is a wonderful thing, and it is at its finest when people work together to help one another.

So, don't be left out, give to the Goodfellows this Friday. Let's bring the true Spirit of Christmas to every home in the Farmington community. Remember, when you help your neighbors, you help yourself. The warmth of giving is a rewarding experience, especially when you know that it is going to someone who needs it so badly. Be a Goodfellow . . . give to a Goodfellow this Friday!

It Can Be Done . . .

and we've proven it. The Second Annual S-D Day program was a huge success. Through the conscientious effort of millions of people, many lives were saved on Safe-Driving Day last Tuesday.

Although the program was not as successful as last year, a lot of Americans owe their lives to this nation-wide effort. As we have stated before, however, safe driving can not and should not be confined to a day. The real measure of success regarding S-D Day will be determined in the weeks ahead.

It is essential that all of us retain the S-D Day habit throughout this busy and dangerous month of December. If we are to make progress against this epidemic of death and injury on our streets and highways, we must work at it and work at it hard, 365 days in the year.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
20341 Siliawasco 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
Grand River and Middlebelt
Sunday Services 8:45, 11:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST
Sunday Services 9:30, 11:40 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dr. G. Northrop 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. 4-1643

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
23615 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 6:30, 7, 8, 9, Daily, 6:30, 8, 4:5720
Fr. T. J. Lord LI. 2-8010

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.

ORCHARD METHODIST
18 Mile east of Grand River
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. J. Lord LI. 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m., Sunday School and Bible class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Ratkowski GR. 4-0875

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
26000 Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Slickey School, 50000 Farley.
Rev. V. Halbois

TRINITY EPISCOPAL
(Temporarily Worshipping in the Universalist Church)
Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Church School: 10:30 a.m.
Kindergarten: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, First through Sixth Grade: 10 a.m. Saturday: Seventh through Tenth Grade, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Eleventh and Twelfth Grades: 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
Rev. J. B. Cullen GR. 4-2860 or GR. 4-3374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
26165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile
Sunday Services, 10:30 a.m.
Church School at same time.
Rev. R. Geiger GR. 4-1671

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.
Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
All Youth School, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday p.m.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY
21123 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF LIVONIA
Inkster Road

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
3325 Grand River Ave.
Sunday Service, 11 a.m., Township Hall.
Sunday School, 11 a.m., and Wednesday Service, 8 p.m., both at 3325 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.

RENEWED CHURCH OF CHRIST
10001 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m. R. C. Crandell GR. 4-4731

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Service, 8:50, 11:15 a.m. Church School (nursery through adult) 10 a.m. Duplicate Church School, nursery through primary) 11:15 a.m. Youth Fellowships, 6 p.m. (Int.) and 6:30 p.m. (Sr.)
Rev. R. Suraw GR. 4-6573

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
How safety and strength may be maintained through steadfast trust in the power will be brought out at Christian Science services Sunday in a Lesson-Sermon entitled "God the Preserver of Man."

Holiday Tree on the Highway



POLITICIANS ARE TRYING TO ASSESS the attack by Governor Williams on the "moderation" stand of Adlai Stevenson in the light of the 1950 conventions and presidential election.

Schools of thought vary with the political winds. One figures Williams is picking up the fringe support around Estes Kefauver and Averill Harriman, of New York. Both have made the same charges against Stevenson.

If the theory is sound, Williams could enter the Democratic National Convention as an attractive darkhorse for (1) those who do not want to go with a previous loser, Stevenson, (2) those who avoid Harriman and Kefauver and (3) those who want a fighting campaign.

The other side of the coin depicts Williams as a full-time Democrat who has never ducked a fight. He would rather go down swinging than win a half-victory without striking a blow.

Williams said Stevenson was suggesting a "national coffee break" in his Denver speech and repudiated the "breather" philosophy for the Democrats.

Williams denied it was his first move to move in as a candidate for the nomination for president next summer.

He fell back on his earlier statement that any American would be "proud" to be a candidate, but ignored previous statements that Stevenson appeared to be the most likely Democrat in 1956.

