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## EDITORIALS

### The Awkward Age . . .

is how a Dr. of Government might diagnose the case of Farmington. A community with growing pains. That in-between stage when things don't just quite fit. The transition period of growth and progress.

As any Dr. of Government will tell you, it is perfectly normal. Every growing community goes through it. It's problems — it's pains — it's confusion have been experienced time and again by our larger neighbors.

Farmington, both City and Township, are growing. We are growing both in population and material stature. This is statistical fact. As a matter of fact, we are growing out of our best suit so fast that our tailors can hardly keep up.

In spite of sincere efforts on the part of both the City and Township, demands far exceed present limitations. These demands are just — they are demands vital to the health and safety of our people. They are essential to the future growth and progress of our community. Such things as more adequate fire protection, community centers, youth recreation program and facilities, better schools with broader curriculum, better streets, pavements and roadways, improved sanitary facilities. These are only a few of those already mentioned by individuals and groups in this community. Every center and neighborhood throughout the City and Township has just demands. If they didn't have, our progress would be stopped.

The City and Township governments also have their limitations. These projects take considerable change, and financial outlay. It is at this point that we stop. We know what we want and need — but how to get it?

This is where we can learn from others. How did our larger neighbors make the change? What were their experiences, their problems, their errors? Invariably they called upon others for advice. The respective governments called upon a council of citizens to work out plans. It was not done overnight — but it was done. A community fund was formed to consolidate all charities into one group. Planning councils were formed to act, without final authority, but in advisory capacity in planning. Cities and Townships, service clubs, churches, and organizations worked together for one common goal — a better community for all.

We might well find in this plan the solution to many of our growing pains — we might well adopt it as our objective for 1947!

### Senator Of Senators . . .

is Michigan's Arthur H. Vandenberg. With his unanimous election by his colleagues, the presiding officer of the Senate, Vandenberg takes his place among the great senators in history.

Michigan has long recognized Vandenberg as an outstanding leader. In recent years his advice and counsel have been honored by Republicans and Democrats alike. This final honor has placed him at the top, in a position of prominence second only to the President of the United States.

Vandenberg, in acceptance of the presiding officer's post, stated, "I shall undertake to the best of my ability to justify your confidence." Upon this sentence lies the success of Vandenberg's rise to prominence. He has always carried out this promise — whether to the voters of Michigan, to the President of the United States, or the people of America. He has always acted to the best of his ability — sincerely, wisely and honestly.

Michigan is proud of their Senator Vandenberg. They are proud of the outstanding achievements he has made. As the results of the last Michigan election show, Democrats and Republicans alike recognize his ability as a leader of men.

Michigan is proud to be the home of the Senator of Senators.



By GENE ALLENAN

Kim Sigler, one-time Nebraska cowboy, became the 56th governor of Michigan January 1, 1947.

Dubbed the "maddest man in Michigan" by Karl Detzer in a national magazine, Sigler did not appear to be particularly mad about his meteoric rise to greater responsibility and new opportunity. One year ago he was a grand jury prosecutor, widely proclaimed for his fearlessness and legal skill. He was ready to release new batches of indictments in the Michigan and chain banking cases. And after the trials, he contemplated a return to an excellent and profitable legal practice in Battle Creek.

Sigler became overnight the most talked about man in Michigan. Yes, such was the case despite two major reverses. Frank McKay, still placed in the villain's role in the Michigan drama, machine had enough, but being kicked out of his profession, widely proclaimed for his fearlessness and legal skill. He was ready to release new batches of indictments in the Michigan and chain banking cases. And after the trials, he contemplated a return to an excellent and profitable legal practice in Battle Creek.

This writer tries to watch the Lansing parade of personalities and events with some objective detachment. We always regard the governor as a public servant in a democracy which needs full enlightenment of facts if it is to function for the welfare of the people.

"We clearly foresaw the logical reaction to the Sigler mind. This observation appeared in our column of March 15, 1946, in which Sigler's candidacy: "Why should Sigler want to run for governor? It is human nature for an individual, who is frustrated by opposition to his own ideas, to seek his position in some manner."

