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EDITORIALS

Farmington's Job In The Anglo-Japanese War

Although Farmington is far from the field of war action, its people are kept constantly on their toes by the apparent daring and aggressiveness thus far shown by the forces of Japan. As a solid part of this the United States, Farmington is at war. It has a big job to do, one of supplying its country with the resources present here.

These resources take many different forms. The first and most important, from a material standpoint, is to bend all our efforts in producing war supplies created in our community. We must produce and build with more speed and accuracy than has ever been known by the human race. It can be done here, where private initiative has never been harnessed or desire regimentated. But it must rise within the individual, and that is where Farmington comes in. Regardless of how small or how large a city or industry may be, it can produce no more than its desire to produce.

Financially Farmington's job will be to produce as much as possible in assistance to the United States through investments in its country. This means considerable sacrifice on the part of each individual in order to see the United States and the democratic way of life victorious. Every effort should be made to increase the sale of defense bonds. This is going to be up to the individual. Farmington has an opportunity here to be of great service to its country in its war against Japan. If this sale can be increased through voluntary buying, rather than government tax, we will have strengthened our cause for democracy.

The extreme importance of strong naval forces can not be over emphasized. Farmington can do much here, by cooperating with the Enterprise in the enlistment of naval recruits. This city has already sent several men into naval service. This activity must be renewed with increased vigor. The United States has now been attacked and every man eligible for service should volunteer. This is also the democratic way and not the force of a dictator. To those who can not actively serve in the country's armed forces, the Michigan Troops may form an outlet for home service.

Probably the most important job Farmington has is to develop a sincere desire to see this war through to final victory. We must be steadfast in our determination to win even though it means great sacrifice on the part of all of us. Much has been said about American morale, here is our chance to really show how sincere it is. When we are given a job, let's do it. This is the secret of any program of morale.

All of these jobs begin in Farmington and it is right here that the Japanese will find a wall they can not climb.

You Have To Show Christmas Spirit

In this column last week, the Enterprise urged those responsible for Farmington's Christmas decorating, to complete their work as soon as possible. Yet as the Enterprise goes to press, not a single sprig of evergreen or a colored light decorates our streets.

This may seem like a small and insignificant matter to discuss, but what is Christmas? It is a spirit of warmth and joy that lives in the hearts of us all. How is that spirit developed? Through the efforts of men to spread color and joy in corners normally forgotten.

Farmington, like the small cities around it, could be aiding in this Christmas spirit. It could have its streets full of busy shoppers if a colorful dress attracted them. If we ever needed spirit and a desire to get away from the realistic it is today.

Why do you hear so many people passing on the street remark that, "It sure doesn't seem like Christmas," or "I can't seem to get any Christmas spirit." Much of it is due to lack of atmosphere created by a little color and joy.

Now is the time to set the tempo for a happy Christmas season—it's not too late yet—and it must start on Farmington's main streets.

Other Editors Say

The Bill Of Rights And The Bible

(American Bible Society)

It is hoped that all personal prejudices and party affiliations will be forgotten on Monday night, December 15 and that every American citizen who is free to do so will listen to the President as he speaks to the nation on the Bill of Rights. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the adoption of these first ten amendments to our Constitution which are our American counterpart to the Mosaic Ten Commmandments.

To us it seems a peculiarly happy coincidence that Sunday, December 14, the day before the President speaks, should be the date of the annual observance of Universal Bible Sunday, when in thousands of churches and in hundreds of broadcasts, including special messages on three of the great networks, the people of the nation will be reminded of the part the Bible played in the founding of our nation and the immeasurable influence the Bible wields in the world today where it is loved and honored in practically every nation and more and more as the darkness deepens is being sought as the only hope of peace and understanding.

There would have been no Bill of Rights had there been no Bible. Once during the Constitutional Convention someone complained that the Declaration of Independence contained nothing original. Thomas Jefferson, who wrote it, replied that he did not consider that he was to invent any new ideas. He was simply to put in appropriate phrases the convictions that had led to the Revolution. How everlastingly right he was! He belonged to the latest of several generations of people whose thoughts in all serious matters had been channeled by the great pronouncements of Holy Writ. These convictions about men being created equal and endowed by God with certain inalienable rights had been discussed time and time again in the Continental Congress and the Colonial Assemblies and the town meetings and on and on back to the days when, in the sixteenth century, Englishmen first began to read the Bible in their own tongue.

Here we trace the roots of the four freedoms that are guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. They were given to the world by Him who said, "If ye continue in my word . . . . ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

We heartily endorse the suggestions made by the American Bible Society which for years has sponsored the observance of Universal Bible Sunday occurring this year on December 1, that, first we attend the church of our choice on Sunday where the Bible will be expounded, second that during the day we read a considerable portion of the Bible, at least one whole book, and third, that we take steps to see that the boys from our church, our street, our office, our community, who have gone into any one of the nation's services in recent months be supplied with a Bible or a Testament.