Republicans around the state still are convinced that Williams will try to make history again by going for a fifth term as the state's chief executive.

They feel he will wait until later when President Eisenhower has left the scene. This, Williams might consider a more opportune time to appear on the campaign trail.

Republicans, however, are still far apart on their choice for governor in 1956.

Rep. Bentley, of Owosso, and Mayor Cobo, of Detroit, both have said they preferred their present jobs but would take the GOP nomination for governor if they could.

THE BOOK
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REV. FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor
21405 Farmington Road
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MORNING WORSHIP — 11:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE — 7:30 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:45 a.m.
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When the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were being written the founding fathers foresaw a nation of people governed largely by inner discipline. They were men of deep Christian faith whose normal impulses were toward Christian behavior, The Golden Rule. The political and economic system whose philosophy and superstructure they built into the Declaration and the Constitution was calculated to give right-thinking and right-acting people the utmost freedom within a government primarily for the protection of freedom.

In the early schools and up through the centuries the great teachings of the Bible were an accepted part of the proper schooling of youth. They formed the foundation for that inner discipline which must govern human behavior if mankind is to be free. But gradually those teachings were "de-emphasized" and, in some segments of education, altogether discarded. It is good to be able to report that they are returning.

The moral principles upon which any worthwhile civilization must be founded are finding a place again in important areas of education in which they had lost prestige. And the one great source of these moral principles is the Bible. It solves the great secret of life and gives mankind a purpose on earth.

In my column last week the point was made that the first and foremost responsibility of the institution of American education is to prepare young people for citizenship in our own American Republic. Obviously the foundation for such citizenship must be, first, faith in God; and, then, the development of an inner desire to do God's will, to build a life upon the basic Christian principles.

Character moulded in such a pattern is strong, decent and responsible. It ministers to the weak, shares the blessings of God. At least that is its basic inclination.

Secondary only to this fundamental goal is the need to equip the members of each new generation with capabilities for economic self-reliance. No man can be dependent and independent at the same time. The poet wrote: "Hail, independence, hail! Heaven's next best gift . . . to that of life and an immortal soul." The capacity of self-reliance, which permits independence, is education's "next best gift" to youth.

America is the world's greatest economic challenge for youth. The opportunities for success are unlimited. But success can be achieved much more readily by young men and women who are trained

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 11, 1930)

Lower Valuation
Both Farmington City and Township received lower valuations by the State Tax Commission in its recent review of the equalizations prepared by the Board of Supervisors. With the State and County tax ready to be spread, City and Township treasurers are proceeding with all possible speed to prepare tax bills already overdue. It was reported that it will probably be the latter part of the month before tax statements are ready. The Township reduction in valuation amounted to \$341,932 and the reduction in the City totaled \$3,000.

Grand River Trolley
Farmington and Redford business men agreed this week to make up any deficit that might be incurred by the Detroit Department of Street Railways in continuing operation of the Grand River Avenue trolley system as far as Farmington. Signatures of business men confirming that they would stand the deficit in the operation of the trolley, if any resulted, was forwarded to the State Highway Department, demonstrating their feeling that the trolley service is of great value to them.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 13, 1945)

Food Ordinance
A new ordinance has been set up in the City of Farmington calling for the regulation and annual physical examination of all persons handling open or exposed foods, drinks, and utensils, used in the preparing and serving of food. Under the conditions of the ordinance, every employee of a restaurant, soft drink parlor, ice cream bar, market, grocery store, or other place dispensing or serving edible foods will be required to undergo an examination by a practicing physician. Upon receipt of a signed statement from the physician that the person has been found free from disease or infection, the City Clerk will issue a "Food Handler's Permit" card. The ordinance would further require that an examination be given each year and a new permit card would be issued annually.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 14, 1950)

Township Zoning
A tentative zoning map of Farmington Township was shown to residents at a general public meeting Tuesday night. Four types of residential areas were indicated. They call for minimum areas of 500, 600, 700 and 1,000 square feet, not including breezeways or garages. Areas for commercial and light industry were also indicated but none were provided for heavy industry.

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