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EDITORIALS

It's Christmas

Holly on the door and a candled wreath in the window. Stockings by the fireplace, carols in the dark, and the jeweled Christmas tree glittering through the night. What would Christmas be without them?

The answer is — it would still be Christmas.

For Christmas isn't symbols. Christmas is something that happens to people. It wells up, overflows, bursts forth from the heart of every human being. It goes far beyond the traditional forms of our American observance — adopts a hundred different forms all over the world and transcends them all. Christmas is the sweetest emotional experience shared at one time by mankind.

There's not a flake of snow in the South Pacific for Christmas, not a single tinkling sleigh-bell. But the tender joy of Christmas fills fighting American hearts on every atoll and palm-fringed isle. There are no street-singers in the North Atlantic, nor a Christmas tree in all its watery waste of miles. The men on the icy convoys need no symbols to remind them — their thoughts and love and prayers tonight are winging home to you.

So let not the absence of a loved one depress you or steal your holiday joy. The Spirit of Christmas is working in his heart as in yours; he is sharing your Christmas with you just as certainly as if he were greeting you in the glow of your own lighted tree — as he will, most assuredly, on a Christmas yet to come.

Why Celebrate?

Some people think we shouldn't celebrate Christmas, with the war going on. I am not of that persuasion.

No, I'm sure that wherever the boys are — on whatever cold or wet or muddy battlefield they are fighting — their thoughts will cling on Christmas Day to all the dear, familiar things of home and Christmas past.

That's one of the things they're fighting for. And that's why we must keep Christmas just what it's always been.

And so, we shall buy more war bonds — but we shall carry home our small tree and set it in the corner, where the branches will make shadows on the ceiling. We will hang a wreath on the door, and bank the mantel with greens, so the house will be filled with all the sights and sounds and fragrance of Christmas.

We will get the big, dusty box of tree lights from the attic and go up and down the string screwing bulbs, trying new ones, till the whole string bursts forth into multi-colored brilliance.

On Christmas Eve we'll set a lighted candle in our window. Then we'll trim the tree. There'll be the heavy green ball that sparkled on my very first Christmas. There'll be the tiny pink violin that has decked so many trees, and all the blue and red and golden baubles of later years.

Each of us will tie his small packages and lay them under the tree. And we'll sing softly as we work.

"The first Noel, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields as they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!"

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. Worship Service.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m. Sunday.
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.
Bible School at 11:45 a.m.
Gospel Vesper Service at 5:30 p.m.
Evening tea following the service.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River

Farmington, Michigan

Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Marian P. Owen, Music and Religious Education Director

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Interest is fine and attendance is growing.
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m. the pastor preaching.
Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week prayer service on Thursday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. H. T. 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

10:15 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. A. building, back of the school.

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

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

23608 Warner Avenue

Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study, Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Young People's meeting Thursday, 8 p.m.

Prayer meeting Friday at 8:00 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Meets at the Macabees Hall at 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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, 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 p.m.

REDFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD

18760 Lahar 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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

33200 Seven Mile Road

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

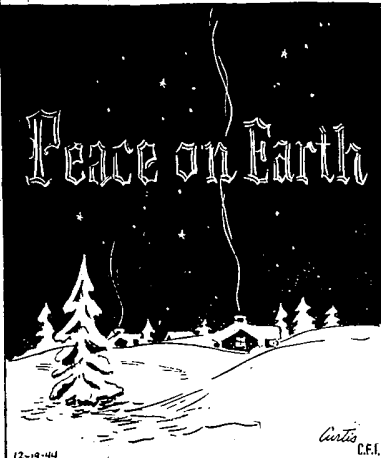
Preaching, 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening, 7:45 p.m.

Paratrooper's Dangers

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A CHRISTMAS WISH



12-19-44

B.Y.F. will meet for their "Fun Night."

A warm and cordial welcome awaits all who attend our services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

New High School Auditorium, Farmington

"Christ Jesus" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 24.

The Golden Text (Isaiah 9:2) is: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

Among the Bible citations is this passage (John 1:18): "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

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 (683): "Christ, the divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error."

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.

E. L. Stumpfig, Pastor

Divine worship Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class this Sunday.

Children's Christmas program, "God So Loved the World," at 4:30 p.m., featuring especially the little children.

