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EDITORIALS

A Merry Christmas?

We hope you are planning on making this a Christmas that the children will long remember, and one that the soldiers will remember, too—it doesn't make much difference about the rest of us.

The purpose for this may be two-fold. First of all, there is plenty of room for a note of cheer at the holiday season this year above all others, and if anyone has it coming to them, it's the soldiers. As for the youngsters, it wouldn't be Christmas at all if we couldn't send a little happiness their way.

The other reason, and perhaps one that we wouldn't care to talk too much about, is that in another year, none of us can tell what may be in store for us. That brings it down to the point of catching our happiness now, while we can.

Let's all contribute something to the joy of the season this year, regardless of how small it may be. Make it a stamp Christmas, too, and with every gift you have, make sure that a United States Defense Stamp accompanies it. What better way to make it a Merry Christmas?

What Happened To Morale?

The soldier morale problem is certainly a different one than it was a year and a half ago. There is not a one who would differ with that statement, and in considering what actually happened to morale, we'd like to present the remarks of a soldier in Uncle Sam's Army.

"Before we were in this war, before the soldiers were training with real equipment, the morale problem was fundamentally a product of humility.

"You see, then the soldiers were ashamed, basically ashamed." He was out somewhere playing with bits of wood tagged 'rifle' or '75 mm gun' or a truck labeled 'tank.' And all the time he knew deep in his heart that the world was in a hell of a mess and would not get straightened out until he and his buddies got in the thick of it.

"Yet their reaction seemed exactly the reverse. They acted indifferent, unconcerned, discontented. They complained endlessly about trivia. In short they were trying to cover their humility by putting on reverse 'English.'"

"Now the only element in the Army who complain is the relatively small number of physically fit men who have not yet been replaced in their desk jobs by the WAAC's and limited service men.

"These complaints are especially disconcerting to civilians. They feel that here is a group of men that has absolutely no occasion to complain because they're in the softest spot you can be in this man's Army.

"But that is what is preying on the minds and prides of these soldiers.

"The sober truth is that these men, when they do reach battlefronts, where God knows there are terrible hardships, never present a morale problem to the Army.

"As a matter of fact, the morale problem of the front line soldier has become a civilian problem.

"He's no longer ashamed of inaction. He's in the thick of it.

"But when he gets in a tough spot because of lack of supplies or transportation, he wonders what's going on at home—don't the people know his life is in their hands.

"And his morale is bound to suffer if he feels that the civilians back home are using the war to feather their own nests, are rationing their cooperation, are hoarding their best efforts, and are actually quibbling with his life."

Churches

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. Howard M. Bush, Pastor
Church School, 9:30.
Morning Worship, 10:30.
Methodist Youth Fellowship, from 6th grade through High School age, meeting in two groups, Sundays, at 6:00 p. m.
Choir rehearsal, Thursday at 7:30, at the church.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 and 12:15.
Masses on Holy Days at 5:30; 12:00 and 3:00 a. m.
Daily Masses at 8:30 and 9:00 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 Macabees Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Road.
Rev. W. J. Prisk, Pastor
Dr. Leon Newman, Sunday School Superintendent
Morning Worship, 10:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:00 a. m.
Wednesday, 7:15 p. m., 20-Week Prayer and Praise Meeting.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Carnegie and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Marian P. Owen, Music and Religious Education Director
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a. m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:15 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST
"The Friends Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor
Morning prayer circle, 10:15.
Morning worship, 10:30. Sermon topic, "The Church's Front at Christmas." Special recognition of the Baptist Children's Home.
Bible School, 11:45. Hear the Christmas story again in a Sunday School class.
Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U. meeting, 6:30. The pastor will present Henry Van Dyke's famous seasonal story, "The Manstee." Evening prayer circle, 7:00.
Evening service, 7:30. The choir will present Christmas music. The pastor will speak on the subject, "The Hymn of Mary."

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Sandercock, Pastor
Evangeline B. Farnum, Founder and Evangelist

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)
7:00-7:30 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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
New High School Auditorium
Farmington

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 20.

The Golden Text (Act 15:18) is: "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." Among the Bible citations in this passage (Hebrews 11:3): "through faith we see that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do not appear."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, including the following (p. 295): "God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual beings who He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them."



"If that fat is from your doughnuts, it will sure finish the Nazis."



By Gene Allaman

Two interesting alternatives face Michigan's new administration. First, imposition of new state taxes to meet an anticipated fall in state revenues during the next fiscal year starting July 1, 1943.

