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Program To Boost Building Seen As Boon to Community

While the entire country would benefit tremendously, by the indicated program of President Roosevelt and high Administration officials to take definite steps toward strong stimulation of home-building as the spearhead of a drive to increase business and industrial expansion, suburban communities such as Farmington are certain to be the chief beneficiaries of such a program.
When building gets under way on a huge scale it is probable that at least 90 per cent of it will take place in the areas outside the congested portions of large cities, and that by far the larger portion will be at the outskirts of these cities, in suburbs such as Farmington. The trend toward "moving out" from the crowded areas, while slackened somewhat in the days of deep depression when families "doubled up" in tenement houses, has picked up speed remarkably in the past year and is now regarded by some observers as proceeding at least as rapidly as in most years prior to the crash.

WAYNE COUNTY HAS ONE THIRD OF STATE AUTOS

More than one third of all the motor vehicles in Michigan are owned and licensed in Wayne county.
A report prepared by Leon D. Case, secretary of state, shows that 1,937 license plates totalling 1,631,056 were issued and that Wayne county registrations were 606,369, an increase in the county of 56,030 over 1936.
There are 532,237 passenger cars registered in the county, an increase of 50,723 over the 1936 figures. Commercial vehicles total 41,709 as against 44,615 in 1936. There are 23,287 trailers as compared to 23,298 in 1936 while a new license registration effective this year shows 247 house trailers. Motorcycles this year number 1259 as against 822 in 1936.
When the present motor vehicle law became effective in 1916 Wayne county had only 50,096 motor vehicles of which 41,349 were passenger cars, 5062 commercial and 3,885 motorcycles. The registration for the entire state in that year was 150,000 with total collections of \$1,735,000.
For the year 1937 it is estimated that the secretary of state's office will collect more than \$50,000,000 of which approximately one third will be contributed by Wayne county. While in 1916 the business of the office was primarily the issuance of license plates and auto titles the office today has the added responsibility of collecting the gasoline tax, chain store tax, malt tax, chauffeurs and operators license tax and many other duties.

The Greatest Power on Earth Is the Printed Word. Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper. Letters to the Editor MUST BE SIGNED.

EDITORIALS

How Dumb is the Good Old U. S. A.?

(Exchange)
Most of us like praise and it is something like a shock to be criticized unless the remark is addressed in general terms.
We have been inclined to think of ourselves as a well-educated people, as a nation of some wisdom. Now comes Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, of the University of Chicago, to tell us the truth that we subconsciously suspected.
Despite the most extensive and elaborate educational system in the world, says the University leader, the people of this country are still uneducated.
Our people have little knowledge and much complaint. He finds our people have acquired a good deal of information but that they "have not learned to think."
Dr. Hutchins says the practical issue of our times are not new having always existed because "man is man" and that the clue to our difficulties is to be found in "the nature of the world and in the nature of that we call man." These fundamental issues, with little assistance from our education and without attempting to understand nature and thus secure the answer.

American-Mediation?

(Christian Science Monitor)
Moves on the diplomatic chessboard habitually mean more than meets the eye. A few days ago Germany reports that Japan was German mediation of the Sino-Japanese war were questioned by careful observers. They might mean some readiness in Tokyo to talk of terms or to put Berlin in place of Brussels. A somewhat similar question now arises about a report that Japan would welcome mediation by the United States.
Reminded that Theodore Roosevelt's success in 1905 as peacemaker in the Russo-Japanese war, some might be tempted to assume that America could again take that role. But 1937 is not 1905. Memory may inform us also that in the war with Russia the sympathies of the United States were with the underdog and the United States held the "open door" against Russia and the European powers who were demanding exclusive interests in China.
Since then the whole picture has changed. The League of Nations, the Kellogg-Briand agreement to outlaw war and the Nine-Power Pact have come on the scene. And the Japanese statement now is that the rights of foreign powers will be fully protected in China. Experience in Manchoukou has already illustrated what happens to the open door in a puppet state such as Japan also takes care to specify for North China. It would appear that real mediation will have to await more hospitable conditions.

