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## EDITORIALS

### Criticism In War Time

Does a citizen of the United States have the right either legal or patriotic, to criticize his government in time of war?

That is a question brought to light, following an editorial appearing in *The Farmington Enterprise* last week entitled "Dishing It Out." Some comment for and against was registered concerning the patriotism and ill effect of such an article. It was suggested that a policy of unity and solidarity among all persons in this country was the only way to quick and lasting peace. No patriotic citizen can quarrel with such a philosophy, nor is any organization more interested in seeing this situation built up than *The Farmington Enterprise*.

Yet, isn't it logical that we differ in our application of the problem in time of war as well as in peace? Is it a period when we should forget our pens and trace only the words of the majority? No war was ever won that way. Wars are won through the sorting out of ideas pro and con until a united policy is formed. That takes too long? Yes, it takes a little longer but when it is done, it is right. Lord Beaverbrook, Britain's foremost publisher and cabinet member, has been outstanding in his criticism of the Churchill government. Yet few would question his patriotism or worth to the present war effort.

The *Enterprise* contends that more stress be placed on the individual. This doesn't mean that we are opposed to cooperative effort. No such group could exist without individual thought and enterprise.

Because we criticized certain officials in our government, *The Enterprise* was accused of breaking its readers faith in our government. Yet hasn't there been criticism of other war presidents and their staffs? It was welcomed and considered by Lincoln, and had much to do with the final victory of the Union forces.

Such dissension as was created from the editorial "Dishing It Out," was blamed for the lack of interest and concern over the present civilian defense program. Wouldn't it seem as logical to assume that the present confusion and apparent crossing of purposes in the civilian defense organization had considerable to do with this matter? Not even your local and county defense officials have a clear idea of how they are expected to carry out the National program. The reference to sugar and rubber rationing was used to illustrate the above point.

It is hard to see how any of these criticisms can be construed to reflect unpatriotism or disunity. They merely represent problems we feel our readers should analyze, and that our government should take under advisement, if we are to accomplish the objective we are all working for—Victory.

### Leo F. Gildemeister

With his resignation as Mayor of the City of Farmington last week, Leo F. Gildemeister leaves public life after 17 years of service.

Gildemeister joined the commission in 1925 when Farmington became a city, and has served both as commissioner and mayor since that time. Becoming mayor in September 1939 following the resignation of Howard Warner, Gildemeister has served this post continuously.

In spite of his business, Gildemeister has devoted untiring effort in service to his community. For 17 years he has aided in building the city of Farmington to its present standing. In that length of time he has served on the many commission posts as department head.

Farmington can never repay Leo F. Gildemeister for those 17 years he gave to his community. He never asked for credit—he did his work because he wanted to do it and because he was interested in the well being of his community. Farmington will miss this man for his experience and sound judgment—for his individualism and perseverance—for his modesty and friendliness.

## CHURCHES

### FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"  
 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 and some of who are invited to come.  
 B. Y. P. U., 6:30.  
 Evening evangelistic meeting at 7:30.

### FIRST METHODIST

Rev. Howard C. Buschinger, Pastor  
 Morning Worship, 10:30.  
 Church School, 12 noon.  
 High School youth group 6 p. m.  
 Church.  
 Young Peoples League, 7:30  
 Sunday, at homes of members.  
 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 9:30 a. m.  
 Daily Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 a. m.

### REDFORD GOSPEL TABERNACLE

18000 Lahser Road  
 Sunday School, 4:00 a. m.  
 Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.

### CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH

(Formerly the Macabees Hall)  
 Meets at the Macabees 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  
 Sunday School for everybody.

### West Point Bible Church

Evangelist B. Farnum,  
 Founder and Evangelist  
 Rev. J. H. Sandorick, Pastor  
 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.

### SUNDAY

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

23508 Warner Avenue  
 Rev. Orville J. Venable, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.  
 Sunday evening services, 7:30 p. m.

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### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON  
 A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientists, Boston, Massachusetts

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 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, 23908 Warner Ave.

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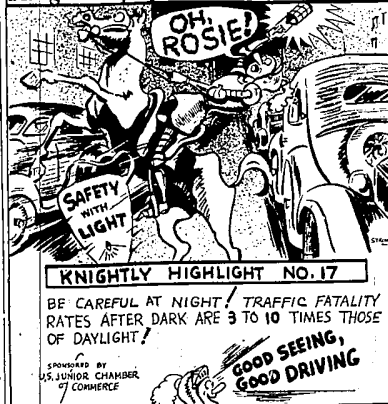
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## Knight Safety

By JAYCEE



### KNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHT NO. 17

BE CAREFUL AT NIGHT! TRAFFIC FATALITY RATES AFTER DARK ARE 3 TO 10 TIMES THOSE OF DAYLIGHT!

