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## EDITORIALS

### Write To The Boys

Senator Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts in a recent talk before the Women's National Press Club of Washington said that the boys at the front live in an almost total blackout so far as the news from home is concerned. Returning from his trip around the world he found that our soldiers abroad don't receive newspapers, and that news from home is usually personal from families and so forth; but they do manage to get some of the sport returns from the big games and some news from the war fronts but that general news is lacking. This all fits in with a recent "soldier's plea for letters" written by Corporal Edwin R. Jones and published in his home newspaper, the Portland Oregonian. It is worthy of being passed on.

"A tranquil African night. Stars are atwinkle and a quarter moon beats a golden path upon the Mediterranean. 'Tis no wonder then, in this solemnity, that we should think of our homes, our friends and our families."

"There's no doubt that many soldiers on these far-flung outposts of the world are lonesome. Even today many enlisted men receive few letters. If you've never been away from home little can you surmise the elation some friendly letter may bring to some forgotten soldier."

"Mail call to soldiers on foreign soil is their entertainment, luxury and enjoyment rolled into one. Maybe you've never witnessed a soldier day after day looking forward to mail call yet seldom receiving a letter. A bystander can offer little in way of consolation, but he may be quite aware of the mental process involved since he, too, at some time or other, has been through identically the same experience."

"In our first few months in basic training centers throughout the United States we were deluged with mail. Today it is quite the contrary. Letter writers have diminished until the mail from home is, in the main, from the immediate family or, perhaps, the girl friend."

"We are weary; we are tired and there's not one of us who isn't anxious to finish Hitler and kin. In the meantime there is no greater morale builder than a letter."

"What about those community friends? Once we quite frequently attended church—what's doing? What's become of the corner drugstore gang?"

"Simple events and happenings are extremely interesting. Recently we ran across a news item which stated more letters were being mailed home by soldiers than were received. Of course, this naturally left the question—are we soldiers to cheer the home front or is the home front to cheer us?"

"Put yourselves in a soldier's shoes, and think. Having done this, grab a pen and write. 'This little touch of human kindness will play its part in hastening homecoming.'"

Perhaps the best morale builder the Nation could inaugurate would be a National drive to "Tell Him the News."

### BONDS OVER AMERICA

**Lexington Green**

"If they mean to have war, let it begin here." Capt. John Parker cautioned his 50 Minute men on Lexington Green, just before they fired the shot heard round the world."



Crechs, Dutchmen, Danes, Frenchmen, Norsemen, now bring under the Nazi heel, remember their freedom and cherish their old memorials now replaced by the black swastika.

**Back the Attack, Buy an Extra \$100 Bond**

## Churches

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. Howard C. Busching, Minister

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, for fourth grade and above  
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, for nursery through third grade.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—Youth meeting at the church.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Choir rehearsal at the church.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
"The Friendly Church"  
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. The pastor's message based on St. John's First Epistle will be "Our Confidence in God." Special celebration of "Parsonage Day." Bible School at 11:45 a.m. Junior and Senior B.Y.P.U. meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Prayer Circle at 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Special music by the choir. Concluding message from John, "Overcomers."

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cambridge and Grand River Farmington, Michigan  
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor  
Marian P. Owen, Music and Religious Education Director

10:00 a.m. Sunday School. Special speaker, Evangelist Benson E. Hitchcock.  
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship. Evangelist Hitchcock preaching. 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m. Evening Service. Evangelist Hitchcock's closing message. A preaching mission will begin November 14, and continue every night at 7:45 p.m. through November 21. Special preacher will be Rev. Owen Miller, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit.

**WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH**  
Rev. J. H. Sandercock, Pastor  
Evangelist D. 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).  
1:30-9:00 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 Person School.  
Seven Mile and Farmington Rd. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
Meets at the Maccabee Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Road.  
Rev. W. J. Fisher, Pastor  
Mrs. Norma Riddell, Sunday School Superintendent  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer and Praise Meeting.  
Evening Service 7:45.

**SALEM EVANGELICAL**  
Rev. Carl Schlicht, Pastor

Morning worship service, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SCHOOL**  
New High School Auditorium Farmington

"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon at all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, October 31.

"The Golden Text (Psalm 130:7) is: 'Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plentiful redemption.' Among the Bible citations is this passage (Lamentations 3:39-41): 'Wherefore do a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. To him lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.' 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.327): 'Evil is sometimes a man's highest conception of right.'

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Grand River and Oxford Clarenceville

Meetings every Saturday. ALL WELCOME  
9:30 a.m. to 12:00, noon

## BARGAINING TIME



To Provide More Soap  
An increase of about 9 percent in the nation's soap supply, without using additional fats and oil, is expected under adjusted soap formulas recently prescribed by the War Food Administration. The formulas call for a larger use of domestic non-fat materials, principally tallow and lard.

until his grasp on good grows stronger. Then the losses pleasure in wickedness, and it becomes his torment. The way to escape the misery of sin is to cease sinning. There is no other way. Sin is the image of the beast to be effaced by the sweat of agony."

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. John J. Aikin, Pastor  
Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.  
Masses on 15th Days at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:00 p.m.  
Daily Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

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

**FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**  
23600 Warner Avenue  
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday evening services, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday evening, 7:45—Young People's Meeting.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Earl Cook, Minister  
Morning worship, 10:30.  
Bible School, 11:45. Classes for all ages.  
Baptist Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
"Everybody's" Gospel Service, 8:00 p.m.

**REDFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
16780 Lahser Ave., James A. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Radio Broadcast WEXL 6:15 p.m.  
Evening Service 7:45 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 8:00 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.  
33336 Grand River Avenue  
Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings.  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (November 1, 1918)**  
Bad Luck Follows Him  
Last week while at the market in Detroit Mr. Bachelor cracked a rib while carrying potato crates, and while drawing water with a one-horse wagon at his home he was thrown out and badly bruised about the head and face last Sunday.  
The Biggest Ever  
Never in the history of Michigan have so many signatures been secured as for the one woman suffrage. According to the Detroit News, in 1853 there was presented to the legislature a petition 1300 feet long. But it remains for the women of Michigan to surpass all records. There is no doubt that Michigan women are abreast of the times.  
Ill With Pneumonia  
Mrs. Ralph Auten is very ill with pneumonia. Her sister, Miss Mabel Brandt of Flint is helping care for her, while their baby is being cared for by a sister, Mrs. Roy Youngs, in Detroit. Mr. Auten, who was taken last week with "flu", is somewhat improved.

**TEN YEARS AGO (November 2, 1933)**  
Damage Is Done  
Sizeable damage was done in Farmington Monday and Tuesday nights by Halloween celebrants, at least one instance of wilful destruction being reported. Some residents found it necessary to expend considerable money to repair the harm that had been caused. One block in the city was without water for a night and part of the next day due to breaking of a hydrant, and a large plate glass in the front door of the Howard Osmus residence was broken.  
Open Forum Is Planned  
The winter calendar of the Economic Discussion Group of Farmington and vicinity, now being prepared, is expected to include a broadening of the program in a manner to develop wide public interest. Tentative plans are being considered for an open forum at intervals during the winter.

**P.T.A. Disbanding**  
Farmington school girls and boys, children of needy parents, will not have to go without hot lunches if there should prove to be need of the lunches this year, despite disbanding of the Parent-Teacher Association. This appears assured, although no plan has been definitely announced, nor is there announcement ready at this time.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (October 27, 1938)**  
Two Have Close Call  
A parked car in which Mrs. Minnie Osmus was sitting in front of the Louis Schroeder home, 33636 Grand River, was crashed into by a truck Wednesday night. The impact was so great that the car was knocked across the street and up a small alley and the truck tipped over on its side, but no one was injured.

**Enterprise Reaches Fiftieth Anniversary**  
With this issue, The Farmington Enterprise marks the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment in 1888 by Edgar R. Bloomer as "a permanent journal of progress." This edition begins the newspaper's second half-century of publication.

**Auto Plants Take Men From PWA**  
Farmington's present PWA projects, construction of the Shawassaw Street sewer and reconstruction of the High School, are short-handed today because so many men have been called back to work in nearby factories. The sewer project, which was supposed to have 135 men at work, when it started July 3, has only 31 men now.

sources are "very great." Our victories in the South Pacific have been 3,000 miles from the empire itself and only at the fringe of the Japanese-held territory.  
Germany is estimated to have 35,000,000 workers in war factories today, compared with 23,000,000 in 1939. Their food ration is higher in caloric content than four years ago.  
The American home front must increase production of munitions about 21 per cent in 1944. This means the making of \$75,000,000 in weapons of war. Much of this will be in airplanes, especially heavy bombers, and transport planes. To get our army and their material overseas and to keep our many fronts supplied with replacements and additional supplies, the American home front must produce 20 per cent more ships in 1944 than in 1943.

Such is the picture, as certified this month by the army and navy.  
Transfer of pre-war factories from Michigan was plans to the armed forces is going to tighten Michigan's labor shortage still more. The dearth of manpower should scrape bottom by April or May, 1944. Our army is due to reach full strength by July, 1944—20 months after declaration of war. Already our war is stretching into length.  
Michigan manufacturers are wary about giving approval to any precedent which would possibly embarrass them, later on, in government control of manpower. Today's utilization of labor is on a voluntary basis, although new restrictions went into effect Oct. 15 requiring funneling of employment requests involving "critical" occupations under the United States Employment Service. The new manpower control, based on management-labor committees, is said to be the next thing to a national labor draft.  
Organized labor also wants a back door opened wide. Actually Michigan labor is not united on the matter of manpower utilization; some leaders are willing to accept all-out control "for the duration" on a basis of patriotic sacrifice; other leaders violently oppose it as a dangerous invasion of their own rights.

Michigan farmers have succeeded pretty well in their 1943 efforts to deliver the crops on schedule, despite handicaps of shortage of labor and a late spring. In agriculture, voluntary labor has succeeded to date. The national yield was off only about 10 per cent from 1942 bumper production. Victory gardens, scheduled to produce ten to twelve million tons of food, are expected by the U.S. department of agriculture to yield around eight million tons.  
As any city dweller knows,

As 466,000 fathers are drafted this year and 500,000 more fathers face military service in 1944, important shortages in manpower, transportation, newspaper, gasoline, tires and perhaps food are bound to get worse.  
During the next few minutes of history, lives of future generations will be vitally affected by what we do or fail to do.

**What You Buy With WAR BONDS**  
Water Camel

Thirst is one enemy of armies and navies that may be frustrated by a generous supply of water. Typhus, another dreaded plague is an enemy that must be subdued in Africa, in the jungle islands of the Pacific.



So the "Litter Bag," more often called the "water camel," or just "camel," is used. The "Litter Bag" is a khaki colored canvas bag having a capacity of about 30 gallons. It will require many War Bonds to provide enough "camels" for our fighting forces at home and abroad four tons! "Back the attack with War Bonds." U.S. Treasury Department