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It's Our Opinion:

EDITORIALS:
For Several Days...

Last week, Farmington Township was without the benefit of its Subdivision Regulations and Procedures. At a special meeting of the Board on August 9, action was taken to rescind the Procedures while on the following Tuesday they were reinstated again. This recent situation points up a very fundamental principal, which The Enterprise has harped on for more years than we like to remember. The fact that Farmington Township was without the benefit of the Subdivision Procedures for several days is not particularly serious in itself. But the course of action taken by the Board presents a problem for discussion and debate.

First of all, we want to make it clear that the Board, as the governing body of the Township, has a legal right to take the action that it did. As we stated, this is a question of debate. It involves a principle of coordination and cooperation, which The Enterprise has been attempting to promote in all phases of local governmental operation. So much more can be accomplished by this method that it should be an automatic function.

A great deal of discussion and possible misunderstanding could have been avoided on the Subdivision Procedures question if the Board had presented its arguments to the Planning Commission prior to taking the direct action that it did. During the debate last Tuesday, it was mutually agreed that some changes could or should be made in the Procedures to make them more workable. In our opinion this could have been done before the Board action, as easily as afterward, with a lot less strain and confusion.

We are a sound believer in the basic idea of governmental committees. They can be of valuable assistance in studying and recommending proposals for the betterment of the community. They can take a great deal of load off the shoulders of regular officials and speed the processes of advancement. However, if they are to be effective, the maximum of coordination and cooperation must be achieved. This doesn't necessarily mean agreement on every point. If it did we would be violently opposed to the whole idea. But it does mean a pooling of ideas, a spirit of working together and, above all else, recognition of a common objective to make things just a little better than they were when you found them!

The Main Criticism...

of Farmington's central business area is its lack of off-street parking. Nearly everywhere that City and Township residents gather, the subject comes up for conversation and discussion.

Only recently we were asked the question, "When are you people in the City going to get more adequate parking?" Our answer was, "Soon, we hope!" It is only fair to point out that securing off-street parking facilities is no easy task. Yet it is extremely vital to the present and future welfare of the community. It is difficult to determine just how much this shortage of parking is affecting the economic status of the City, but it is considerable.

Much of the delay has been due to a lack of leadership and interest in the problem. Numerous efforts have been made in the past to find a solution, but until recently they have been to no avail. Through the invitation of the City Council, a survey has been made and recommendations have been submitted. This report is now in the hands of the Council.

We hope that it will provide an answer, and soon, to that frequently asked question. But the Council can not do it alone. We must all share in the responsibility if we are to benefit from the rewards.

One Observation...

can be drawn from the recent Democratic National Convention which we believe is without contradiction. It is simply that the Democrats have every intention of making this one of the most vigorous campaigns in the history of the nation.

From the Keynote Address to the final Acceptance Speech, the theme reflected a fighting spirit of determination. While the remarks were strictly partisan in nature, they have set the pattern of things to come.

We only hope that out of the maze of propaganda will come a sense of reason, a definition of policy and an explanation of position which will be constructive and not destructive. We believe that this is a responsibility which both major political parties owe to the American people.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF GOD
20841 Shilwaukee at Middlebelt
Sunday Services, 11 a.m., 8 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, 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.
Tuesday, 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.
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
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 SORROWS
23015 Powers Road
Sunday Masses, 7, 9:45, 11:15, 12:15, 5:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15, 8:30, 8 a.m.
Fr. T. Beahan GR. 4-5720

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer - 7:30 p.m.

