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EDITORIALS

Don't Forget Safety When You Leave Your Car

This paper has had much to say in the last month concerning safety on the highways. It will continue to remind the people of Farmington and surrounding territory of this fact. Not too much can be said in the behalf of safety when human lives are at stake.

However, "The Farmington Enterprise" has dealt mainly with motor cars in this crusade. Now a new challenge arises to draw our attention. It concerns safety in the water. This may sound unnecessary to many but in the southern lakes of this vicinity a great toll is taken every season. As soon as the warm weather hits Michigan there is a great surge to these lakes. Not enough precaution is taken by the individual when he enters the water, as a result many drown every summer.

Regardless of how good a swimmer you may be it is common sense to guard yourself against foolish ventures into deep water or long swims without aid nearby. There is always the possibility of cramps or fatigue to pull you helplessly under water.

It is just as easy and more fun to practice a few common rules of safety in the water.

A Bad Spot That Can Be Eliminated

Within a few hours Saturday evening two cars overturned at the bottom of McFee Hill on Farmington Road at the north end of the city. With the great increase in traffic on Farmington Road particularly on weekends there has been an additional need for certain safety precautions at this spot.

This situation could be greatly aided by placing adequate warning signs at the top of the hill and at the sharp curve as the road levels out over the bridge. At the present time there is only one small warning sign at the top of the hill and at night the widely spaced lights fail to give the driver sufficient warning.

It Farmington is to remove the danger of this situation and cut down traffic accidents, it should see that adequate provision is added at this location. To the stranger, who is unfamiliar with the road, there is little to warn him of the steep hill and sharp curve ahead.

It would seem advisable to place a large reflector sign at the top of the hill and another at the bottom where the curve begins. The first should ward the motorist of the steep grade and the latter of the sharp curve and narrow bridge. It would also be of great help if guard rails were placed along the approaches to the bridge and on the bridge proper.

Until some such action is taken there will be an increasing danger at this spot, and if Farmington is to build as a safety minded city, this problem deserves immediate attention.

Other Editors Say

Warlike Trial Balloons

(Grand Ledger Independent)
The almost daily trial-balloons sent up by the Roosevelt administration through cabinet officials are in the direction of war. Knox openly advocates immediate naval action to "clear the high seas" of Nazi craft. Stimson and others advocate steps equally likely to get this nation into a shooting war. General Marshall's request for congressional sanction of the use of American forces outside this hemisphere is calculated to mean that some military action—a British-American invasion of the European continent of an attack in Dakar—is contemplated by the administration.

The people of the United States still are not convinced that we need to get into the scrap any farther than we are now. They all sanction aid to Britain. That is the result of sympathy for the British people and a feeling of kinship. But they are reluctant to fight a war for Communism.

There are some commentators who believe that one of Hitler's cleverest tricks, from a propagandist standpoint, is turning on Russia. They claim that one of his purposes was to keep the United States out of the conflict. That may be so. At any rate, there can be no question but what many Americans now feel that this war is less than ever a war in which we should be concerned. They hate Communism as much as Nazism. The administration's insistence that anyone who is an enemy of Hitler is a friend of ours is not satisfactory to these people.

Whatever Roosevelt plans to do—and he doesn't take his people into his confidence as he should—one thing is certain: his administration is determined to crush Hitler and will build up American public opinion to fight a pitch of war fever as possible. If he is successful in leading the people in this instance as he has been in the past, it shouldn't be many more months before we are actively involved.

Don't Drain Industry

(Ionia County News)
There is much talk these days of taxing "excess profits" to the hilt.

And to the uninformed, that brings up pictures of a righteous government taking some of the gigantic earnings of incredibly rich corporations.

However, the problem isn't so simple as that. Real "excess profits" are taxed now—and they are taxed plenty. The great danger is that in our zeal to raise money we will tax away those modest, normal profits which are absolutely necessary to the maintenance and development of all industry.

It is for this reason that the excess profits tax is potentially one of the most menacing of weapons. Business must have profits to attract new capital. It must have profits to establish needed credit. It must have profits to rapidly expand in such extraordinary periods as the present. And it must have profits to build up reserves against that day when the war will have over, the defense boom will have burst, and it will have to readjust itself and get back to normal.

The government is entirely right in insisting that there shall be no profiteering in defense—business backs up that stand to the hilt. But we will make a terrible mistake if we use the taxing power to drain normal industry dry. That, in the long run, would mean ruin for us all.

The New Warden

(New York Times)
Warden Lawes' record makes him a hard man for anybody to follow. But Robert J. Kirby, chosen as the new head of the Sing Sing, also a career man who has become one of the leading penal authorities in the State. His rise almost duplicates that of Mr. Lawes, for he too started from the bottom of the ladder. His first State service was as an attendant at Danmore State Hospital in 1909; three years later he was appointed a guard at Clinton Prison. Since, 1931, he has been principal keeper at Attica State Prison. No attempt to escape has succeeded during his administration. In experience and outlook he is well qualified to succeed Warden Lawes in handling a difficult job.