The same program, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening, by the children of the day school, featuring the children's chorus.

Divine worship, Christmas morning at 10:45 a.m.

There will also be a special Christmas service in the German language at 9:30 a.m.

PTA Christmas party for children of the school and their parents, Friday at 8 p.m.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Rev. Carl Schlicht, Pastor

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

NGVI BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clarence K. Graham, Pastor

10:30 a.m. Unified Service: Morning Worship and Bible School combined.

7 p.m. Youth Fellowship Hour, 8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. Prayer and Bible study.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. The Senior

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON

A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientists, Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY SERVICES

At 11:00 A.M.

Lesson Subject

"CHRIST JESUS"

And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Testimony at 8 p.m.

33333 Grand River Avenue

Reading Room Hours:

Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday Evening, 9 to 9:30

Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m.

Current Christian Science Literature, on sale, Wednesday evenings

ALL ARE WELCOME



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

One mystery has been solved, thanks to a reader of this column.

Trouth fishermen, here is choice news.

Because Raymond Dick of Ironwood has a sister in Bangor, down in the apple-growing region of Van Buren County, and because the sister sent him a clipping of the "Michigan Mirror" column in the Bangor Advance last Oct. 19,

we can now tell you that in the Porcupine mountain forest museum, over which we hiked for hours one day last October in a vain search for Mirror Lake, goes to a trout paradise known only to a few sportsmen—Lily Pad Lake, full of "big native brook trout—some of them over two pounds in size!"

We'll let Raymond Dick tell the story:

"Herbert Wood, editor, Bangor Advance, Bangor, Mich. Dear Sir: I have read with much interest an article in your paper from the Michigan Mirror about a trip to the Porcupine Mts. This was clipped out and sent to me by my sister who knows of my interest in this region. I enjoyed the article immensely and I very much agree with your sentiments about leaving the Porcupine Country as it is today—a wilderness with access only by bridle paths and foot trails. Open it up with cross-country roads and main highways and the lake will soon be just one more park, made by man, and it will lose its virgin charm."

"Now a word about that mysterious blazed trail leading to the Southwest after leaving the old White Pine Extension mine. That blazed trail leads to Lily Pad Lake, its source. If you will look at your map of this region you will note that Mirror Lake lies to the Northwest of the old White Pine Extension mine and that the Little Carp river after it leaves the lake flows in a south westerly direction for quite a long stretch before it finally makes a big bend and breaks through the range of mountains and flows north west into Lake Superior."

"Lily Pad Lake lies in the stretch of the river that flows southwest just before it makes its big bend to the northwest. It is a deep little lake between two spurs of the mountains and is full of big native brook trout—some of them two pounds in size."

"On the eastern bank close to the outlet a big spring comes out of the mountains and forms a fast little ice cold brook which flows into Lily Pad Lake. And flows this spring water, hite the lake there are some big sockers of trout lying for some one who knows how to get them. One rdea to my bait that must have weighed at least three pounds. We have would not take the hook."

"Your account of your trip along this blazed trail to Lily Pad Lake brings to my mind a trip that I made into this territory about eight years ago with my son and another party who claimed that he knew this territory."

"We left White Pine Extension

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 26, 1919)

New Three Story Building

Through the generosity of Mayor James Couzens, of Detroit, the Michigan Hospital School for crippled children at Farmington Junction will get a new three-story building that will cost \$150,000, and an endowment fund of \$500,000, or a total of \$1,000,000 as a Christmas gift.

Ban Canadian Money

Beginning Wednesday the banks and merchants of this village refused to accept the money of Canada (either silver, or currency) without a discount of 20 per cent. Notices were printed the first of the week and placed in the business places of this village announcing the discount rate. Our readers are warned to accept no Canadian money at par value.

Farewell Party

Saturday evening the people of Farmington and vicinity are invited to assemble at the Town Hall in honor of Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Holcomb, who are leaving in a few days for a winter's sojourn in the sunny south. Dr. Holcomb has practiced medicine in Farmington and vicinity for three years, practically all his life, with hardly a vacation, and it is fitting that on leaving for the winter he should be given a rousing "send-off."

TEN YEARS AGO (January 3, 1935)

icy Roads Take Toll

Farmington garages that own wreckers have had more business than they can handle during the current icy spell. An appalling number of automobiles have skidded over culverts or into ditches due to the treacherous condition of the roads. The mishaps, although only a few assumed serious proportions, have kept the wreckers busy day and night.

