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EDITORIALS

Christmas Is Coming . . .

Will you be there? Or will you spend your last moments in horror watching death charging down on you? No, it's not a pleasant thought — but it's true!

The holiday season is approaching — a season of joy and happiness. But, death is no respecter of seasons. He is no respecter of persons either.

What can you do — first of all, take it easy. You are never in so big a rush that your life takes second place.

Observe the yellow lines on the highway — they are there to help you. They are a warning to you that death may be just over the hill.

Don't think you are kidding someone when you drive the wheels off the old bus. You don't kid death. You don't feel very smart when an ambulance pulls up to carry you away.

Be sure you have a clear road before you cross the street. It's better to be sure than not to get there. Look and look again — it may seem silly, you may be sure, but who knows — don't wait until it is too late.

Keep your eyes wide open whether you are walking or driving. Be courteous and considerate of the other fellow. Keep your car under control at all times.

Let's have a Merry Christmas — let's cut down Farmington's auto death and injury toll. You, your neighbor and the fellow down the street can do it.

Remember: When you drop your guard — death strikes!

Out Of Nowhere . . .

Came a voice, and like a charm 400,000 soft coal miners trudged merrily back to their work. All over the country, lights went on again and life resumed its normal course.

The boss ordered it. As quickly as he cut off heat, power and light, John L. Lewis restored it again. Almost like pushing a switch, Lewis has stopped and started again the wheels of American progress.

Never before have we as a people had so clear a demonstration of the dictatorial power invested in one leader. A man who in one stroke can throw our industry and commerce, our very lives, in confusion.

Even the 400,000 soft coal miners, which Lewis represents, are but a drop in the bucket to the majority of the people. Yet under present laws they are able at any time that suits their fancy, to cripple our nation.

Only public opinion and the free will of the American people is strong enough to meet this present challenge. They are answering Lewis and other labor leaders who aspire for dictatorial power by demanding that legislation be enacted to eliminate such controls.

This is not a punch at labor, it is not curtailment of labor rights and privileges, it is not suppression of free speech, free press, the right to assembly or even the right to strike. It is an equalization of controls. It is the placing of restrictions on labor, equal to those restrictions already placed on business, industry and even the individual American citizen.

Such legislation must be enacted for the security of the nation. Labor must not look upon this legislation as discrimination. It is not. It is protecting labor against irresponsible leadership and putting the good of the majority over the good of a few. That is democracy — that is American.

The laboring man, more than any other, will reap the benefits of a steady employment and a better way of life through uninterrupted progress.



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

How to maintain public services of government, at home and elsewhere, despite the post war inflation which has not yet reached its crest, poses a top problem of acute proportions for Michigan's new state legislators.

Representative Kim Slesler will deliver his inaugural message to legislators on January 2.

At a good will dinner in Detroit the governor-elect told legislators that it was up to them to lead Michigan out of the financial wilderness created by the voters' diversion of 76 per cent of state sales tax revenues to home governments.

Regardless of what the legislature finally decides to do, it appears that a lot of people are going to be dissatisfied. They will be dissatisfied because they are dissatisfied with today's inflation — the root of the trouble.

Actually, the voters' dissatisfaction on November 5 was prompted as much by the AFFECTS of inflation as by anything else.

We registered our protest against shortages, strikes and high prices by marking our ballot accordingly. Retail prices are mounting, ever higher. Department stores expect an all-time record in sales this year which means more tax revenues for the Treasury in Lansing.

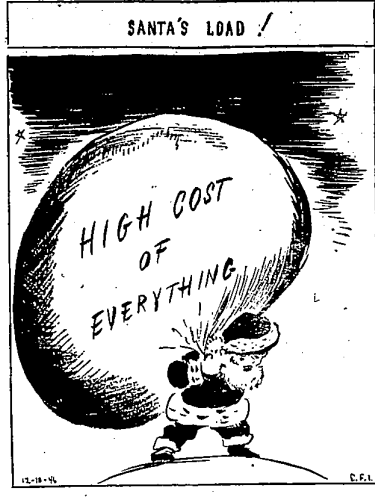
This spiral in prices has kept tax revenues ahead of operating costs. On July 1, 1945 the state treasury had a surplus of \$5,219,000. Twelve months later the surplus had grown to \$21,552,000 — an increase of more than \$16,000,000.

Proponents of the sales tax amendment made capital of the fact that the treasury had cash balances in excess of \$12,000,000 — all of which was sufficient proof, it was implied, that the state had too much money on hand. These little millions, so the logic went, should be sent back home to pay for increased costs of cities, schools and other home governments.

While it was true that the cash balances at Lansing were in excess of \$12,000,000, it was equally true that only \$21,552,000 of this sum was available to the legislature for appropriations. All other funds have been tagged, restricted, appropriated, earmarked — chosen by the Legislature to be taken out of the state fund, for example, the \$500,000,000 state highway fund, \$11,433,000; primary school fund, \$14,437,000; appropriation balances for buildings and improvements (40% of state tax revenue), \$27,881,000.

