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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

Another Milestone . . .

In the history of our community and our nation is beginning to take shape on the horizon. It marks the close of 1955 and the start of 1956. What lies between here and the next of life's milestones, nobody knows. We can only hope and pray that it will bring progress and happiness to us all.

However, before we try looking into the misty unknown of 1956, it might be well for us to pause for a moment and view the trail that lies behind us. One year ago this week, The Enterprise suggested a series of goals to strive for during the year 1955. Thanks to a rising spirit of cooperative initiative on the part of the people and a more receptive and progressive attitude on the part of our public officials, many of the goals have been reached.

Both the City and Township have experienced a tremendous growth in population. The City has enlarged its water facilities and provisions are well under way to increase it even further. Authorization has been given for the development of at least one public parking lot in the business area. Organization work is nearly completed on the establishment of an authority to eliminate the sewer problem. Commercial and industrial facilities have been greatly increased.

The Township has again enlarged its police department for added protection. The various fire trucks have been equipped with two-way radios for improved coordination. A great deal of progress has been toward the realization of a water system and a sewage disposal system. Work has been started on the setting up of an improved property assessment program. The Board has authorized the development of a master plan for the Township. An improved building code and new gas and oil burner ordinance have been adopted.

Plans are under way for the initiation of driver training courses in the Farmington High School. Enlarged educational facilities have been provided, and considerable progress has been made toward the realization of new and enlarged public library facilities.

These are but some of the major goals which were achieved in 1955. The people of the Farmington community can be proud of this record of accomplishment. But, we can not linger for long enjoying the fruits of our labor, for time keeps ticking on and there is still much to be done.

What's Ahead Of Us . . .

In 1956? Only the wise prophets dare to speculate and they are the first to admit that their predictions are somewhat guesswork.

Even though we are unable to pierce the mist that lies ahead, we can not afford to hesitate in our never-ending search for something better. As one year fades away and another comes into view, new challenges and new opportunities flood our thoughts, and while we may not be able to see the entire path that stretches before us, we can do much to plan the journey that lies ahead.

During 1956 further organization of the Township government should be accomplished. Commissioners should be appointed among the Board members to serve as liaison between the various departments and the legislative body. Action should be started toward the eventual creation of a full-time fire department by establishing a central control and employing a limited number of permanent personnel. A definite program of permanent road improvement should be initiated, and the current water and sewage disposal programs should be aggressively carried out to a successful conclusion.

During 1956 additional off-street parking facilities should be provided in the City business area. Efforts should be made to improve and enlarge recreational facilities. A permanent road improvement program should be made a reality. Serious consideration should be given to co-relation of the police and fire departments to provide full-time protection of both services.

During 1956 the construction of a new city-township library should be made a reality, and renewed efforts should be made to organize an effective merchants' organization. These are the challenges that face us in the year ahead. What is written on the next 366 blank pages is up to us. Let's hope that we can be justly proud of the record when we close the book on 1956!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
20841 Shilwassee 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 at Cambridge
Sunday Services 8:45, 11:15 a.m., 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Elsie Johns

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. 4-1593

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
23015 Powers Road
Sunday Services, 7, 9:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 5:20, 7, 8, 9, Daily, 6:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Dehan GR. 4-5720

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer - 7:30 p.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST
13 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Service 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. I. Lord LI. 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class 10:45 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0675

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25000 Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Steeley Church, 26000 Farley.
Rev. V. Halbot

TRINITY EPISCOPAL
(Temporarily Worshipping in the Universalist Church)
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-School and Kindergarten, 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
First through Sixth Grade: 10 a.m. Saturday. Seventh through Tenth Grade: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Eleventh and 12th Grades, 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
Rev. J. B. Guinan GR. 4-2880 or GR. 4-3374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
26165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Church School at same time.
Rev. R. Geisler GR. 4-1872

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Seven Mile near Farmington Rd.
Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
All Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY
21123 Indian Road
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m., 11 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
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
33255 Grand River Ave.
Sunday Service, 11 a.m., Township Hall.
Sunday School, 11 a.m. and Wednesday Services, 9:30 a.m. at 33525 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
10601 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services, 9:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m.
Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
R. C. Crandall 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, 8 p.m. (Int.) and 6:30 p.m. (Sr.).
Rev. R. Sursaw GR. 4-6573

BETHEL MISSIONARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
890 Middlebelt Road
Sunday Services, 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:45 p.m.
Rev. J. J. Franck GA. 3-9140

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Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

POLICE AGENCIES ARE WORKING around the clock - and calendar - to make life safer for people, but they want better tools. Each year they develop a package of proposals for the legislature to meet these needs. Success varies.

This year, the Permanent Committee of the Michigan Association of chiefs of police, sheriffs, judges, prosecutors, the state police, and the attorney general's office has come up with old and new ideas. Chief of the proposals is a general streamlining of Michigan's traffic laws, making penalties uniform for identical offenses all over the state.

"Present laws have not kept pace with the growth in automotive traffic and the increase in violation arrests," said State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs. The committee said the present system is bogged down in action against drivers from other areas.

Though it was rejected in all forms by previous legislatures, the 1955 session will get a plea from police to legalize mandatory use of chemical tests as evidence in court of drunk driving. Childs said the law is in effect in 21 other states; that the bill for the legislature is patterned after them. It would require drivers to give advance consent before qualifying for a license to drive.

