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EDITORIALS

A Letter From Home

Next to his adventures on the battlefield, the high seas, or the spot that he is guarding, the fighting man's greatest thrill comes from the receipt of a letter from home.

If the letter is unexpected and is from a friend he never believed would think of him, so much the better.

The men at the front have to be assured that this war is important, that their services are appreciated, and that the folks at home know what it's all about.

This can be said by implication better than by direct statement. Leave out the rhetoric, but tell the lads that you are thinking of them and are looking forward to the time when you two can again take a jaunt out to that little grove of trees along the creek that winds its way through the valley. Tell him you are going to enjoy the opportunity of again matching wits over the chess board, and then retiring to the kitchen for that snack of some particular delicacy.

They like that stuff. It gives them a feeling that they belong to something that will be there when they get back. It's good for us, too, for it gives us the feeling that we're striving to maintain something pretty important to everyone, and one day things will be right again.

The Right To Work

Just what does this "right to work" that some people are worrying a lot about, actually mean? It seems that a lot of postwar planners say it's the main issue, and want to get ready right now with the proper legislation.

It occasions such remarks as to recall conditions after the last war when a lot of boys came home and couldn't find jobs, and pretty soon there was a depression. Of course we don't want the same thing to happen again. Every able-bodied man—and woman for that matter—has a right to work, if he or she wants to.

How about the days before mass production was heard of and people made practically everything by hand? A century ago, all but a very few had to work long hours, day after day, just to get enough to eat and wear. And a lot less it was than we have now, even with rationing.

Every man and woman must have something to live on, it is true. But to always harp on work seems wrong. Work, itself, is no virtue or the old days when men plowed with a wooden stick and made fire by rubbing rocks together would have been a Golden Age. What the postwar planners ought to be thinking about is making things. If we make enough things after the war's over, jobs will take care of themselves. Did you ever hear of a manufacturer not wanting to hire more men to make more goods, if he saw a chance for selling them at a reasonable profit?

Doesn't it seem logical to assume that if the manufacturers of his country are freed from all the regulations that are necessary in wartime but prove only a hindrance in peace, they ought to be able to supply this colossal demand that we are going to find when peace once more has settled over the world. And in supplying the demand people will be kept busy, and well paid.

Work is a means to an end. The end is production, and the more of that we have the better—provided it's based on the old American system of freedom and independent initiative.

Churches

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. Howard C. Bessing, 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, 11:15 and 12:30.
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. Priek, Pastor.
Mrs. Norma Riddell, 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
Cambridge and Grand River Farmington, Michigan
Essie A. Johns, Pastor
Marion 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 Friendly Church"

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning worship at 10:30 a. m.
Message by the pastor from the book of Malachi, "Judgment Like A Fuller's Soap."

Bible School at 11:45 a. m. Spend forty minutes with us in practical Bible study.
Junior and Senior B.Y.P.U. meetings at 6:30 p. m. The senior group is sponsoring a series of Sunday night meetings with speakers and musical talent from Detroit.
Evening prayer circle at 7:00 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30 p. m. The pastor speaks again from the book of Malachi on the subject, "Pious Robbers."

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Sandercock, Pastor
Evangeline B. Farnum,

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).
1:30-3:00 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 Rd. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
New High School Auditorium Farmington

"Matter" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, March 21.

The Golden Text (John 8:12) is: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Among the Bible citations in this passage (Jeremiah 2:4, 5): "Hear ye the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord, While iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 96): "Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence; but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth."

THAT BIRD IS BACK AGAIN



Are you, Mr. Taxpayer, getting your money's worth from the dollars returned by the State of Michigan to Oakland county for enforcement of liquor laws?

Here are some interesting facts:

1. Municipalities and townships in Oakland county received the sum of \$78,659.68 last year from the State of Michigan for the purpose of enforcing liquor laws within the county. For the 35 counties the allocations totalled \$2,420,899.52.
2. The above allocation to Oakland county represented 85 per cent of all license fees paid by persons or firms for the privilege of selling alcoholic beverages by the bottle, or by the glass, or possibly both, depending upon the wish of the local public.
3. If the licensed establishment is within a town, 85 per cent of its fee is returned to the municipality to help pay the salary of the village marshal, the local police and otherwise to maintain the law enforcement.

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From the War Department this week came an announcement of American industry's January production of certain types of war material: First, production of bombs: 70,000 aircraft bombs of 1,000-pound size or larger—enough to bomb the enemy for 30 days at the rate of 2,300 bombs a day. Production of aircraft: Approximately 5,000 airplanes, more than 65 per cent of them of the combat type. Equipment for ground and air forces: 3 1/4 times the rate of January 1942, in line with the scheduled long-term upward trend. Many new or recently modified items are just entering into production; some are just beginning

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (March 22, 1918)
Service Flag Dedicated

The Methodist Church was crowded to the limit last Sunday evening to witness the dedication of a service flag presented to the church by the ladies of the Patriotic Circle of the Red Cross, and although the large audience was disappointed in the non-appearance of Sergeant Major Russell of the Canadian Army, all enjoyed the service.

Seeking State Aid
The village of Farmington is seeking help from the state to pave its main street. If ever a village had a just cause Farmington has and the state should pay that street from limit to limit. It is asking village taxpayers too much to put that street in shape when it is torn to pieces by outsiders entirely.

An Urgent Appeal
The Red Cross is making a most urgent appeal to the people of America to send clothing to the people of Belgium and the portion of France that has been taken by the Germans, practically making those unfortunate people—millions of them—entirely destitute of clothing. They cannot even buy cloth—they are merely wrapped in old rags.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 23, 1933)
High State Officials To Visit Here
High officials of the State are expected in Farmington next Monday noon, when Secretary of State Frank Fitzgerald and Highway Commissioner Grover C. Dillman are scheduled to have lunch here. The Exchange Club has set ahead its luncheon day to have the visitors as its guests for luncheon.

Township Poor Aid Passes Peak
Farmington Township's welfare load apparently passed its peak during the past two weeks when 24 men with families on the poor relief list were put at work on the highways in this vicinity, chiefly Grand River Avenue. Funds for the work are being supplied by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Wine Honor At Flower Exhibit
Honors have come to Farmington in the judging at the North American Flower Show being held this week in Detroit. Mrs. Karl Ritter of Farmington Township was winner of second prize in an event of the amateur class for members of Michigan garden clubs. This was in artistic arrangement of cut flowers.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 17, 1938)
Propose Building New Township Hall
Township Supervisor Arthur P. Coe and Justice Walter Headerle are making investigations preparatory to the proposed building of a new Town Hall as a WPA project. Favored site would be in Farmington Township, probably in the vicinity of Nine Mile Road near Middle belt or on Grand River.

Work Starts On U.S. 16 Next Week
State Highway Department workers will renew work on Grand River Avenue Monday. They were in town this week making preparations for the job which will include grading and building shoulders and constructing curbing.

Headerle Resigns As Work Foreman
Walter Headerle, Township Justice, next week will reopen his business of chain-link fence construction. The reopening will follow his announcement to the Township Board Tuesday night that he is resigning as work relief foreman, the resignation to take effect this weekend.

To reach their planned maximum machine tool units, valued at \$117,000, they will need to produce 422,000, were shipped during January— a reduction of 11 per cent from the December figure of \$131,000, 560,000.

Manpower and Absenteeism
To combat war industry absences, which are interfering with the Nation's production of materials (Continued on Page Seven)

JUST A REMINDER !



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