Inflation caused higher prices, and higher prices caused more taxes to be collected. The surplus at

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Washington Digest

Lack of 'Political Sense' Leads Wallace to Oblivion

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator

WASHINGTON. — Unless some strange shift in the tides of national affairs takes place between the time these lines are written and when they appear in print, the name that once burstled in the headlines, made the Paris peace conference shudder and completely confounded the Truman administration will be filed under "Heaven" and forgotten by most people who aren't subscribers to the New Republic.



Henry Wallace

I refer to the name of Henry Wallace. Wallace was a great many things: an honest man, a man who knew Wallace well. Most of them who liked him all like him. But many who supported him in the past follow him no longer.

The man said to me: "Henry Wallace has been drowned at last in a sea of ideas. He has gone down for the third time and there is nobody with a lifeline handy."

I think of two other men, one an experienced governmental official, a trained politician; another an ardent New Dealer who happened to be equipped with a mathematical mind sharp as a steel trap — each of these men followed Henry Wallace a long way. But each man at

one point in his career suddenly adopted an attitude of complete antagonism against that one of Wallace's self-created misadventures, shrugged his shoulders and regretfully turned away.

One of the first criticisms you hear from Wallace's political friends is that he has no political sense.

As head of the department of agriculture, Wallace, according to most disinterested observers, was a success as a policy-maker and an administrator. (Don't bring up the little pigs — he did that against every one of his natural predilections.)

As secretary of commerce he was a dismal failure.

Wallace did understand agriculture, agriculturalists (farmers) and agronomy. He believed that he had (and has) the correct formula for solving the economic (business) problems of the farmer.

Wallace did not realize that he was being called up by what is incorrectly designated an "inferiority complex" when it comes to dealing with business men.

Let's look at this suspicious business: On one of several occasions, Wallace as secretary of commerce, addressed a prominent group of conservative business men. His colleagues watched the event with considerable trepidation. They knew the group was unsympathetic to Wallace and that Wallace knew it. However, it provided an opportunity to create a friendly atmosphere, if nothing more. Wallace made an excellent speech. His colleagues were agreeably surprised. His audience was almost captivated. In fact, as the speech went on, one after another of the listeners showed that Wallace's views were well received — were anything but inimical to business. Many of the ideas he advanced were accepted as sound, sane and sensible. So far, so good.

Wallace reached the end of his prepared script and then, suddenly overcome with this strange delusion, said something to this effect: "Tonight I have probably wasted your time and mine, for I realize that you couldn't possibly agree with me or I with you." The whole effect was ruined.

INTIMATES ADMIRE WALLACE'S INTEGRITY Men who move Wallace's best friends that he is absolutely honest, that he is unselfish, that he can be a very deep student of a subject which interests him, that he has a very high ambition, he is a leader of men who are well respected. It is in making it clear to his friends that it was his ambition to be secretary of commerce he convinced them of his belief in five proposals — Continued on Page 8

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH The Church on Park St., Farmington. Rev. Carl H. Schmitt, Pastor. Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist

Morning Worship service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

OUR INVITATION I love to come to this still place, Where deeper peace is always found. To kneel as though on holy ground, And feel my Master face to face. I do not know how I could live if there were not this refuge sweet.

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH Rev. J. H. Sandercock, Pastor. Evangelize B. Farum

SUNDAY 10 a.m., Bible School, all ages. 11:15 a.m., Morning Worship. A series of messages on the present world conditions at 9 a.m. How God is working out his plan in this world.

WEDNESDAY 8 p.m., Prayer and Praise Service.

FRIDAY 10:11 a.m., Radio Glee Club (high school girls and boys). 1:30-2:00 p.m., Missionary meeting. Services are held in the Church building, 32211 W. Seven Mile Road.

FIRST METHODIST Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for third grade and above. 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade. 4:00 p.m. Morning Worship. Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY William Grace School. Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd. E. L. Stuenkel, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Divine Worship at 10:45 a.m. Lutheran Hour over CKLW at 12:30 p.m.

Membership class on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. Advent services on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Come and let us help you prepare for a Christian observance of Christmas.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Cambridge and Grand River Farmington, Mich. Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Morning worship at 11:15 a.m. the pastor preaching. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

Evening worship at 7:30 p.m. Mid-Week prayer service on Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30. Masses on Holy Days at 7:45. 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Daily Masses at 6:15 and 8:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON A Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts

Lesson Subject "God the Preserver of Man"

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11:00 A. M. And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 20 at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial at 8 p.m.

First Methodist Church Christian Science Literature Available at 21040 ONTAGO

Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings

ALL ARE WELCOME

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (Former 9, 1921) Base Ball League Organized At a meeting of representatives from Wayne, Springwells and Dearborn held at Wayne, the Wayne County Base Ball League was formed and temporary officers elected.

Thieves Active at Lathrup Farm Found truck loaded with 50 bushels of apples and 10 bushels of potatoes from the storage house on J. W. Lathrup's farm last Saturday evening. The building was secured by a large padlock which thieves broke and gained entrance through the door. The truck was found at Hamtramck, but no clue as to who stole it.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 17, 1936) Clinic, Three New Homes Planned Several pieces of property in the Farmington area are in the hands of new owners, following real estate transactions taking place.

