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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:

On Saturday ...

January 14, James Tennant will officially terminate his duties as City Manager of Farmington.

During the four years which he served as administrator, the City experienced the largest growth and development in its history. Along with these rapidly changing events have come a multitude of problems, known as "growing pains." The task of meeting these problems and solving them equitably and efficiently is not easy. Yet, The Enterprise sincerely believes that Tennant has done a constructive and progressive job of handling this difficult assignment.

This does not mean that we agree wholeheartedly with all of the decisions which have been made by the City Manager. This fact illustrates an important point. In any position of responsibility decisions have to be made, oftentimes on controversial subjects. It is next to impossible, in many cases, to come up with an answer which will be satisfactory to everyone concerned. We are convinced from first hand observation that these decisions have been carefully and honestly weighed and executed, regardless of whether we personally agreed or not.

During the four years that Tennant has served as manager, tremendous progress has been made in the organization and efficiency of city government. Increased departmentalization has been accomplished, improved employee relations have been established, greater efficiency has been realized and public services have been improved. Through improved methods of financing, systematic purchasing, and the installation of labor saving equipment, the city has maintained a sound economic position in spite of increased demands because of growth and development.

Tennant, as chairman of the Southwestern Sewer Committee, has taken a leading role in the development of the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor, which appears to be near reality. He has also worked for a permanent road improvement program, enlarged water facilities, adequate off-street parking, and increased commercial and industrial development. Because of budget and financing limitations, not all of these projects have been completely realized, but much of the ground work has been started.

We personally appreciate the excellent cooperation The Enterprise has received from the City Manager. Tennant has continually strived to keep the public informed on the affairs of their government, regardless of how controversial the matter has been, and he has always defended the basic principal of "the people's right to know."

Tennant has played a vital role in the history of the growth and development of Farmington. We wish him well in his new position of responsibility.

Several Weeks Ago ...

It was suggested, in this column, that consideration be given to the idea of establishing committees or commissions within the Township Board to serve as liaison between the administrative and legislative branches of the Township Government.

It was also suggested that existing department heads be given greater administrative responsibility. These are basic principals in the organization and operation of any government. A clearly defined line between administrative and legislative responsibility not only avoids confusion but increases efficiency.

By increasing the responsibility of department heads; as far as administrative matters are concerned, duplication of effort can be avoided and work loads can be properly distributed. At the same time a co-ordinated liaison between the administration and the legislative body would go a long way toward facilitating action and eliminating error.

Within The Month ...

a number of newly enacted traffic laws will go into effect in Michigan. The first and foremost is probably the 55 mile per hour nighttime speed limit and the 65 mile per hour daytime limit. All drivers are not only being requested to familiarize themselves with the new law, but to voluntarily put it in practice now. It is important to keep in mind that these new speed limits are not being put into effect just as a restriction ... but rather as a means of saving your life. The slaughter of human lives must stop ... and only you can do it!

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
28341 Shilwaukee at Middlebelt
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 8 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 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., 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. Norrholm 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. 4-5880

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, 6:00 p.m.;
Rev. Lloyd Shue GR. 4-1543

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Sunday Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 12:30, Holy Days, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45
Fr. T. Baanan GR. 4-5720

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer - 7:30 p.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST
Church School at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. J. Lord LL. 2-8010

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0875

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2690 Grand River
Sunday Services 8:30, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Siskey School, 26000 Parley.
Rev. V. Halber GR. 4-0875

TRINITY EPISCOPAL
(Formerly Waverly Church in the Universalist Church)
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
Church School: Pre-School and Kindergarten, 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
First through Seventh through Tenth Grade, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. and 12th Grades, 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
Rev. J. E. Guilan GR. 4-2280 or GR. 4-3374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
26165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile
Sunday Service, 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 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 6, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY
51125 Indian Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bible School 10 a.m. Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Inkster Road
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
3900 Middlebelt Road
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
R. C. Crandell GR. 4-4731

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Ave.
Sunday Services, 8:30, 11:15 a.m. Church School (nursery through adult) 10 a.m. Duplicate Church School, nursery through primary 11:15 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m. (1st) and 6:30 p.m. (Sr.)
Rev. R. Suraw GR. 4-6573

BETHLEH 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. 1-9146

Try to practice what you already know; and in so doing, you will in good time discover the hidden things which you now inquire about.



TAXPAYERS CAN TAKE A BREATH in 1956 if only because they are not primary targets of state government. "We don't anticipate any major tax bills this session," said Senator Carlton H. Morris (R-Kalamazoo).

In the past it has been a different story with state government living from hand to mouth, delaying payrolls and mandatory grants to schools until the cash rolled into the treasury. It was a little embarrassing for officials, until two major developments...

1. The Conlin Plan which voters wrote into the state Constitution, placing the school aid formula in the sales tax on a current basis, eliminating the "time bomb" effect.

Under the old system, a percentage of the sales tax went to schools based on prior-year collections. A dip in collections would toss the payment system out of kilter.

Now the schools automatically get two of the three sales tax pennies on each dollar as soon after it is collected as possible. Payments are made quarterly.

2. The \$35,000,000 business activities tax, which lawmakers claim will be impossible to pass on directly to consumers without damaging the market of individual firms.

