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## + EDITORIALS +

### Don't Start That Fire

We've all heard the story of the little boy who cried "Wolf, Wolf" so many times that when the wolf actually was there, and he cried out in alarm, no one paid the slightest attention to him, and he found himself without any help.

We are reminded of this story, by the great many fire alarms of the past few weeks. These fires, for the most part, were fires that need not have called out the department. These were grass fires, started by some unthinking individual to burn off a small field, or perhaps a patch of ground he wishes to put into use this spring, but the fire got away from him, because of the extreme dryness, and he had to turn in an alarm to have the firemen come and help him put out the blaze before it spread to someone's house, or caused other property loss.

By calling out the fire department to these many, many grass fires, we are unwittingly reducing our assurance that the department will be ready to answer the call should some real emergency arise. The equipment is so constantly in use now that it is impossible to always have it in the best of condition. We all know how very difficult it is to get parts and replacements for anything of a mechanical nature, and yet we are running the risk of having some of our fire-fighting equipment unfit for use, by using it so often now, and using it on fires that we could easily prevent.

A look at the countryside in this community is ample proof of the huge amount of land that has been burned off. Garden authorities tell us that burning land destroys a large percentage of valuable minerals in the soil, as well as destroying the possibility of the land being fertilized by decaying vegetation. Nothing can be expected as a benefit, in this sense.

Officials of the Office of Civilian Defense regard this unnecessary use of fire-fighting equipment as a real danger, for in the case of an emergency Farmington's fire apparatus might not be in shape for a prompt response. It is not a remote possibility that equipment in this area might be called out, in case of a huge conflagration in Detroit, or in some of the nearby defense plants. Should this emergency arise, Farmington will want to be ready to do it's part.

Help control these fires by doing your part to see that you are not responsible for any grass fires. Your cooperation is needed and will be greatly appreciated by City and Township governmental units.

### Somewhere In America

Somewhere in America, a President is being born.

The thin wail of an infant's voice pierces the symphony of a forest; competes with pounding surf on an ocean-side; penetrates farm, field or factory town; hits the side of a mountain to echo into valley or along lake or river shore.

Many of us will not be here when that same voice is heard again the world around—when in decades to come, it swears to the most sacred oath that can be given to one of American birth—at the inaugural of that infant as President of the United States of America.

Since more than 200 years ago, there have been 32 such wailing infants, who, grown in stature and wisdom, have been chosen freely from among their fellowmen to voice that same mighty oath.

Dark days confronted some of them, days like the present when the cause of democracy was sorely threatened, internally and from abroad.

Yet the nation that destiny picked those 32 children to lead, now helps lead a world toward freedom for all in a global struggle against tyranny, slavery, hate, and force.

In support of the faith these leaders kept, the men and women of American industry are devoting their every hour and the products of those hours, to insure the certainty that the years shall witness the infant whose cry we hear tonight selected and elected by the free choice of all, unhampered, without dictation—an American President.

## Churches

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, 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, Sermon by the pastor on "Christian Basis of a New World Order."  
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 will deliver the fourth in a series of biographical messages, entitled "Beauty and the Beast."  
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. An informal service of congregational singing, special music, anthems by the choir, and a message by the pastor.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST**  
Cambridge and Grand River Farmington, Michigan  
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor  
Marian P. Owen, Music and Religious Education Director  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night, followed by the Choir Rehearsal.

**WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH**  
Rev. J. H. Sandereck, Pastor  
Evangeline 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

10:15 a.m. Radio Glee (Club which 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. F. A. building, back of Pierson school.

Seven Mile, near Farmington Rd. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. Thomas P. Deahan, Pastor  
Rev. Joseph M. Lemire, Asst. Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.  
Masses on Holy Days at 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.  
Daily Masses at 6:15 and 8:00 a.m.

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH**

Mt. at the Macabee Hall on Grand River and Eight Mile Road.  
Rev. W. J. Prisk, 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.

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

**FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**  
23608 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.  
Wednesday evening, 7:45 — Young People's Meeting.

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

"Love" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches.

**Come — See — Hear**  
History's Coming Climax and How Near Are We To It Illustrated

**Clarenceville Wayside Chapel**  
GRAND RIVER AVENUE  
Near Bedford Tavern  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30  
8:00 p.m.

All Welcome  
Bring Your Friends

## BACK THE ATTACK!



Unless the Michigan legislature acts next month to acquire possession for the public, the heart of the nation's largest single tract of virgin hardwood-hemlock timber—the scenic Porcupine Mountain area of the Upper Peninsula—will be razed soon by the woodman's axe.