ORCHARD METHODIST
48 Mile Road at Greening
Sunday Services 11 a.m., 8 p.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Rev. L. L. 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, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. W. Rutkowski GR. 4-0676

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Grand River at Oxford
Sunday Services 9:30, 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. in Stuckey School, 26000 Farley.
Rev. J. Halbach

TRINITY EPISCOPAL
25830 LaMura Drive
1 Mile north of 11 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt Rds.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Rev. J. B. Goun GR. 4-2960 or GR. 4-3374

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
26165 Farmington Rd. at 11 Mile
Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.
Church School at same time.
Rev. R. Geiger GR. 4-1571

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
33255 Grand River at Farmington Rd.
Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
All Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5, 7 p.m.
Rev. J. B. Goun GR. 4-2960 or GR. 4-3374

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY
21122 Indian Road
Sunday Services 11:15 a.m., 8 p.m.
Bible Study 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., 8 p.m., both at 33525 Grand River Avenue, corner of Liberty Street.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
33525 Grand River Ave.
Sunday Service, 11 a.m., Township Hall.
Sunday School, 11 a.m., and Wednesday Service, 8 p.m., both at 33525 Grand River Avenue, corner of Liberty Street.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West Point Park
Sunday Services 9:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Rev. W. Kellison 23604 Warner
Sunday service 11:15 a.m. Church School at same time.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
23604 Warner
Worship Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Bible School at 10:00 a.m.
R. C. Crandall

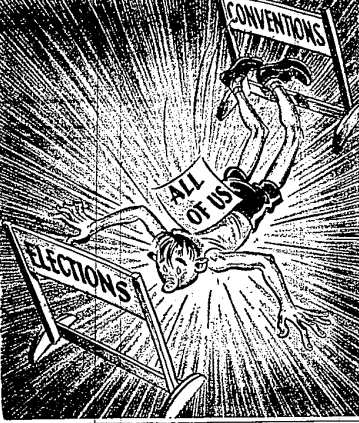
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River at Warner Avenue
Rev. Russell Sursaw, 23230 Cass
Church Office: GR. 4-6573
Parsonage: GR. 4-7588
Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
Church School (through Junior Dept.) 9:15 a.m.

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. 1-9140

GALILEAN BAPTIST
V.E.W. Hall - 22545 Seven Mile
Worship Services: Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Y. P., 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m., nursery provided.
Rev. Herbert Noe KE. 5-2273

WARD MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Livonia School - Livonia
West of Farmington Road on Amhurst, North of Five Mile Road
Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible School, 10:15 a.m.

One Hurdle to Go



HOW TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE that their support is vital in combating traffic deaths was the key question posed to 500 delegates from all parts of the state at the Governor's Safety Conference held at Michigan State University.

Reaching to the core of the problem, Schuyler Marshall, former publisher of the Clinton County Republican News and an authority on traffic safety, told the conference, "Until people stop feeling sorry for those receiving tickets and realize that every moving violation can cause an accident, no program can be fully effective."

Stressing the importance of "public attitude," Governor Williams, whose views agree with Marshall's, proposed a goal: Every Michigan community shall have its own safety council; 50% of these to be organized by Labor Day - the balance by year's end.

He urged the delegates to set good examples as safe drivers. "Your example can spread the contagion of courtesy on the highway," Williams said.

The all-day session gave delegates from rural and metropolitan areas the opportunity to exchange safety ideas. They heard George C. Stewart, general manager of the National Safety Council, and other experts discuss means to combat traffic accidents.

Again and again the most important point stressed was public support - "without which," said General Stewart, "there can be no success for any safety program."

Resolutions supporting compulsory automobile inspections and mandatory insurance laws were adopted by a majority of the delegates as other means to insure highway safety. They proposed that some consideration should be given to the "good" driver through lowered insurance rates.

But all agreed that the local resident is the only one who can affect a final solution to the problem.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Roger Fleming, one of the top executives of the nation's largest farmers' organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, thinks that within a comparatively few years the growing of burley tobacco in America will be confined to 3-acre plots - if the Government's present high rigid price support and acreage allotment program in burley is continued. Perhaps this fact about burley tobacco doesn't excite many people; after all, burley is grown in only six states: Kentucky and Tennessee. Yet the implications to be found in the burley program should be disturbing to everyone.