GOOD SEEING, GOOD DRIVING



By Gene Alleman

In their ninth week of living with the war, Americans learned how the Government will protect them from individuals trying to take unfair advantages. To get sugar ration books, due soon, housewives must report supplies on hand. Hoarders will surrender tickets corresponding to their hoards. (Possible penalty for false reports to any Government agency: \$10,000 fine or 10 years in prison.) Price Administrator Henderson promised a retail sugar ceiling unless prices stay within bounds.

The Office of Price Administration also announced the charges by make and model that will be allowed when automobile rationing begins.

Putting Together to Check Costs  
 Price control finally enacted into law, POA staged jointly with the Department of Agriculture the aim of keeping living costs down. Steps in this direction gave the OPA one of its biggest weapons:

Formal ceilings were set on petroleum and its products (not a retailing); scrap rubber; domestic washing machines and ironers; bed tissues; nylon stockings; mercury; Southern hardwood lumber; titanium pigments; two types of rayon waste; waste paper all over the United States. Action was taken on three table commodities which cost more than three troubled waters—cellulose were established sharply reducing the price of tea, and changes lowered maximum prices for cocoa and pepper.

For a long roll of other materials and products, maximum price ceilings were lighted, adjusted in many cases to conform to policies in the new Price Control Act. Affected were:

Iron and steel products; iron and steel scrap; copper scrap; primary and secondary lead and zinc; relaying rails; railroad specialities; used steel barrels and drums; coke; builders' hardware and insect screen cloth; wool; parperboard; second-hand cloth bags; cotton goods; cotton yarn; kapok; old rags; reclaimed rubber; new tires; fats and oils.

The Industrial Tide Beneath  
 These activities were the surface waves of a mighty industrial sea on page seven.

"Mind" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, February 22. The Golden Text (I Samuel 2:3) is: "The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed."

Among the bible citations is this passage (James 2:8, 12): "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scriptures, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

Can it be true that the people of Michigan are endangered by war? The state legislature this week is considering an emergency special session.

Approximately 500,000 Michigan men registered this week for possible military duty.

And yet newspaper headlines continue to record events which seemingly contradict evidence that we are at war and must make great sacrifices.

First, consider the definition of "endangered." We assume when Michigan lives are lost, when Michigan young men are put in jeopardy of death, sufficient proof exists that this is a serious affair. Our two-ocean war of 1912. It is true Michigan cities have not been bombed. No enemy fleet has attacked Sault Ste. Marie, our Michigan Panhandle coastal for vital iron ore.

Michigan men are dying just the same. What are they fighting to defend?

Does a feeling of complacency exist among Michigan citizens about the outcome of the war? Here is a question that cannot be answered categorically. We can only surmise an answer.

It can be observed truthfully, we believe, that we Americans take for granted that we are going to win the war ultimately. Our superiority in industrial arms, plus our tremendous manpower, surely should be sufficient to insure victory. We Americans have never lost a war. To lose a war is almost an impossibility as anyone who remembers World War I history books can tell you.

Is Michigan lagging in civilian defense preparations? Here again is a question extremely difficult to answer in one word. It depends upon each citizen's definition of "lagging."

In proportion to the general objective of what is needed to be done, Lieut. Col. D. E. Squier, who has been assigned by General Cummings of the Sixth Corps Area to the sixth civilian defense region with offices in Chicago, made this statement, last Wednesday (Feb. 11) to the Michigan Council of Defense:

"We in the regional office at Chicago consider the work being done in Michigan the leading work in this region. You here in this state are ahead of most of the states of the Middle-West. When I saw what was being done here and when I saw the earnestness with which fire chiefs were taking up their work at school this morning and when I saw the preparation which has been made for instruction, I was proud to say that I was a Michigander."

When is enough enough? Must our degree of preparedness depend upon future Pearl Harbors?

Who is making the sacrifices, anyway?

Newspaper headlines record the news that Singapore, Allied Nations' "Gibraltar of the East"—the great naval fortress which military experts told us was impregnable against enemy assault—has fallen to the Japanese.

We are told the loss of Singapore may be likened to the loss of England from the American viewpoint. Washington officials say it may add a YEAR to the war. A year!