School Board Debts Reduced A note of prosperity in the finances of the Farmington School District is sounded this week with the announcement of a \$100 raise for members of the teaching staff of the Farmington Public Schools and plans for the retirement of \$4,200 of the indebtedness of the district.

City Commission Votes Town Hall Appropriation It was decided at the City Commission meeting Wednesday evening, that the Town Hall will be remodeled, and the cost will be divided between the City and the Township. The Township Board has voted to stand on the expense of repairing the Town Hall, up to the amount of \$1,500. It is estimated that repair and remodeling will cost approximately \$1,400.

Valuation of Township Increased Farmington Township Supervisor Ernest V. Blanchard has turned over the Township tax roll books to Treasurer Harold Cox for collection. An increase of \$486,710 is shown in this year's valuation, with the total valuation set at \$4,882,245. The increase is accounted for by the acquisition of state owned land, and new buildings in the Township during the past year.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH M. J. Remeln, Pastor Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00. (Youth Service and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers. Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST "The Friendly Church" Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. The pastor continues the sermon series on Great Words of the Bible by using the theme, "The Bible's Word To Train Us." Sunday School at 11:45 a.m. Junior, Senior, Adult Classes at 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Circle at 7:00 p.m. Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. An enjoyable evening of special music and songs.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY New High School Auditorium Farmington "God the Preserver of Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon on all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 15. The Golden Text (Psalms 125:2) is: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever." Among the Bible citations in this passage (Psalms 121:5-8): "The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science Textbook: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p.78): "Spirit blesses man, but man cannot tell whence it cometh. If he is sick or healed, the suffering are comforted, and the sinning are reformed."

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST J. Scott Greer, Minister Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. "Science, Personality Versus Church Membership." Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m. Topic, "Confession of Lydia."

Arch of Constantine A monument commemorating one of the world's foremost expressions of religious freedom and tolerance, the Arch of Constantine, was built in Rome in 315 A. D. out of respect to the great emperor who issued the Edict of Milan. "We grant likewise to the Christians and all others, free choice to follow the mode of worship they may wish, that what soever divinity and celestial power may exist may be propitious to all that live under our government." This monument is one of the best preserved of Roman antiquities.

Monday, Brownie Troop 15 at 3:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7:00 p.m. World Wide Guilds in a Christmas party at 7:30. Lois Greenman Mission Circle at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 4:45 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Midweek Service at 8:00 p.m. Friday, Choir rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.

Sewing Needle If your sewing machine skips stitches, it needs may be best, too small for the thread, set too high or too low, incorrectly threaded or too short or too long. Oil on the needle or too much on the shuttle race will cause the machine to skip stitches just as a bent or worn shuttle will.

What's Happening In Other Town's

SOUTH LYON A special meeting of the City of South Lyon School board was held Monday night for the purpose of discussing with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce the many factors to be brought up in the Chamber's proposed lighting of the school football field. The discussion brought out that the Chamber of Commerce would have a lot to say in a working agreement with the school board on control of the lighted field until the installations were paid for. The School Board decided to invite the Chamber of Commerce to be a part of the agreement drawn up to be submitted to the next regular meeting of the Board.

NORTHVILLE Interest in classes offered under the Community Recreation program is growing rapidly, according to the report for November. Each of the several groups is functioning well under the supervision of leaders. Such classes as girls' bowling, leathercraft, girls' and boys' basketball, and girls' and boys' and mens' tennis are given. Meritt Marker is director of the Community Recreation Program.

PLYMOUTH Through the gift of another \$500 check from the Daisy Manufacturing Company to the Plymouth Community Fund, prospects are exceedingly bright for the establishment of a visiting nurse service for Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The total contributions to date amount to \$2,000, with another \$7,000 goal fixed as necessary to carry on the highly important health work in this vicinity. A visiting nurse will be available to all the people of Plymouth and Plymouth Township under the plan for emergency calls or daily calls where a full nurse is not at attendance." The Plymouth Mail

erty in mind is the 23 acre site north of the battery, known as the Kent property. It is ideally located, well within the city limits and contains plenty of space, including room for the new bus building, which has already been approved." Grand League Independent STANDISH "Martin Shannon, Standish, was elected chairman of the Areae County Veterans' Memorial Park Association at the V.F.W.-American Legion joint meeting last Sunday evening. Shannon urges all veterans of the county to cooperate and put forth an increased effort towards raising money for the contemplated building to be erected at the park. At the meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided to have a big show in Standish on December 21. A troupe of performers will be given and Santa Claus will also be present, plus other entertainment." Areae County Independent

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JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CLUB. Everyone welcomes a reminder to enroll in the Christmas Club. Membership is one sure way to have money for the holidays!

Choose one of these classes weekly deposits Results after 12 weeks \$5 - \$12.50, \$10 - \$25.00, \$20 - \$50.00, \$50 - \$125.00

VOICE OF PROPHECY. Mutual System and 250 other stations in Western Hemisphere. Sunday