Morris and other tax authors won a quiet victory last year when the two-year expiration date on the tax was erased and it was engraved on the statute books for all time.

"That was the important thing last year in taxation and hardly anybody noticed," Morris said.

There are other encouraging signs. Morris and others say the business boom of the past three years - in the absence of war - has increased the "growth factor" of all taxes, increasing the take without increasing the rate.

If the need for more money arises in the near future, it will find lawmakers stymied, at least temporarily, Morris said. He wouldn't know what to tax next.

Motorists, however, may be asked to pay for more highways.

They are trapped in the cross fire between pro-turnpikes and pro-free roads supporters. The odds are the state will have better highways, but the process still is a major issue.

Both sides of the legislature figure that the fight will be the major battle of the 1956 legislative session.

George N. Higgins, chairman of the Michigan Turnpike Authority, and a former state legislator, is proposing authority for a toll road all the way to the Straits of Mackinac.

This comes in the face of reluctance on the part of New York financiers to invest bond money in anything they believe might not pay for itself. Traffic surveys have disclosed that a toll road in populous southern Michigan has a good chance of solvency.

As the road swings north, the prospects dim.

Complications multiply when experts like Glenn C. Richards say that the \$98,000,000 Mackinac Straits Bridge, to be completed in 1957, will need a superhighway to (Continued on Page 4B)

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LOOKING AHEAD
GEORGE S. BENSON
President - Farmington College
Farmington, Michigan

Great principles do not survive merely because they are right, or because they have been painstakingly legislated. Unless an understanding of the basic principles of the American way of life, their rightness and their priceless advantages, is implanted in the minds and hearts of each new generation, our nation one day will falter and start down the road toward human slavery and ultimate destruction. This is the conclusion I reached about 20 years ago when I returned to my native United States after 11 years abroad witnessing the alarming growth of the Social and Communist movements throughout Asia and Europe.

For 17 of those 20 years the National Education Program has been producing educational materials and developing educational techniques designed to bring about a better understanding of our American system, its comparative advantages, how these advantages are created, and how each individual must assume certain obligations of citizenship - a program of positive education for our adult population as well as the school children of America. The whole effort has been a non-profit, public service enterprise.

There has just been completed in our National Program workbooks a series of 13 educational motion pictures under the title "The American Adventure." They are unique; there is nothing quite like them. The series was produced for use in schools and colleges, on television, in industrial training programs, in the armed services; and for discussion groups in nine-member commission and details were heard on the formation of a city manager type of government. It appears doubtful that the new charter will be presented to the voters at the regular city election on April 4 as was hoped, the commission was informed. A 60-day waiting period is required prior to the election after the charter has been drawn up. A special election will probably be held.

The response of people who have seen these films is one of the most encouraging experiences I've had in many years of educational work. Previous have been held for governmental leaders in Washington, for educators, business and industry executives for agricultural and industrial employee groups, and for educational specialists in the armed services. Almost with one voice the previewers have said, "Every American must see these films and absorb their great lessons!"

"The American Adventure" series begins with a film dramatizing the founding of the American private ownership economic system at Plymouth Colony after a period of failure with a communal or collectivist system. The second lesson visualizes the creation of the two greatest governmental documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 15, 1931)
Trolley Service
By a unanimous vote on Monday, State Administrative Board officials abolished trolley service to Farmington. The cars will run only until the end of this month, at which time the trolley tracks will be taken up. According to reports, the decision was made by the Board following statements by officials of the City of Detroit that service to Farmington would be continued only as long as there was no defect in operation. It was the opinion of Board officials that this would be possible for only two or three years at the most. There has been some talk of possible injunctions being asked to prevent removal of the tracks, but few appeared to believe that such steps would be taken.

School Suit
Unless money due from Farmington Township out of taxes collected last year is paid to School Districts by February 3, at least one has indicated that it will start suit against the Township. The Clarenceville Board of Education reached that decision at a meeting on Wednesday evening. The Clarenceville Board is also asking other School Districts to join in suit proceedings if it becomes necessary.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 17, 1946)
School Building
A special meeting of the Farmington Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 21, at the high school for the purpose of discussing a new school building program. At the present time 1,519 students in the Farmington Township School District are enrolled in eight schools having a capacity for only 1,180 students. Heavy overcrowding has indicated that it may be necessary to place a portion of the students on half-day sessions. The special meeting will be held in the high school in order to permit more residents to attend.

Township Zoning
At a meeting of the Township Board on Tuesday evening, general discussion was held on the possibility of setting up a zoning ordinance for Farmington Township. Since a great deal of study and thought would be needed to set up such an ordinance, it was further suggested that an Interim Zoning Ordinance, effective for one year, be set up to protect residents in the immediate future. The Board stated that careful consideration would be given to zoning and a special meeting would be called to discuss the matter in detail.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 18, 1951)
Charter Commission
At a meeting of the newly elected City Charter Commission Tuesday night, a definite decision was reached in favor of city manager type of government. Victor Blakely was elected chairman of the nine-member commission and details were heard on the formation of a city manager type of government. It appears doubtful that the new charter will be presented to the voters at the regular city election on April 4 as was hoped, the commission was informed. A 60-day waiting period is required prior to the election after the charter has been drawn up. A special election will probably be held.

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