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## Looking Back Through

### The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Friday, February 23, 1917)

Will Ely Meets With Fatal Accident

Tuesday afternoon while assisting in the removal of the big Dillon Ditch Machine from Detroit to the Stuckey farm on the Snyder Road, William Ely suffered an accident which caused his death Thursday. His coat sleeve was caught in the cogwheel, pulling his hand into the wheel. He was taken to Harper Hospital where it was necessary to operate on the arm Thursday morning. The shock and weakened condition of his heart made the operation more than he could stand, and he died Thursday afternoon.

### Home Talent Play Success

The coming of "The King of Timbuctoo" proved to be a grand success in every way. The hall was filled both nights and the play was rendered in a very fine manner. Too much praise cannot be given each one taking part.

### Two Men Die Here

William VanAlstine died Wednesday evening after an attack of the gripe. He recently had pneumonia from which he never fully recovered. James Berrington, aged 66 passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Newell Roy Sunday night. He had been ailing for about two years and death came as the result of a general breakdown.

TEN YEARS AGO (Thursday, February 18, 1932)

### 26 Enter Primary Race

Twenty-six candidates, the largest number in the history of Farmington Township, are seeking 12 offices at the primary election March 7. The previous record number of candidates to enter the primary, 23, was made last year.

### Bank May Reopen Soon

Depositors of the Peoples State Bank representing more than 80 percent of the total deposits have signed the depositor-stockholders agreement, it was announced Thursday by Chairman Arthur Lamb of the depositor committee. It seems practically assured that the bank will renew business as usual within a short time.

### Expect 200 At M. E. Conference

More than 100 delegates from 30 churches in the Ann Arbor district of the Methodist Church are expected to attend the annual Epworth League Mid-Year Institute in Farmington which is to begin Friday night and continue until Sunday. It is the first meeting of its kind to be held in Farmington. At least 200 persons are expected to attend the three-day session, Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson, manager of the institute estimates.

FIVE YEARS AGO (Thursday, February 18, 1937)

### School Board Calls \$3,000 Of Bonds

Bonds of the Farmington school district No. 5, amounting to \$3,000 are being called for redemption on April 1, according to announcement made this week by Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary of the school board. The bonds will be redeemed at par plus accrued interest.

### Awarded State License

The smile of Howard Thayer, a former resident of Farmington, is broader than ever now as he accepts the congratulations of his many friends on his receiving his state embalming license. Howard's achievement, outstanding for his age, was made without the aid of formal embalming school training. He was an assistant at the Heeney Funeral Home and at a funeral home in Detroit.

### Scouts In The News

Both Girl and Boy Scouts got into the news this week. The Girl Scouts are just being formed under the direction of Miss Delany, fifth grade teacher. Boy Scouts are making plans for a series of benefit activities to raise funds to send 12 members to the International Jamboree which is to be held in Washington, D. C. in early summer.

## Other Editors Say

### This Is Our Answer

(The Ionia County News)

This is the crisis of our world. We have answered wanton attack by our declaration of war. We mean to see that war through to a finish. But this attack upon us is not just an attack by a single nation. It is part and parcel of a ruthless, world-wide pattern of conquest. It means that the democratic way of life we have cherished and the totalitarian way of life proclaimed by the Axis leaders cannot live together anywhere in the same world.

It isn't easy for peaceable Americans to believe that. But now we belong to all free mankind. If the world itself is to be a place where we have to help make it so, with our own blood and sweat and tears.

We have tried to solve a specific problem between two nations by peaceful negotiation. That was right and just. But, the bomb at Pearl Harbor was the final answer to all those who ever believed that

tyranny and democracy can share the same seas, can breathe the same air.

Remains the vast task for all Americans. We stand united today, every man and woman. This is the end of appeasement, of disunity, of tolerance of the pro-Fascists in our midst. Yet we shall preserve our democratic ways at home.

Where is our essential strength? It is in the very factors that seemed, at times, to be our weakness. Because we all speak our minds, we were thought divided. Today is the answer. The resolution that moves the American people today was not handed down from above by any one man; it is the groundswell of all the people—it comes from the grass-roots and the alleys and the houses of little towns. It comes and it keeps on coming. That is our huge weapon.

Not Solid Silver  
 The mark, the sterling silver stamped on jewelry and other articles of silver does not necessarily mean solid silver.

## GIVE OUR BOYS THE BEST EQUIPMENT IN THE WORLD



Buy U.S. DEFENSE BONDS

We do not have to worry about the courage and patriotism of our boys at the front. Don't let them worry, either, about the kind of backing that we at home are going to give them.

Buy U.S. Defense Bonds and keep buying them. Your dollars will help to provide our armed forces with the best fighting equipment in the world—and the most of it.

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