Second, reduction of state expenditures by legislative and executive curtailment or elimination of "less essential" public services. Somebody is bound to be hurt. And, furthermore, political alibis will be hard to conjure. Republicans possess overwhelming control of both houses of the legislature. Only one state elective office—state highway commissioner—remains at the capital today, and the Grand Old Party can't logically pass the buck to him.

The two alternatives, just presented, are based on the assumption that World War II is going to affect state sales tax collecting adversely in 1943 and 1944. Washington officials, who seem to jump perilously from optimism to dire doom, have warned that our 1942 economy will decline to the 1932 low level. And all that despite soaring payrolls which are flushing the purses of workmen and women.

Private business associations are forecasting a definite slump in sales. War priorities will hit the

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SALEM EVANGELICAL
Rev. Carl Schultz, Pastor
Morning worship service, 10:00 a. m. Sunday School, 11:15 a. m.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
2308 Warner Avenue
Rev. Orville T. Windell, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday evening services, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday evening, 7:45—Bible Study.
Thursday evening, 7:45—Young People's Meeting.
Friday evening, 7:45—Prayer meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
3300 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 Testament
at 8 p. m. in Universalist Church, 2308 Warner Ave.
Current Christian Science literature on sale Wednesday evenings
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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Friday, December 21, 1917)
Soon in New Location
Carl Ely, manager of the local Ford Sales & Service station has his new garage neatly completed, and expects to move the first of the year. Mr. Ely is very proud of his new quarters, as he may well be, and invites the public to call and inspect the establishment as soon as he gets everything in working order, when he will have one of the best and most completely equipped Ford stations out of Detroit.

TEN YEARS AGO (Thursday, December 15, 1932)
Benefit With Aid Children
A variety of entertainment rivaling the splendid performances and dance given in October will be given by the Clotho Needy Children committee next Tuesday night in the second affair to raise money for school children's clothing in Farmington Township.

FIVE YEARS AGO (Thursday, December 23, 1937)
Masons' New Master in Office
Charles Diamond is new worshipful master of Farmington Masonic Lodge, following his installation Monday evening. Archie G. Leonard gave the address of the evening, and John H. Thayer acted as installing officer.

Goodfellows' Fund Lags
A last minute appeal to people of Farmington and vicinity to come forward before Friday night and aid the Goodfellow Fund was made Thursday morning by Farmington Goodfellows, through their chairman, Judge John J. Schulte.

Services Held for John Morris
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for John E. Morris of Drake Road, who died following an illness of several months. The services were from the residence, with interment at West Farmington cemetery. Rev. Carl Schultz officiating.

Living Religion

Rev. Howard Bushing
The Christmas carols never lose their appeal. We sing them joyfully every year. In this column for two weeks I would like to tell something of the stories of the carols.
"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"—The words of this carol were written by Charles Wesley in 1739. Charles was the brother of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, and was one of the greatest of all hymn writers. He wrote 6000 hymns. The original lines began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings glory to the King of kings." John Wesley's stanzas were: 1. Learn the tune, 2. Sing them as they are printed, 3. Sing all, "If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find it a blessing," 4. Sing justly and with a good courage, 5. Sing modestly, Do not hawl, 6. Sing in time, Do not run before or stay behind, 7. Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually.
The tune of this carol was found in 1855 by Dr. Cummings, principal of the Guild Hall School of Music, while he was hunting through Mendelssohn's "Festgesang." Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was a musical genius. At sixteen he was a finished player of the piano, organ and viola and was an expert composer. The biblical text is Luke 2:13-14.
Joy to the World—This carol is a paraphrase of Psalm 98, which is the biblical text that might be used with it. Like the psalm it is remarkable for its sustained note of exultation. The author was Dr. Isaac Watts, one of the most famous of all hymn writers. It was written in 1707, a time in which religion in England was at a very low ebb. Yet Watts used the present sense in his phrases. "He rules the world with truth and grace," and "The Saviour reigns." The music was composed by none other than George Frederick Handel. It is an arrangement from "The Messiah," named Antioch, and arranged by Lowell Mason. Handel's mother was a woman of deep piety who was intimately acquainted with the Bible. She taught that to her son, whose music is filled with scriptural phrases. A nobleman at one time complimented Handel on "the noble entertainment he had furnished" in the glorious music of "He was Despised and Rejected." Handel's reply was, "My Lord, I should be sorry if I only entertained you. I wish to make you better."
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear—The author is Edmund Hamilton Sears (1816-1876). He was an Unitarian minister who spent his life in the state of Massachusetts.

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