The only avenue available to Sigler was to run for the governorship. With no organization back of him, he accomplished a political impossibility. Why? Largely because of the public's admiration of a fighter. Kicked out as prosecutor, Sigler was smeared by a report of the senate legislative committee. The smear hit the press at the eve of the election.

While Sigler did not get a majority of the primary vote, he did lead other contestants by a hefty margin — enough to prove that a vote of Michigan men and women in their political thinking, resented what appeared to be grossly unfair accusations.

These accusations were deemed unfair because the accused himself was suddenly indicted for alleged graft and corruption in his own (Continued On Page Eight)

## NEW YEAR'S LOAD



## Washington Digest

### Constructive GOP Congress Depends On Party Harmony

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

WASHINGTON. — Now that the Senate has settled its first problem — naming of the committee chairman — the next big question is whether the Republicans are going to be able to develop a constructive program. It isn't the lack of a leadership able to guide and establish the party discipline necessary for iron-handed control. The Republican majority is very slim and there are a number of restless members who will be hard to get into the corral, come roll-call time, as the "sons of the wild" discipline used to be.

It isn't the lack of a leader so much as a surplus of them that worries Republican politicians — that and the danger that the leaders may start leading in different directions.

Another factor not calculated to further unity is the flock of presidential bests crawling all over the Senate. In the two leading December poll, Gallup listed four senators as possibilities in the following order: Vandenberg, 9 per cent; Bricker, 5 per cent; Taft, 2 per cent; and Saltonstall, 1 per cent. These are small figures compared to the poll's 52 per cent granted Governor Dewey of New York, or Minnesota's ex-governor, Hubert H. Humphrey.

But it is not mere personal ambition which drives a senator to work for individual prominence — it is a part of his job to strengthen the sovereignty of the sovereign state he represents. Another thing which often forces a senator to walk alone or as part of a small group is sectionalism — not a hidebound attitude either, but the demand that he truly represent the interests of his community, even if those interests conflict with those of other parts of the country.

The ancient antagonism of West versus East never quite died. It was only a little over three decades ago that the 17th amendment was passed which authorized the popular election of senators. This was accomplished largely through the influence of western and southern states which had already, by means of state primaries or other subterfuge, managed to take the reins of senatorial power out of the hands of the state legislatures.

The Republicans benefited by the failure of the Democrats to maintain a West-South bloc. They turned in turn for other sectional and ideological cleavages. I heard one man remark the other day that two recent speeches, one by Senator Monroney of Oklahoma, and the other by Senator Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, each expressed views much more in line with the opposition party's than many other senators out of the many other similar anomalies in the 50th congress, as there were in the last session.

The belief that the extreme conservatism will be largely through the influence of the senate is not generally supported. True — history has shown (Continued On Page Eight)

## Churches

**SALEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, 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 where I could linger at His feet and let Him to me sweet healing give. WELCOME

**WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH**  
Rev. J. H. Sandrock, Pastor  
Evangeline B. Faruum

**SUNDAY**  
10 a.m., Bible School, all ages  
11:15 a.m., Morning Worship, A series of messages on the present world conditions as seen in how God is working out His plan in this world.

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

**FRIDAY**  
10-11 a.m., Radio Glea Club (high school girls and boys).  
1:30-3:00 p.m., Missionary meeting.

Services are held in the Church building, 3221 W. Seven Mile Road.

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10-10 a.m., Sunday School for third grade and above.  
11:00 a.m., Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade.  
1:30 a.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. Stumpff, Pastor

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., for all ages.  
Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
Luthera Hour broadcast over CKLW at 12:30 p.m.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cambridge and Grand River  
Farmington, Michigan  
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 service. Praise testimonies. A happy fellowship.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
M. J. Remett, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 1:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.  
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON

A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: "SACRAMENT"

**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 2104 ONTARIO  
Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings  
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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

"TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (January 6, 1922) Insurance Company Holds Annual Meeting Here

The regular annual meeting of the Michigan Mutual Home Insurance Company of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties was held in the Peoples State Bank in Farmington on December 30, determining the condition of the company's credits and obligations, or any other business that might come before the meeting.