Slogan for the 1941 tuberculosis Christmas seal sale is "Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis." We pride ourselves that ours is a community of homes. Let us join whole-heartedly in the fight to defend our homes against this enemy of youth—tuberculosis.

CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"
Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor

Morning prayer meeting, 10:15.
Morning worship, 10:30.
Bible School, 11:45. We have a good class for every age, group and all who are not attending some other school are invited to come.
B. Y. P. U., 6:30.
Evening evangelistic meeting at 7:30.

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. Howard C. Busching, Pastor

Morning Worship, 10:30.
Sermon subject: "Good Tidings."
Church School, 12 noon.
High School youth group 6 p. m. p. m. at church.
Young Peoples League, 7:30 Sunday, at the Church.
Choir rehearsal Thursday, 7:30 at church.

SALEM EVANGELICAL

Rev. Carl Schultz, Pastor

Church at 10:00.
Sunday School at 11:00.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:00; 8:30; 9:30; 10:30 a. m., and at 12 noon.
Masses on Holy Days at 5:30; 7:30, and 9:00 a. m.
Daily Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 a. m.

REDFORD GOSPEL TABERNACLE

18000 Lahser Road
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH

(Formerly Methodist)
Meets at the Maccabee Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Road.
Rev. W. J. Prisk, Pastor
Mr. Leon Newman, Sunday School Superintendent
Morning Worship, 10:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:00 a. m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., Mid-Week Prayer and Praise Meeting.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

8 Mile and Grand River
Clarenceville, Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School for everybody. Classes for all ages.
7:30 p. m.—Great Evangelistic Service, in charge of the Young People of the East Grand Blvd. Methodist Church. Hear their Young Men's Chorus sing.

West Point Bible Church

Evangeline B. Farnum,
Founder and Evangelist
Rev. J. H. Sandercock, 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.

WEDNESDAY

8 p. m., Prayer and Praise Service.

FRIDAY

10-11 a. m., Radio Glee Club (high school girls and boys).
1:30-3 p. m., Missionary meeting. Due to the fact that plans are being made for a new building, Sunday services are held in P.T.A. building, back of Pierson school, Seven Mile, near Farmington Road. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

23608 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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

33200 Seven Mile Road

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Sunday Evening, 7:45 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON
A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts
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. in Universalist Church, 23608 Warner Ave.
Current Christian Science literature on sale Wednesday evenings
ALL ARE WELCOME

Knight Safety

By JAYCEE

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Americans learned last week that they will contribute metals to their defense program by receiving fewer new vacuum cleaners. The Priorities Division of the Office of Production Management, following up curtailment orders on production of automobiles, refrigerators, and domestic washers and ironers, directed large manufacturers of vacuum cleaners to cut their October-through-December output a tenth below the rate of factory sales in the year ended last June 30.

Foil Order Suspended

Another action which may have results apparent to the public was the suspension of an order which would have banished leadfoil and tinfoil from the wrappers of cigarets, candy, chewing gum, and other civilian products after March 15. The order will be studied intensively to determine whether it shall be revoked, revised, or issued in its present form.

Meanwhile, it developed that the Southeast will have a bright Christmas after all. Further heavy rains to replenish reservoirs, and good use of the interconnected lines which feed electric current into the area of shortage, made it possible for OPM to announce that the black-out of show windows, theaters, hotels, tourist homes, and streets would be relaxed by December 15. Also, the 30-percent curtailment plan prepared for certain large consumers was indefinitely postponed.

Chromium Earmarked For Defense

The Priorities Division on November 27 took under its charge all deliveries of chromium, and earmarked for defense all high chromium content alloy steel produced after December 1. Within the week the Division extended the effective periods of orders dealing with calcium-silicon; cutting tools and materials for them; pig iron, steel, steel warehouses, and special kinds of iron and steel. At the same time, control of titanium pigments was postponed from December 1 to January 1.

Institutions for the blind were given a preference rating on scarce materials they must have if blind persons are to keep up productive work.

Lend-Lease Passes Billion Mark

Results of 8 months' Lend-Lease effort were reported by OEM's

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

New High School Auditorium
Farmington

"God the Preserver of Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 14.

The Golden Text (Psalms 40:11) is: "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me."

Among the Bible citations is this passage (Psalms 57:1-3): "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth."

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. 10): "Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger. The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love."

Michigan Mirror

Non-Partisan News Letter

By Gene Alleman

That 60-day "cooling off" period for strikes in national defense industries, as proposed in the Smith bill adopted by the House last week, was a national bouquet handed to the Michigan state legislature.

It was the much-abused legislature which, in 1939, provided a waiting time of five days between the actual call and the actual walk-out in an industrial strike. A 30-day clause, affecting public emergencies, was later interpreted by the state labor mediation board to apply to national defense industries.

The significant difference is that the proposed federal plan is just twice as severe.

Minnesota requires a 10-day notice; Colorado, 20 days. But Michigan, one of the few outstanding "arsenals" in the defense program, has apparently set a precedent of national importance.