CHURCHES

All notices for this column must be in the Enterprise office not later than Tuesday at noon.

SALEM EVANGELICAL
Rev. Carl Schulz, Pastor
Church at 10:00.
Sunday School at 11:00.

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED
Rev. W. J. Prisk, Pastor
Church service, 10 a. m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Young People's Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 10:30 a. m., and at 12 noon.
Masses on Holy Days at 6:00, 7:30, and 9:00 a. m.
Daily Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 a. m.

REDFORD GOSPEL TABERNACLE
1900 Lakeside Road
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST
"The Friendly Church"
Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor
Morning prayer meeting, 10:15.
Morning worship, 10:30.
Bible School, 11:15. We have a good class for every age, group and all who are not attending some other school are invited to come.

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH
Evelyn B. Farnum, Founder and Evangelist
Rev. J. H. Sandcock, Pastor
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.

FRIDAY
10:41 a. m. Radio Glee Club (high school girls and boys).
1:30-3 p. m. Missionary meeting.
SPECIAL NOTICE
Due to the fact that plans are being made for a new building, Sunday services are held in P.T.A. building, back of Piersen school, Seven Mile, near Farmington Road. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
23603 Warner Avenue
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
Teaching, preaching and singing the gospel of Christ.
Everybody welcome.

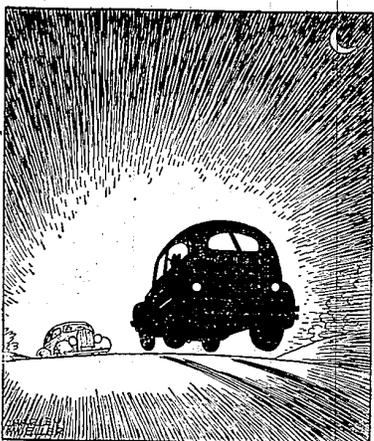
FIRST METHODIST
Rev. Howard C. Busching, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:30. The subject of the sermon by the pastor will be "Peace."
Church School, 12 noon.
Tuesday evening at 8:00 at the church, there will be a meeting of the official board.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
33200 Seven Mile Road
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Sunday Evening, 7:45 p. m.
Farmington, Michigan

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
New High School Auditorium
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
"Life" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, July 20.
The Golden Text (Psalm 124:3) is: "The Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life."
Among the Bible citations in this passage (Lamentations 5:19): "Thou, O Lord, remainest forever; thy throne from generation to generation."
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: "Because Life is God, Life must be eternal, self-existent."
Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase."

OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By Mueller



Travelers Safety Service

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Americans cannot have the luxuries to which they are accustomed and all-out defense too. Robert E. McConnell, chief of the OPM Conservation and Substitution Section, told a press conference last week. "There are not going to be enough metals—and that includes practically all metals—to serve both the defense program and a vastly expanded output of consumer goods," he said. "No matter how hard we try to avoid it, production of consumer goods is bound to be curtailed to an increasing extent."

At the same time the OPM Production Division paved the way for a further reduction in the output of automobiles at a conference of manufacturers of passenger cars, trucks, buses, taxicabs, and fire-fighting equipment.

More Work For Auto Makers
OPM Director General William S. Knudsen said that the auto industry, which already holds 2 billion dollars' worth of defense contracts, may have to treble its defense work.

Assurance that essential civilian industries will share in the allocation of vital and limited materials, meanwhile came from the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply.

Civilian Maintenance Aided
Administrator Leon Henderson took steps to provide repair and maintenance materials and equipment for 25 industries and services whose continued operation is necessary for public welfare. These include railroads, street railways, telephone and telegraph, water and sewer lines, fire and police services, farm equipment, hospitals, schools, and parks.

Deliveries of materials and equipment to builders of cars and buses or urban or interurban lines were given a preferential status by OPACS to insure adequate transportation facilities for the traveling public. Economies in the use of materials were placed on par with freight cars in their right to limited materials. Farmers, who face a shortage of storage space for grain now being harvested, were given relief by the allocation of 15,000 tons of sheet steel for grain bins.

Emergency allocations were made for construction and repair of machinery needed by the canning industry to conserve this fruit. Earlier an appeal was made for construction and repair of machinery needed by the canning industry to conserve this fruit. Earlier an appeal was made for construction and repair of machinery needed by the canning industry to conserve this fruit.

Mr. Henderson at a press conference stated that the cost of living is rising and will continue to rise. He indicated that price-fixing legislation is being prepared.
OPACS postponed indefinitely the placing of a ceiling on the prices of auto tires and tubes.

Americans Pledge Allegiance
The entire Nation participated in a brief demonstration of American unity on July 4, under the sponsorship of the Office of Civilian Defense. Americans at home, in theaters, at ball games, in automobiles, pledged allegiance to the flag in unison after listening to a brief address by President Roosevelt. A plan for intensifying first-aid training for the general public was disclosed by CD with the appointment of Dr. George Baer, of New York, as chief medical officer of O.C.D. The U. S. Public Health Service will work with the O.C.D. on the program.