Words

(Exchange)
The words of Franklin Roosevelt's plea for peace are ringing in every American's nation.
Patrick Henry said "Give me liberty or give me death," and he said it with the fire of conviction, the flame that incited men to follow. The same words might have sounded like milk and honey on the lips of another, but uttered by a leader they echoed and re-echoed and urged a people on to the liberty they sought.
"Let no one imagine America will escape," and "there must be a positive endeavor to preserve peace," said Roosevelt. His words rang with sincerity, conviction, idealism—and with purpose.
And the aggressor nations listening in could scarcely help knowing that the tolerance point has been reached, in the opinion of one man at least.
Quarantine, the president pointed out, is an effective measure in curbing disease and should be as effective in curbing war.
With some of the other Democratic countries to back the United States in the proposed isolation measure the beneficiaries can be scared into decent behavior.
We can be thankful we have a leader whose words mean business in diplomatic circles.

What Makes Films Popular?

(Christian Science Monitor)
Why do people go to the moving picture? Mr. Gilbert Selides, the American critic, has just thrown the British film world into agitated discussion by hazarding the revolutionary and astounding opinion that they go to see "moving pictures." Whereas, of course everybody supposed they went to see stars.
Mr. Selides has been doing some research work on this matter, and he has come to the conclusion that the film makes the star far more often than the star makes the film. When Rudolph Valentino, for example, appeared in the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" he was comparatively unknown. Yet this film grossed far more than did any of his subsequent pictures made after he had become one of the three most famous screen players in the world.
It seems ten films that have obtained more than 2500,000 in gross rentals succeeded without the strength of having a star name in the cast. Furthermore, it is interesting that nearly half of them should be what is loosely called an "epic," a picture made on a lavish scale, stressing the life of a people or community rather than the adventures of an individual. It would almost appear as if people will go to a super-film even if it is a film of super.

The Easiest Sin

(Exchange)
The easiest sin we commit is taking things for granted; things we have no right to take for granted.
We fall into this vice because such an attitude seldom comes under the censure of society. Our grosser sins and vices prick the conscience or arouse the watchfulness of the neighbors, and thus keeps us more or less on the straight and narrow. But an ingratitude seldom fees remorse, nor does society exert any considerable social pressure against him.
The mood comes over one slowly, subtly, displacing the normal sense of obligation. So it is that one who takes small favors and blessings as a matter of course, soon becomes thankless for the great benefactions.
It is literally true, as the thankless will tell you, that they have nothing to be thankful for. He who sits at meat and is unappreciative of meat is as though he had no meat.
"Therefore, when the psalmist of old said, "It is a good thing to give thanks," he meant it was a restorative thing, a saving thing, a periodic reminder that the common decencies, securities, and opportunities of this world belong to us only because others before our time, and others around us now, labored and sacrificed that these things might be our heritage.

Death Sentences to Curb Slayings

(Exchange)
Stronger than ever before comes the plea that the time has arrived for Michigan capital punishment. Women and children are not being killed in Michigan until first degree murder, kidnaping and sex crimes are punishable by death.
It is almost a certainty that Governor Murphy will be urged to recommend legislation to that end if he calls a special session of the Legislature.
In the past, capital punishment has been opposed in Michigan by the plea that Michigan law would convict in many cases if a life was at stake. However the recent conviction of Anthony Chabatoris at Bay City under the National Bank Robbery Act, and the recent murder of the jury that the death penalty be applied has caused many people to change their minds and advocate death sentences to curb slayings.
Stingrays Sting Fishermen
Stingrays of South America lurking in the mid-Atlantic fishermen who accidentally tread on them.

CHURCHES

- All notices for this column must be in the Enterprise office not later than Tuesday at noon.
Redford Gospel Tabernacle
15000 Lashner Road
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.
Evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m.
All are welcome regardless of circumstances.
100% Pentecost.
Clarencville, M. E. Church
Rev. Guin, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church service, 11:00 a. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday masses at 7:00 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 12:00 p. m.
Beneficent after 10:30 mass.
Daily masses at 7:30 a. m., and 8:00 a. m.
Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Delmore Elybbs, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:30. Subject—"How About Criticism?"
Church School at 11:45. Mr. S. Harger, Superintendent.
Epworth League at 6:30. A special program has been arranged.
The annual Bazaar and Turkey dinner will be held Friday, December 3rd.
The Official Board will meet Monday evening, December 6th.
Salem Evangelical Church
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Worship service at 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School 11:30 a. m.
First Baptist Church
Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor
Morning Prayer Meeting 10:15 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:30. The morning message will be by the pastor.
Bible School 11:45.
Junior and Senior B. Y. F. U. at 6:30.