B. C. To Give Supper  
A get-together supper for the members of the Board of Commerce and the men of Farmington and vicinity will be served on Monday evening, January 14, at the Peoples State Bank. In addition to a good supper there will be a fine program with lots of variety and many excellent things. Too much cannot be said about the importance of this get-together event of the men of Farmington. For further particulars see Mr. J. C. Clark, secretary of the Board of Commerce.

Bank Again Shows Big Gain In Deposit  
Another year's remarkable gain in assets, deposits, operating profit and value of capital stock stands to the credit of Farmington State Bank, with reports on 1936 operations indicating that the Farmington institution is not only maintaining but enhancing its position as one of the outstanding banks of the State. Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier of the bank, is a new member of the Board of Directors and has also been re-elected cashier.

Post Office Sets Record  
Second class rating is expected to be granted to the Farmington Post Office, according to Postmaster Norman Lee, who states that the receipts for the past year set a new record for the post office. Promotion of the status of the Farmington office is anticipated within a few weeks, pending the audit of the books.

Defense Rally To Be Held Monday  
The patriotic defense rally for Farmington City and Township is planned for Monday evening, January 12 at eight o'clock at the Farmington High School Gymnasium. The High School Band will participate and speakers have been obtained. Frank N. Isbey, State chairman of the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps will address the meeting. Judge H. Russell Holland of Pontiac will speak on civilian defense.

Church Youth To Come Here For Institute  
The Methodist Church will be the scene of much activity this week and when about 50 and 100 delegates of the High School leagues of this district will be here for their mid-year institute. Many members of the Farmington high school league, which now numbers about 40, will also attend the Institute.

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. Scott Greer, Minister  
Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
"The New Birth."

Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m. "Results of the New Birth."

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
"The Friendly Church"  
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Beginning a morning series of sermons on "Prayer." Theme, "The Nodal Prayer."

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.  
Junior, Senior, Adult Unions at 6:30 p.m. Beginning a study of the book of Exodus in the Adult Union.  
Evening Service at 7:30. Second in a series of biographical sermons, entitled "A Business Woman in Christian Service."

Monday, Brownie Troop 15 at 3:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 3:45 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, beautiful movie picture in sound and natural color, "The God of Creation," at 8 p.m.  
Friday, Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

**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 8:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.  
Daily Masses at 6:15 and 5:30 a.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
New High School Auditorium  
Farmington

"Sacrament" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, January 12. The Golden Text (John 6:33) is: "The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."  
Among the Bible citations, is this

AAA Safety News Features

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Farmington, Michigan

## What's Happening In Other Town's

**GRAND LEDGE . . .**  
The residence of E. G. Richeson, on M-100 at the north edge of the city, the Catholic Church and the Grand Ledge Independent walked off with the first and second prizes in the Christmas decorating contest, staged by the Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce over the holidays. The judging was done by the Garden Club. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

**Grand Ledge Independent PLYMOUTH . . .**  
"Consultants have been asked to furnish information which will be used in planning Plymouth High school juniors and seniors and their parents with the kinds of jobs actually held by young people under 22 years of age; employment opportunities and the kind of preparation they will need for the future at the job, school and career planning conference to be held Wednesday." The Plymouth Mail

**CHARLOTTE . . .**  
"An outstanding health program in Eaton County is the need for health centers, hospital beds and health department offices. This need is being studied and will be brought to solution by the Eaton County Board of Supervisors. County Memorial Hospital and Health Department Building Committee.

**STANDISH . . .**  
"Ice, that dreaded visitor of the winter months, struck with fury late Friday evening following a hard rainstorm and caused a great city of damage to electrical power and communication systems, tied up transportation and made travel extremely hazardous. It was Michigan's worst storm since 1942. Electric light lines were the hardest hit as 51 trouble calls were recorded by the Consumers Power Co. office in Standish. The entire city of Omer, including the hospital, was in the dark. Bus traffic was halted Friday evening."

**NORTHVILLE . . .**  
"The First Youth Canteen sponsored by the Recreation Committee and a delegation of High School students will be held at the Scout Building. During the vacation some twenty boys and girls have been giving the Scout Building a rest cleaning and polishing from top to bottom."

The Northville Record

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