Right To Strike

Labor's right to strike, as well as its fundamental right of collective bargaining, is fully recognized under the Smith bill.

The Canadian war-time labor plan of requiring a secret ballot for strike elections in defense plants is incorporated in the house bill. The Wagner act set a precedent for this in the arrangement for collective bargaining elections under government supervision. The strike election merely asks for a majority vote, as contrasted to the C.I.O. strike in the "captive" coal mine field called personally by John L. Lewis.

Another reflection of public resentment against Lewis' closed shop stand was a house provision to prohibit organizational strikes or jurisdictional strikes in any defense plant for the duration of the present emergency.

"Full Sacrifice"

Today's choice of labor and management was expressed by President Roosevelt at the international labor office conference at the White House one month ago, when he said:

"The choice we have to make is this: Shall we make our full sacrifices now, produce to the limit, and deliver our products today and every day to the battle fronts of the entire world? Or shall we remain satisfied with our present rate of armament output, postponing the day of real sacrifice—as did the French—until it is too late?

"The first is the choice of realism—realism in terms of three shifts a day: The fullest use of every vital machine every minute of every day and every night; realism in terms of staying on the job and getting things made, and entrusting industrial grievances to the established machinery of collective bargaining—the machinery set up by a free people.

"The second choice is the approach of the blind and the deluded who think that perhaps we could do business with Hitler. For them there is still 'plenty of time' . . . . And their tombstones would bear the legend 'Too late!' "

Living Costs

The labor situation is linked closely to present inflation of prices, as we reviewed recently in this column. Farmers do not want ceiling farm prices unless Congress puts a limit on labor's wages. Labor sees an opportunity in the

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Friday, December 15, 1916)

Died Thursday Afternoon

Word comes to us Thursday afternoon of the sudden death of Carl Fendt, who dropped dead while preparing to deliver a load of coal for the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. The funeral will be held next Monday at 1 o'clock at the house and 2 o'clock at the German Church. Rev. A. C. Strange, will officiate.

Elected Officers

The election of officers of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M. occurred on Saturday night, December 9th, when the following named persons were duly elected installed: W. M.—Herbert C. Thayer; S. W.—Ralph G. Hogle; J. W.—Clarence C. Wood; Treasurer—Leo F. Gildemeister; Secretary—James D. Hogle; S. D.—Thomas H. McGee; J. D.—Wilmer E. Johnson; and Tyler—Thomas Hitchcock.

Have Large Meeting

Last Tuesday afternoon a large crowd of farmers from this vicinity gathered at the Town Hall in this village, in response to a call for a meeting to talk over the prices of milk to the producer—the farmer. A feature of the occasion was the formation of the milk producers Union, the officers were chosen as follows: President—Charles H. Ely; Vice President—J. H. Johnson; Secretary Treasurer—Harry N. McCracken.

TEN YEARS AGO (Thursday, December 10, 1931)

Free Milk Plan Aids Underfed School Children

Through the generosity and co-operation of several Farmington citizens, means have been provided whereby all pupils below the fifth grade at the Farmington school are being furnished a bottle of milk daily. Howard Warner of the Warner Dairy is furnishing the milk and Joseph Himmelspach of the Farmington Dairy is supervising the pasteurization, bottling and delivery. The service is given free to the school by these men who are providing 183 bottles daily.

Large Amount of Money Saved by Commissioner

An inquisitive and painstaking City Commissioner earned more than the equivalent of ten years' salary as a commissioner for the City of Farmington this week. In dollars and cents, the inquiring Commissioner saved the city exactly $1,000.22 Commissioner Emory Hatton made the announcement before a startled but appreciative Commission Tuesday night when he told of an error he had found in the final figures from the sewer contractors who constructed the sewer in Farmington a year ago last summer.

To Set 500 Trees on Grand River

Five hundred trees will be planted along Grand River avenue between the Eight Mile Road and Farmington Junction, including the Cut-Off, by the State Highway Department, according to M. G. O'Neil, resident forester of the Highway Department.

FIVE YEARS AGO (Thursday, December 10, 1936)

Will Build Addition to Post Office

The quarters of the Farmington Post Office will be enlarged after the holiday rush is over and the lease on the present building is renewed for five more years until January 1, 1942 announces Postmaster Norman Lee. A 15-foot extension will be constructed on the rear of the present building sometime during the first few months of the coming year. Rather than disrupt the work of the postal employees during the Christmas season, it was decided to defer the work until later.

State Begins 24 Hour Patrol on Cut-Off

In a determined effort to end west-bound traffic on the Cut-Off, a 24-hour patrol is being established by Oscar G. Olander, commissioner of the Michigan State Police, to enforce the one-way traffic regulation. A speed limit of 45 miles an hour is being made on the Cut-off for east-bound traffic.

Farmington To Meet Brighton

A determined Farmington High School basketball team will have the benefit of two games' experience when they met Brighton on the former's floor Friday night in the first league game of the season. Brighton's veteran team is reported to be much improved over the one which was twice defeated by Farmington last year.