Kroger Doubles Size of Store

A distinct addition to the business section of Farmington will be made in the near future, with the installation of a new store of the most modern type by the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company. While the program consists of expansion of the present business place by taking over the adjacent store, the enlarged unit resulting will be so ultra-modern that it may be regarded as of virtually equal significance with the establishment of a new place of business.

Violators of Postal Laws To Be Fined

"Vigorous action will be taken by the United States Postal Department," states Norman C. Lea, postmaster, "to prosecute violators of the U.S. Postal Laws and Regulations." Violations have become so prevalent that a concerted drive by Federal authorities has become necessary.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 21, 1939)

Red Cross Group Completes Drive

The Red Cross group of 1840 members netted over one hundred dollars according to Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt, Farmington chairman. The workers who conducted the drive wish to thank everyone who supported the drive as well as Mrs. F. J. Nash, Mrs. Fred Menke, and members of Boy Scout Troop No. 45, under Scoutmaster Les Moates, for their assistance in putting the drive across.

Goodfellow Drive Goes Over The Top

The annual drive of the Farmington Goodfellows went over the top, thereby assuring needy families of this area of happiness on Christmas Day. Although final receipts had not been totaled Thursday morning it seemed likely that nearly a thousand dollars will be available for the relief work.

Farmington Girls Fill Stockings

The true spirit of Christmas is displayed this year by a group of four Farmington school girls, Mary Ann Imler, Cherry Richards, Elizabeth Johnson and Patricia Hunt, who filled 150 Christmas stockings for children of Maryburg Sanatorium near Northville.

Mine about 6 o'clock in the evening of a late August day, and our guide said we would easily make Lily Pad Lake by nightfall where we expected to camp. We were all carrying heavy packs and footed this old trail was no cinch such as you found out from experience.

"Nightfall found us somewhere on the trail and we sat down and had a consultation as to whether we had better turn back to the camp where we were, or keep on going the best we could in the dark. While we were talking and trying to decide what to do a brilliant full moon rose over the mountains and we finally decided to keep on going and try to find the lake by the line of blazes in the moonlight."

"It was tough going. One man would stay by a blaze and another would go ahead and pick up another and then call out and wait until the first man came up and then we kept on going, never sure of where we were going or even if we were on the right trail."

"Finally we saw the waters of the lake glistening in the moon-

light through the timber in a little valley ahead of us. We made straight for it and hit the lake at the spot where the little spring came out of the foot of a big timbered hill. It was about midnight, and we were so tired and sweaty from our trip that we simply made a fire near the little brook and curled up in our sleeping bags and dropped off to sleep without any further ado."

"I must have been about two hours after that along about two in the morning that I woke up nearly froze stiff and jumped out of the bag and threw some wood on the dying embers of the fire and got a nice blaze going. With my back to the fire and getting the chill of the night out of my bones I took note of my surroundings. As I said before it was late August and in this Lake Superior country someone must get a frost about that time. Well, the night had cooled off considerably enough so that a chill mist had risen from the water and hung like a blanket over the landscape."

"The full moon was in the sky (Continued on Page Three.)

Our Best Christmas Wishes to You

High above the broken cities and war-torn fields, rides the changeless Christmas Star, the eternal symbol of Christian faith and hope. Men and nations must at last yield to its regenerative force and turn back to ways of peace and brotherhood.

We hope you have a pleasant Christmas and that next year our boys from all over the world will be home to enjoy Christmas with us.

THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK

Farmington, Michigan

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Check for Sickness

Five rules offered to check sickness: Do not overeat before or during the journey, particularly of fats; do breathing, inhale quickly through the nose, exhale slowly through the mouth; lie down, — the sooner the better; if you can, try dancing in rhythm with the ship's movements, get heavily of fruits and alkaline pills to prevent acidosis of the stomach.

Grease Spots

Grease spots on wallpaper can be removed with a homemade paste consisting of a non-inflammable, spot-removing liquid and powdered chalk or fuller's earth. Spread this on stained areas and allow to dry. Brush off and repeat if necessary. Ordinary wallpaper is not practical in the kitchen, where a hard, glass wall surface is needed. Painted walls or tiles are better.

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