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EDITORIALS

The End Of The Line?

Just at the beginning of a New Year seems the proper time to pause for a moment, and reflect upon those things which we may look forward to during the course of that year, not only personally, but from the standpoint of our community, as well.

Let's consider Farmington in that light. Farmington means "my home town" to a lot of G.I. Joes, and in that little simple phrase which we have more or less lightly tossed around for a good many years, there is injected a new note of meaning. Just what is Farmington going to mean to our returning servicemen? Is it going to be the "end of the line" for those boys, or is it going to be just a stop-over?

What kind of a town is Farmington going to be after the war? Is it going to be able to attract, to keep and hold the returning soldier as a citizen, worker and buyer? Is it going to march ahead—or is it going to seed? Will there be planning—business planning, recreational planning, planning for better schools—in a word, planning for living? Already important steps in this direction have been taken, as evidenced by the recently approved consolidation of the school districts, and now the plans for a Memorial Home. Just how successful this planning will be depends on the amount of thought and cooperation that is given to these problems now! A few months from now may be too late.

When Joe left home a couple of years ago, he knew what he was going to do after the war. He was coming right home to Farmington. He was going to take up his old job—or maybe he was going back to school.

Right now maybe Joe isn't so sure. He's been around. He's seen things. Between campaigns and combat missions, Joe has had the chance to do some thinking. It's sort of given him the itch to move on. Maybe to bigger and better opportunities he's heard about. Maybe just for change of scenery.

Joe has heard a lot about the good jobs, the bigger futures in other cities. Places where he can use those new service-taught skills he's learned. Places he can make money in, enough to settle down and raise a family.

Yet — deep in his heart, Joe doesn't want to leave Farmington. For this is home. He sort of likes the old town. Joe and all his buddies would rather grow with Farmington, IF Farmington is ready to grow with them.

Our returning servicemen and women want a live town! They want a town with home industries, modern stores, good schools, good government — a town with a future. They want the sort of town that we can help Farmington become if we start NOW!

Happy New Year!

The weight of war days and all their attendant unhappiness can't keep Americans from wishing other Americans a "Happy New Year!"

Because of the gratitude we feel in our hearts, for the progress that has been made during this past year in bringing Victory closer — because our country remains undamaged by the devastation of war — and because, with another year of war behind us, we can look ahead with renewed hope, to a year which may find us once again in a world of peace, we can mean every word of it.

That the year 1945 may bring peace is a possibility, providing we all do our utmost to make that dream a reality. And so, let us start the new year with determination in our hearts that we shall not fail to do our part in this great undertaking. At the end of the year, if we can look back and honestly say "I did my best," — then 1945 will be a good year for all.

A very Happy New Year to you!!

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 Fishing Church"

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Bible School at 11:45 a.m.
Quilt Vesper Service at 5:30 p.m.
Evening tea following the service.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Conbridge and Grand River

Farmington, Michigan

Elise A. Johns, Pastor

Marion 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. J. H. Sanderson, 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 Holy Scriptures.

Working out his plan in this world.

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m., Prayer and Praise Service.

FRIDAY

10:11 a.m., Methodist Girls 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. J. building, back of Plover school.

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

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

2300 Warner Avenue

Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 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 Macomber 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 A. 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.

REDFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD

16760 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WALLED LAKE

Richard Nyberg, Pastor

"Looking Ahead" will be the sermon subject of the pastor, Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The choir will sing an appropriate anthem.

Watch Night Service will be observed from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The service will consist of New Year's Message on the subject of "Resolutions." A singing hour, prayer, baptism, fellowship hour and prayer service.

SHOT!



NOVI 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 B.Y.P. 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

"Christian Science" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 31.

The Golden Text (II Peter 1:21) is: "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Among the Bible citations in this passage (Deut. 6:4): "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord."

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 (469): "With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science."

SALEM EVANGELICAL

Rev. Carl Schultze, Pastor

Morning worship service, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

33200 Seven Mile Road

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Preaching, 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening, 7:45 p.m.

Use Wall Brackets.

If you have old metal wall brackets used to use to hold lamps, paint these white and use them to hold white pots containing green vines. Philodendron or ivy will look well in them. Place in dining room or hallway near a window.

Meat Consumption

We have the consumptive ability to absorb beef from a cattle population equal to 5 to 6 head per capita. Below the 5 figure the country becomes an importing nation and above the 5 figure it gets into the export business.

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.

Lesson Subject

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"

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

Wednesday Evening Testimonial at 8 p.m. at 33336 Grand River Avenue

Reading Room Hours: Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday Evening, 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m.

Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings

ALL ARE WELCOME



That the Michigan

war production" is entering its most urgent phase since Pearl Harbor appears to be the real news for Michigan's 52nd week of 1944.

This column started out to be a review of the home front news in 1944.