In 12 years the high support price and acreage allotment, decreed by Congress, has turned the clock back toward frontier days in some aspects of burley tobacco production. A hundred years ago burley was grown in small patches on thousands of Kentucky farms. Through the years, however, as demand increased, a farmer here and there began to specialize in burley production, expand his acreage, establish new cultivation and production techniques.

Burley production became the main farming effort of hundreds of farmers. The product became less costly to produce, and the consumers benefited. With specialization, the little patches of burley disappeared. The 5, 10 and 15-acre burley growers were more efficient.

In the late '30s, when the economy was at a low ebb, the Government started a "temporary" high price support program for burley growers. It quickly had to institute acreage allotments to hold down the production - thousands of little burley patches sprang up again. Now, after 12 years of high supports and acreage allotments, three-fourths of burley production is on plots less than one acre in size. Roger Fleming explains that there are so many of these producers that their political power keeps Congress from cutting production on the little plots; so the larger plots have to take the cut. He is certain that the final results will be that the political rule of "equal shares" will have to be applied, and all burley growers will be restricted to about 3-acre of production.

Roger Fleming and his Farm Bureau organization, backed up by the opinions of some of the best agricultural economists in America, contend that what is happening in burley tobacco production would tend to happen in corn, wheat, rice, cotton, beef or any other farm product under the same kind of price and production control program applied to burley. "Let's apply burley experience," he says, "to the dairy business. The dairy business can be found throughout the country."

If the Government should set a high rigid price for dairy products, there would be a big increase in the number of people milking small herds of cows - just as more people started growing burley tobacco at the Government's high fixed price. So, observed Mr. Fleming, "you would have to set minimum cow allotments just as you did acreage in burley tobacco. The Congress of the United States would be likely to set the minimum at three cows." The "minimum allotment" is the point at which no production cut is applied - there or

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 27, 1931)
Township Tax Suit

Farmington Township may obtain more than \$11,000 in delinquent tax money which has been withheld for months by County Treasurer to offset money due the county for Covert road-at-large tax. Ten townships, including Farmington, recently brought suit against the county treasurer for holding back this money. Last Thursday Circuit Judge John Gillespie of Pontiac returned a verdict in favor of the townships. It is expected that the county will appeal the decision.

Lower Bus Rates
Lower bus fares became effective last Saturday on all inter-urban divisions of the Blue Goose buses of the Eastern Michigan system. The rate from Farmington to Detroit is now 50 cents, from Farmington to Lansing, \$1.75; and from Farmington to Grand Rapids, \$3.55. On the other division serving Farmington the rates are 80 cents to Ann Arbor, 30 cents to Northville, 35 cents to Plymouth and 45 cents to Pontiac. An additional 15 per cent reduction on round trip rates can not be enjoyed by Farmington residents because only tickets purchased at established ticket offices qualify for the reduction. Farmington has no established ticket office at the present time.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 29, 1946)
Election Registration

Saturday, August 31, has been set as the last day for taxpayers of the Farmington Township School District to register for the special school election to be held September 9. Registration books will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, the last day of registration. Voters will be asked to authorize the School Board to transfer \$20,000 from the general fund to the building and site fund and to rent additional quarters for classroom purposes until new classrooms can be provided.

Foljo Victims
Pojo took its toll in Farmington during the past few weeks with cases reported in the area, one of them proving fatal. Allen Culler, 29, died at Pontiac County Hospital last week from the disease. It is reported that the two other victims, both children, are now on the road to recovery.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 30, 1951)
Protest Parking Ban

The Farmington City Council Monday evening rescinded its action of last week calling for the establishment of a "no parking" area on the north side of Grand River Avenue. About 35 merchants crowded into the Council Chambers to protest the action, which the Council had taken on the recommendation of the State Highway Department. The Council indicated that they will consider, at their next regular meeting, the possibility of installing parking meters in the business district and the establishment of a "no parking" zone on Grand River Avenue west of Liberty Street.

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Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Midweek Service - 7:30 p.m.
FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
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Robert J. Searls, Minister

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