It's the old, old story. A big firm from Wisconsin—the Connors Lumber company—is interested in the prospect of wartime timber profits.

Heretofore, the inaccessibility of the tract and prevalent lumber prices were the only reasons why the valuable forests were spared

from exploitation. Today's high prices, however, make it profitable for the Connors company to build a railroad line into the Porcupine area, to construct special roads, and to hire lumberjacks at 40-hour-week wages with extra trimmings thrown in for good measure.

Hence, to the Wisconsin lumber company, it's now or never.

With fat profits at stake, the Connors company recently sent a lobbyist to Lansing. The threatened acquisition by the state of their 8,000-acre holdings is being opposed vigorously by the Wisconsin outfit.

The lobbyist, in talks with state officials at Lansing, indicated in plain words that Mr. Connors is more interested in Mr. Connors than in the welfare of the people of Michigan. Appeals for cooperation in the name of "public interest" have fallen, so far, on unresponsive ears.

Here's how the situation stands, at present.

Purchase of the Porcupine tract, of which 39,000 acres are now private.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (January 31, 1919)

### A Business Change

A deal which has been in sight for some time was put through this week, whereby the firm of F. L. Cook & Co., consisting of F. L. Cook, D. L. Dickerson and Grant Smith, was dissolved after an existence of about 10 years. Mr. Smith retiring and the property and stock being divided. Mr. Cook now has the west store and Mr. Dickerson, who has formed a partnership with Emory Watson, will have the east store and the hardware stock. The new firm will be known as the Farmington Hardware Co.

### Passes Away At Hospital

William J. McCracken, was born at Burlington, Vermont, on May 24, 1837, and came with his parents to Michigan when three years of age, living for a short time at Commerce, when they came to this township and settled on the farm four miles northwest of this village, where he spent his entire lifetime.

Three weeks ago Mr. McCracken underwent an operation at Harper Hospital, Detroit, and up to a few days before the end came, it was thought he was gaining, but a change came and he passed away last Sunday evening, January 26, 1919, aged 81 years, 8 months and 2 days.

### Receives Promotion

Word from Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, says that Sergeant Major Carl Hogle has been promoted to head of the big force that handles camp adjutant affairs. He takes the place of Sergeant Major Wenzel, who is ordered to join the 16th cavalry on the Mexican border.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 1, 1934)

### Dividend And New Bank Nearer

A new bank in Farmington and distribution of \$225,000 in the community moved nearer during the past week, giving added encouragement that the plan may be consummated within the near future. A considerable number of depositors bringing in their subscriptions brightened the prospects for reaching the goal of \$37,500 to be raised locally to match the \$25,000 to be supplied towards the new bank's capital by the Federal Government.

### New Wine Plant Starts Production

For the first time since a certain midnight 14 years ago, smoke is curling upward from the mammoth chimney-stack at Farmington Junction, but it rises above a far different industry from that which lodged under the brow of the stack for many years. In place of the power plant for interurban trolley-cars and lighting, there is the new winery which in the past few days has seen its first production.

### Men May Obtain Jobs

Unemployed men in this vicinity who have not yet enjoyed the benefit of being on CWA payrolls may get their turn at the Government work after February 15, it is indicated in advices from County authorities to local officials within the past few days. The intimation of this possible development was coupled with instructions to "hurry up" the work being done on projects now under way.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 26, 1939)

### All's Calm Except The Weather

What with the thermometer registering below zero part of the time, and the wind whistling by at a mile-a-minute, most of Farmington succeeded in staying inside and out of mischief during the past week. No red lights were run, no stop streets were violated and even Farmington's burglar remained in hibernation for not even a basement window was booted in.

### President's Ball Monday Night

On Monday night from 9 to 1 the Exchange Club asks you to dance that others may walk. The occasion: The President's Birthday Ball, receipts from which are turned over to local and national agencies for the prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis.

## PLAY SQUARE... DO YOUR SHARE

Do you remember that soldier you saw on the bus with his arm in a cast? Do you recall that sailor you saw hobbling down the street on a cane? Have you noticed the list of casualties printed from time to time in this newspaper?

What you are asked to do, compared to the boys who are really in it, is easy. But your job is mighty important, too. Once

again you are asked to BUY AT LEAST ONE EXTRA HUNDRED DOLLAR WAR BOND. A Series E War Savings Bond will cost you only \$75 and you get back at maturity in ten years, \$4 for every \$3 invested; this is the least you can do. Invest more if you possibly can—\$200, \$300, \$400. Remember, it all comes back with interest. So play square—do your share. HE DID!

## Let's All BACK THE ATTACK!

**THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK**  
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
Farmington, Michigan