Sixty-First Session Michigan Legislature

(This is the fourth of a series of articles based upon legislation passed in this session of the Michigan Legislature which is of vital concern to all citizens of this state.)
Particular interest to Farmington and communities similar to it are the great number of bills passed by the sixty-first legislature of the State of Michigan concerning municipalities and their functioning.

Considerable stress was exerted in this session to improve the management of the numerous smaller cities in the state. This was done by placing before the legislature a great quantity of bills which were designed to aid these communities.

They vary widely from street maintenance to changes in the qualifications of certain city and township officials. To analyze all these bills in this column would be too large an order so only the most important legislation will be discussed.

Senate Bill No. 38, entitled, "A bill to authorize the township board of any township to raise by taxation money for the purpose of purchasing real estate for sites for an construction or repair of public buildings; to limit the amount that can be raised for such purpose; and to provide for the creation of a sinking fund for this purpose." This bill was unanimously passed by the Senate.

A bill making the items of damages recoverable from a municipal corporation for negligence in the construction or maintenance of public highways and necessary works thereon the same as for negligence of natural persons or private corporations." This bill was passed by the Senate and will be passed by the House.

A bill to provide fire protection for certain cities and villages and to enter into contracts for providing fire protection beyond their respective limits." This bill is entitled Senate Bill No. 290 and was unanimously passed by this body.

An Army On Merit

One of the best moves that has ever been made by the United States Army is the introduction of promotion for officers on merit rather than on seniority. It is true that the innovation is being made by gradual measures; first in all the better, for a sudden upheaval would not be helpful in the midst of a crisis. Methods of selection have to be worked out and tested, and the benefits of experience are not to be disregarded.

But to serve another country well, quicker procedure is being asked of Congress for dismissing unfit officers and that advancement is to be based on the record of performance will give encouragement to many young soldiers who are eager to serve their country well. It should afford parents greater confidence that their boys will be able to do it, in training or, if necessary, in battle. It helps to justify the action of the Senate Friday in passing, with a minimum of discussion, the largest single appropriation bill in the history of Congress—\$16,354,821,624 for the army.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 16, 1930)

While the thermometer soared dizzyly over the 100-degree mark and remained there over the week-end, Grand River Road experienced one of the worst traffic jams in history as an endless stream of motorists lined the city to lakes and resorts.

Most trustees of school districts throughout this area continue as members of their respective boards as a result of elections at annual meetings held Monday evening. In two instances where unexpected changes were made by electors, the defeated trustees were both trustees of their respective boards. In Novi District No. 3, J. O. Munro, treasurer was defeated for re-election by Alfred Gow, 21 to 18. In Southfield District No. 9, Otto Esler, treasurer, was displaced by Mrs. Olive Kallman.

A pair of eyes that ever twinkled merrily, and even a bit mischievously behind their spectacles, have closed forever. A ready, triendly smile that throughout 77 years still remained most like a boyish grin, is now a tender memory. And a gentle, friendly soul who loved his fellow-men has gone on. Wells D. Butterfield, first mayor of the City of Farmington, is dead.

Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagner visited Farmington Thursday and inspected two Grand River situations for which corrections have been suggested. They are the placing of proper warning signs and signals at the curve in the north side of Grand River at the junction with the east end of the Cut-off.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 16, 1921)

Attempts to establish a jitney line on Grand River Road through Farmington and Redford met with failure Wednesday, when notification was received from the Michigan Utilities Commission that the permit had been denied. Troy Atkinson, of Norborne avenue, Redford Township, was informed of the decision of the Commission on his request.

With a record of 22 persons killed and stores injured at one highway crossing in less than a year, officials have taken steps to reduce the accident toll by placing traffic signals at six important intersections. Foremost of these is the crossing at Northwestern Highway and Telegraph, where the 22 fatalities have occurred, and where crashes occur almost daily, with an appalling record every Sunday.

With Carl Goers pitching one of the best games of his career, West Point Park baseball team Thursday afternoon won the right to play at Savin Field Sunday in the annual Detroit "Amateur Day," the biggest event of the year in amateur baseball circles. West Point Park earned the honor by defeating the Skrzytech team at Northwestern Field 5 to 4. "Flash," a riding horse, owned by William R. Banks and Mrs. Banks at their home at 29239 Farmington Road, just west of Base Line Road was instantly killed, July 5, at three o'clock during an electrical storm, when she was struck by a flash of lightning.

Both Farmington Township and City will have a smaller proportion of the State ad County tax to pay this year, under the equalization report adopted by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Wednesday. The report, filed by the equalization committee, of which Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington is chairman, was accepted by a vote of 37 to 7.

The pendulum swung back Monday evening in School District 6, Farmington Township, when electors of the District defeated two trustees for re-election and voted down the program planned by the Board of Education for the coming year. Half-day sessions for the first three grades, a shorter school year and fewer teachers, all proposed by the board were defeated, and in addition a special election will be held on July 27 to consider building a temporary school.



ENLIST YOUR DOLLARS IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

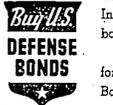
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