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EDITORIALS

Sign On The Line . . .

That's all there is to it — you can be a privileged citizen of the world. It isn't magic — no mirrors or hidden compartments. Just your name on the registration books. You are one of the privileged. You doubt it? Just how many people in this world of ours enjoy the privilege of having a voice in their government's affairs? Sure you know all that — but you're small, just one, and Farmington is small, too, compared to the world. That is just what citizens in democratic countries of Europe thought. Where are they now?

You are important — your township, your city and your schools are important, too. They are yours, your world, your responsibility. You owe it to yourself, to your country, to practice and strengthen democracy at every opportunity.

That opportunity is right now! You have only a few days left. Saturday, November 22, is the last day for registering for the special Farmington Township School Election. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED IN THE FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT YOU NEED NOT RE-REGISTER. But if you are a new resident and are qualified — register now!

Not only is the future of your schools and your children involved — but democracy and the importance of individual responsibility are at stake. If we, the citizens of the Farmington area, are not willing to take the initiative in the interest of democratic principles, how do we expect our neighbors to? Especially on a question as vital to us as our schools.

In recent years we have become alarmed at the increased indifference of our citizens at election time. Hundreds of thousands of words have been written about this complacency at the polls. Minorities ruling in a democracy where majorities rule. Why? Because the majority couldn't take the few minutes necessary to register and vote.

The United States is today fighting a battle of Americanism. A fight to again instill American principles and ideals in its people. That fight, which is a fight for survival, begins right here in Farmington. It's on right now and you're in it. Register right now! Vote December 6!

Three Little Words . . .

are back on the market again. So far Congress hasn't bought any, but they are being dangled around where they can't be missed.

OPA is the main attraction and indications are it will be a special advertising display in the not too distant future. There are plenty of salesmen ready to go all out to sell OPA to Congress and the people.

There is a big question in a lot of people's minds, whether a new model of OPA would do the Utopian things that are expected. It was dragged off the market before by the majority and labeled ineffective. Many doubt whether a rebuilt up-to-date job would be any better.

Since the withdrawal of OPA, prices have gone up. But they have not jumped to the proportions advocates of price control said they would go. There is no question but what some have taken advantage of the situation to pad their own pockets. These are undeniable facts, but the question is, are these the exception or the rule? These exceptions existed under OPA as they exist today, in one form or the other.

The United States has, as it should, committed itself to support of the Marshall Plan. This means additional shortages in many vital commodities from our home market. The real answer to price control is still production. Continual, relentless production of vital goods. We accomplished it in war, we can accomplish it in peace. Production, not controls, is the answer, but it's easier to chase up three little words.

Churches

SALEM 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, 8:30 p.m. OUR INVITATION: I love to come to this still place, where deeper peace is always found. To meet 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 He to me sweet healing give. WELCOME

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Third Grade up. 11:00 a.m. Below Third Grade. 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. 11:00 a.m. Nursery. 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 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd. E. L. Stuemflog, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Junior Bible Class at 9:45. Divine Worship for all at 10:45 a.m. Lutheran Hour, with Dr. Walter A. Mator, over CKLW at 12:30 p.m. every Sunday. Class of instruction for young people, Saturday at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Services at 10:00 a.m.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. Scott Greer, Minister. Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Douglas Toppel, Pastor. Services held in Pierson School Seven Mile, East of Farmington Rd.

THE COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

holding their services in Pierson School located at Seven Mile Road east of Farmington Road. Church services and Sunday School classes will be held continuously from 10:00 to 11:00. Nursery school for children under three. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

23701 Cass Avenue Farmington. 11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School. 8:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting. Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. Remelin, 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 Service at 10:00 a.m. Message by the Pastor, "Cause for Thanksgiving". Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. International Lesson, "The Way of Love". Youth Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. Youth Meetings at 8:30 p.m. Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Special music. Pastor's message, "An Enslaved King and an Enthroned Prisoner". Monday, Browne Troop 13 at 3 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m. Lois Greenman Mission Circle at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Browne Troop 4 at 3 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 3:30 p.m. Church Thanksgiving Dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thanksgiving Union Service at the Methodist Church at 8:00 p.m.

STARK GOSPEL MISSION

9558 Laurel Road Corner of Laurel and Pine Tree Rd. Sunday service and Sunday school at 1:00. Church service at 2:00. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m. This is a cottage prayer meeting. Ladies prayer meeting Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30. Pastor: Rev. Orville J. Windell.

GOING HOME WITH THE BALL!



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator

Income Tax Spectre Haunts Next Session Of Congress

WASHINGTON. — It is a cloudy fall day, and the last tinted browns leaves are fluttering seriously in otherwise bare branches, wondering whether it is better to make the plunge now or wait for more favorable breezes. About the same thing is going on in an old colonial mansion on Connecticut Avenue, where, beneath those high ceilings and once aristocratic surroundings, Republican national committee typewriters are clicking, mimeographing machines are whirring and sweet telephone bells jangle out of tune.

GOVERNMENT CONFIDENT OF BILL'S PASSAGE

Thirteen states — Oregon, Washington, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Nebraska, Michigan and Pennsylvania — already have community property tax provisions. So has Hawaii. The provision, inserted in a federal tax bill, would put the citizens of the other 35 states on the same basis. The money savings under the community property tax clause would not benefit those married couples whose combined net income is less than \$3,000 because the rates don't change up to that point. That is why opponents say this community property tax proposal, too, aimed at saving money for the bigger taxpayers and doesn't help out the little fellows (although the tax advisor to the ways and means committee tells me that neither would any benefits accrue under this provision to the married couple whose combined income is \$5,127,000 a year).