NEVER

The desire to "own a little home" with a plot of ground has manifested itself with renewed strength and large numbers of people, with distressing financial experiences behind them, are viewing a modest home of their own as one of the safest anchors in the uncertainty of life.
Broad Program
The problem is being attacked in Washington on a broad front and security-report suggestions of President Roosevelt, that the limit which might be leaned on construction of new homes be raised from 80 to 90 per cent of the value and which greatly the field of potential customers for homes.
Would Unite Forces
Another important prospective factor is the projected co-operation of the government with private capital in financing the construction of housing on a vast scale. The method by which it is suggested that this be accomplished is that the RFC match dollars with private interests in subscribing capital for national mortgage associations. These associations would not only undertake housing construction on a huge scale, but would buy existing mortgages to free up frozen funds which would be available tremendous sums for construction of new homes for the people.
Unlimited Prospects
Such a program holds for each suburban communities as Farmington, close enough to the large city to be convenient but far enough out to avoid the evils of congestion, unlimited prospects for future expansion and development. Farmington particularly it would prove a tremendous boon, for city officials see as the chief hope of the municipality in solving its financial problems, the attraction of more people to build homes, which would be increased and greater tax yield made available to meet the community's financial needs.

NEWSPAPERS AID TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGNS

Newspapers have played an important part in the tuberculosis movement in this country and their continued efforts in educating the public in the prevention of the disease rank as an outstanding public service, according to Theodore J. Werle, executive secretary of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. Mr. Werle said this Association, the excellent cooperation Michigan newspapers have given to the Association has stirred people to continued effort in the age-old battle against the disease.
"Throughout thirty years of combat against tuberculosis, Christ has seal financed activities have been supported staunchly by newspapers," he declared, "thereby aiding in no small measure the health education program of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association.
"Prevention is still the basic activity of the Association's Christmas seal financed program, conducted this year-round for the control of the disease continues to be a serious threat to Michigan lives," Mr. Werle explained. "Since 1907 when the Michigan Tuberculosis Association began its organized fight against the disease, the state death rate from tuberculosis has decreased more than fifty per cent," he pointed out. "This progress has been made possible largely through Christmas seal funds and the cooperation of the press. Both factors will play an important part in that half of the battle that remains ahead.
"With Michigan people again buying and using tuberculosis Christmas seals, with newspapers continuing to publish informative articles on tuberculosis," Mr. Werle said, "the anti-tuberculosis program of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association can be pushed forward rapidly in 1938."

Bar Christmas Trees From Center of Road

Christmas trees wont sprout in the middle of trunkline streets and highways this year.
Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner, this week directed assistance maintenance engineers to bar such decorations together with special lighting effects over trunklines.
The order does not apply to decorations on light poles, trees, trees, and similar Christmas effects. This is the first year that overhead lights will be barred although their use has been subject to previous restrictions.
Several communities have already asked the commissioner for permission to use overhead lights and trees in the middle of trunkline streets. These requests have been denied.

Irving Theater
21220 FENKELL
ADULTS 20c — CHILDREN 10c
FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 & 4
JOHN BEAL and ARMIDO in "Border Cafe"
SALLY BLANE and THOMAS BECK in "The Great Hospital Mystery"
SATURDAY MATINEE ONLY—Kiddie Cartoon Party and "S.O.S. Coastguard," Ep. 6.
AT NO EXTRA COST
SPECIAL SATURDAY MIDNIGHT FEATURE—James Dunn and Patricia Ellis in "VENUS MAKES TROUBLE."
SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6 & 7
MARLENE DIETRICH and FRED McMURRAY
ROBERT DONAT in "Knight Without Armor"
FRANCES FARMER and CHARLES RUGGLES in "Exclusive"
SUNDAY MATINEE ONLY—"S.O.S. Coastguard," Ep. 6.
MONDAY NIGHT—9:00 FEATHER PARTY

Just Answer this Question...
"HOW MANY XMAS CLUB ACCOUNTS WILL THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK HAVE NEXT YEAR?"
and win one of the awards
TEST YOUR MIND
1st PRIZE \$1000
2nd PRIZE \$500
3rd PRIZE \$200
In Case of ties Duplicate Prizes will be Awarded

HERE'S A CLUE!!
The Farmington State Bank will pay 7,000 in Christmas Club Savings to Members of the 1937 Club.
Make your Christmas shopping and Gift problems simple—be free to make all your purchases without worrying about the money. Next year you will have the money—IF YOU JOIN THE 1938 CHRISTMAS CLUB—NOW!

Come To The Bank and Record Your Estimate On A Blank Like This

My estimate of the number of Christmas Savings Club Accounts for 1938 in Farmington, State Bank is.....
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Address.....
No. of Acct..... Amt. per week.....
Date Received.....

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