"It stresses the fact that chemical tests can clear a driver as often as they can convict him. Under previous proposals, tests showing less than .05 per cent of alcohol by weight in the blood stream would rule a driver as under the influence of intoxicants. If the register indicated between .05 and .15 a driver could 'prove' his sobriety. If it showed .15 per cent or over, the driver would be considered drunk.

Temperance groups already opposed to the idea. The Rev. Ross McLennan, director of the Michigan Temperance Union, said that "even one drink could affect a driver and that the tests would not help enforce traffic laws.

Another proposal would include motion pictures under the state law now covering obscene literature. Still others would make microfilms of official records admissible in court as evidence. This would speed up the use of central driving violation records.

Childs is getting ready to start

Use Care When Accepting Checks, Authorities Warn

This column is an informational service offered by the State Bar Association of Michigan. IF YOU'RE LIKE ME . . . You scarcely look at the endorsements on a check, even though you accept it from a stranger, and that can be to your regret. I'm one who thinks that you can trust almost everyone, and so far I haven't been caught with a check that bounced. I know several businessmen who have been stuck once or twice, though, and you can't blame them for being mighty cautious now about checks, particularly about knowing who's endorsed it.

Take Jack Storm down at the neighborhood hardware store, for example. He's one who will warn you emphatically, with gestures - that it's smart to follow the simple rule: "Know your endorser."

Our laws set up many rules to protect us, and one of these rules protects the holder of a check by declaring that if he can't collect from the person who wrote out the check (the drawer), he can collect from the person who signed the check over to him (endorsed it). This, of course, applies only where a check changes hands at least once.

I mentioned Jack Storm. He accepted a \$100 check from a nice looking fellow who said he needed to buy a kit of tools for his new job. I won't use real names, but let's say the check was made out to Will Works and signed by Art Jayson.

"Sure, Art Jayson's lived in the neighborhood for twenty years," Jack said. "I know him well, just sign your name on the back."

Jack forgot to identify the endorser, and it turned out that Will Works was a phony name, and that Art Jayson's signature was a forgery. Jack had no idea where to find the stranger, and he ended up losing about \$40 in tools and \$60 in cash.

Right after that a good friend, I'll call him Bob Samson, bought a \$2 paintbrush from Jack, and gave him a \$60 check. It was made out to Paul Smart and signed with "Reno Canning Co., Inc., Reno, Bogue, President." Bob Samson placed his signature beneath it and Jack gave friend Bob the paintbrush and \$58 change.

Well, there wasn't any "Reno Canning Co., Inc." and this check also was worthless. But it was a different story this time for Jack. He got hold of Bob Samson, and Bob said, "I know him well, just sign your name on the back."

Last I knew Bob Samson had managed to find Paul Smart, and it was Paul who ended up minus \$60. In a nutshell, anyone who endorses a check guarantees that any previous signatures are genuine and that the check will be paid. If the check is worthless, or the original maker's signature has been forged, then you may collect the amount of the check from the last endorser.

The only way you can guarantee wages and jobs is to guarantee customers - and the only way to guarantee customers is to register them.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Barbers' War Ends

Another 15-day extension of service on the Grand River trolley from Detroit to Farmington has been granted by the State, giving new hope to those parties fighting to retain the trolley service. According to a report, petitions from thousands of citizens from Farmington and as far east as Redford, sent to the State for retaining the trolley service, has made a strong impression on State officials. Advocates for retaining the trolley service express confidence that the State Legislature will vote in favor of retaining the tracks to Farmington when they reconvene.

Ten Years Ago (January 3, 1946)

For the first time since War Loan Drives were started in Farmington, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the community fell short of its quota in a War Bond Drive. According to final figures released by Joseph H. Himmelfarb, campaign chairman, the community fell short of its quota of \$255,000 by \$27,037.50. Small sale of Series E Bonds was believed to be the primary cause of failure to meet the quota.

Cagers Rated Third

The Farmington High School basketball team has been rated third in the State among Class B high schools, it was disclosed this week. The Falcons boast a record of five victories against no defeats. They have piled up 214 points to their opponents' 102 in competition so far this year.

Five Years Ago (January 4, 1951)

Only a little over 16 per cent of the qualified voters in the City of Farmington went to the polls Tuesday in the special election to name nine charter commissioners. A total of 162 votes were cast in the election out of approximately 1,000 registered voters. Tracy Conroy topped the fifteen candidates with 127 votes. Others elected were George Otis, Edward Alexander, Howard Warner, Charles Layton, Victor Blakeslee, Dr. G. Franklin Weaver, Mabel Checketts and Roy Erdman.

Rent Decontrol

A second hearing on de-control of rent in the City of Farmington will be held Wednesday, January 17, at the City Hall. The new hearing was set by the City Commission after it was notified by the office of the Expediter that the de-control resolution previously approved by the City Commission was improper.

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MRS. DAWSON HUBERT, Hostess

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

1956

May health, happiness and success be yours all through the New Year.

We are about to begin our 36th year of service to this community. During those years we have continually strived to add new and improved facilities in order that we might bring you better dining service and dairy products.

You, the people of this community, have made these things possible. We appreciate the support and encouragement you have given us.

Thank You

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REV. FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor
21405 Farmington Road
Corner Colfax (8 1/2 Mile Road)
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EVENING SERVICE - 7:30 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.
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