But the Republicans feel sure that this proposal would carry a tax-reducing bill through. They claim many Democrats living in states contiguous to the community-property tax states would support it. Here's the way Democrats view the situation: They know that the last tax bill might have been passed over the veto; some say it certainly could have been passed, had it included the community property tax provision. They are not flippant about the Republicans' ability to muster the necessary two-thirds vote this time to override a veto.

But Democrats nourish this hope: That if tax debate is insisted upon before the question of lower prices and European aid (including the long-range Marshall plan as well as emergency aid) is settled, the public will say Republicans are fiddling with politics while Europe burns and will renege on their obligations at the polls. Even if a tax bill should surmount the veto-herd, Democrats still hope it will boom around on the fast-track argument have been made that it gives uncommonly little to the common man and is balm of gilead for the high brackets. Republicans counter with the argument that tax relief is a crying need. They feel Americans will not be too angry if their financial load is lightened at the expense of Europe, provided the necessary relief is voted, and perhaps a Marshall plan accepted in principle but considerably shaved down as to the total actually authorized.

GO-Politicians have been reorganizing this way: Since we can balance the budget, make some payment on the national debt, take care of Europe's immediate food and fuel needs (Continued on Page Six)



Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

By GENE ALLEMAN

"Opposition in Michigan rural areas to the European lending program and the food saving program is very strong," writes a newspaper editor who specializes in agriculture and who is recognized as a leader in his field.

"Farmers see the real purpose of the food-saving program as an effort to reduce prices. They feel that prices are not too high when compared to other costs."

This editor's frank comment is of timely interest. This week at Washington the Congress of the United States received a historical message from the President. It concerned the so-called Marshall Plan whereby 150,000,000 Americans would give a helping hand of dollars and footcuffs to Western Europe's 270,000,000.

With the President's message last Monday, the people of the Nation began a great popular debate. As Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg said November 3 at Ann Arbor, "Foreign policy is a legitimate subject of frank debate by our citizens. Foreign policy belongs to the people."

It is not the intention, nor policy, of this column of news interpretation to offer our personal judgment, to attempt to arrive at any unqualified conclusion. We do believe that several observations should be offered at this time, factual premises upon which we may intelligently discuss the issues of the hour.

First, the need of food for Western Europe. We believe it to be an honest statement of fact to say that Western Europe faces a general grain shortage in the third post-war winter now gathering momentum.

Reports from impartial, unbiased newspaper correspondents, Congressional investigating committees and Presidential fact-finding groups all substantiate these shortages. Basic cause of the grain shortage was the 1947 weather, ranging from floods to drought. Supplementing cause was the black market, rampant wherever government food rationing whereby farmers may profit by withholding grain for higher prices.

The Associated Press was criticized by a newspaper editor at the Associated Press Managing Editors' national convention in Detroit for using the phrase "hungry Europe" at a Washington dispatch. The editor said the A. P. had fallen for "administration" propaganda.

Reiman Morin, chief of the Washington bureau, defended the phrase as accurately portraying an economic condition today in Western Europe. He said the preponderance of information as gathered by newspaper correspondents in Europe and by a majority of leading American congressmen attested to (Continued on Page Three)

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (November 17, 1922) Opening New Streets

A decided improvement has been made in the western part of the village by the extension of Wilmarth street from Oakland Avenue to Macomb Street, the later being opened from its intersection with Wilmarth, east to Cass Avenue. Already there are now homes under construction in that locality.

Ladies Literary Club Twenty-seven members of the L.L.C. met at the home of Iva Hutton Wednesday, November 28. Local Robinson gave a very interesting report of the county federation which was held at Milford November 1. New by-laws were adopted by the club. Hereafter it will be known as the Women's Club of Farmington.

TEN YEARS AGO (November 25, 1937) Jobs List For This Area Done

Consensus of the unemployed in the Farmington area has been completed and statistics gathered in the survey are on their way to Federal Unemployment Census headquarters in Washington. Postmaster Norman C. Lee finished assembling a little less than 200 cards received from inhabitants of this vicinity and the returns were immediately sent in to the Detroit Post Office, central point for this part of Michigan.

"Turkey in the Tree", and not in the Straw, This Story Goes Not "Turkey in the straw", but "turkey in the tree" is the theme of one of the strangest Thanksgiving season stories ever reported in this vicinity. And the outcome is that three ladies, identically unknown, have become proud if somewhat superstitious possessors of a fine holiday turkey. Some of the soldiers that were on the way to the block literally "flew the coop" from the Delos Hamlin Market.

FIVE YEARS AGO (November 19, 1942) Blackout Violators To Be Prosecuted

Farmington City may well be proud of the blackout Wednesday night. It was 100 per cent perfect, according to Chief of Police Joseph DeVriendt. In the township, however, there were three or four violators. Air raid wardens over the areas in which the violations occurred will sign complaints and violators will be served by auxiliary police.

Gym Class For Women to Be Started Some call it "keeping fit", others call it "fun" but through the efforts of Miss Veva Craig and Mrs. Edwin Louys, there will be a ladies gym class to be held every Monday evening for an hour. Mrs. Marian Luce, the high school girls' gym instructor, will conduct the class. The first ten minutes will be calisthenics and the last fifty minutes will consist of games such as volleyball, dodge ball and relays.

Think about this and do something about it — SAVE

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MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
Farmington, Michigan

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