We are reminded that in January, 1942, just after Pearl Harbor, we noted that "Washington now plans for a three-year war."

The "production of arms, growing as it has been, is totally inadequate to meet new needs," and that "unless the German nation collapses from weak morale or a lack of needed supplies, we must wait until 1945 and possibly 1946 before there are sufficient arms and trained men to justify a full-fledged military offensive." That was approximately 36 months ago! D-Day did not come until 1944.

In May, 1943, Lieut. General Breckin H. Somervell, chief of the army services of supply, visited Michigan. He warned then that the U.S. Army would not be completely equipped until late 1944, called rumors of overproduction of the work of "fifth-columnists" and declared that only in the field of munitions was there a reserve.

One year ago, December of 1943, the American home front was flush with optimism and confidence that Germany might capitulate by Christmas. Again, the picture persisted in the minds of many persons that the war would be over soon.

General Eisenhower issued a pre-New Year's statement, predicting Victory in 1944 as the reward for the heavy price to be paid by an Allied invasion. Politicians speculated upon the possible effect of victory before the November election. Post-war programs were pushed.

In January of 1944 the state of public opinion was said to be one of "complacency" and "over-confidence." The army-navy thinking at Washington was that the public was letting down and should be jacked up to be more tense and grim.

Late in January the WPB decided to suspend reconversion, to hold up for the present any sizeable increase in civilian production.

The army-navy decision, which prevailed, was that this was WAR, in fact, all-out total WAR, and that until the defeat of Germany was assured, there should be no trifling with the mechanism of production of war goods.

In March the donation of the military, as to the future course of war production, was noted still more. Quotas were set; orders were issued accordingly. The White House issued an order urging review of deferments; the need for replacements was publicly acknowledged.

The warm days of spring focused the public's thinking on the coming D-Day in Europe. Still the assumption prevailed that the invasion would be successful and that a weakened Germany, impatient to meet the service blow, would surrender unconditionally.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (January 2, 1920)

Hurled From Top Of Car

Last Monday the "line car" was called to Pontiac to repair some D.U.R. trolley wire that had been torn down by the storm. The car was manned by Foreman Clarence Bell, Frank Edwards, Harold West and Walter Spiller. All were on top of the car working about 5:30 p.m. when an automobile driven by a woman came along and the windshield caught a sagging wire and pulled Bell, West and Edwards from the roof of the line car to the pavement. Spiller escaping injury only by being on the opposite side of the wire.

The Ninetieth Anniversary

It is just ninety years ago that the Methodist Episcopal Church entered into its organized career in the village of Farmington, and next Sunday this anniversary will be celebrated with appropriate services. This should be a really great day for Farmington, and it is expected that the church will be crowded at each service.

An Enjoyable Affair

The farewell party for Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Holcomb last Saturday evening at the Town Hall was attended by between 150 and 200 people, and everyone enjoyed the evening. All wished the doctor and wife Godspeed on their journey to the south for the winter, and an introduction to Dr. and Mrs. Skinner who take up Dr. Holcomb's practice during his absence.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 10, 1935)

Rev. Palmer To Leave Farmington

Rev. Elmer W. Palmer is to leave Farmington Baptist Church. In the ten years of his pastorate marked by steady upbuilding of the congregation, calls beckoning him to larger congregations have been consistently denied by the pastor, but now he has yielded to demands for his services in a larger field. A summons to a large Detroit, Michigan, Church, it is understood, has resulted in his submitting his resignation to the Farmington congregation.

Bond Refunding Is Completed

After a year of planning and negotiations, the City of Farmington's bond refunding program, involving all of the City's outstanding obligations, has been completed. The last of the exchanges of new bonds for old was made this week, and now all of the original issues have been turned in and cancelled, in exchange for new ones of equal amount.

Fee To Be Charged for Rental Of Town Hall

In the future a rental fee should be charged for the use of the Town Hall, it was agreed by the Farmington City Commission at their regular monthly meeting Monday night. It was pointed out that it cost the City and Township a considerable amount to maintain the Town Hall, especially for functions that are held at night when electricity is used and it is necessary to keep up the heat.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 28, 1939)

Goodfellows Distribute 107 Baskets

Almost \$500 worth of food has gone into 107 baskets packed by the Farmington Goodfellows. The baskets were distributed Saturday by volunteers from the three cooperating groups, the Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club, and the American Legion. The majority of the baskets went to needy families in the township. About 12 were distributed to families within the city.

Post Office Does Record Business

Although a new record was set at the Farmington post office in the amount of mail which was handled, this was one of the easiest holiday seasons which the office has ever experienced, according to Norman C. Lee, postmaster. Lee gives credit to the many persons who took heed of repeated pleas and "did their Christmas mailing early."

Alexander Heads Masonic Lodge

Edward F. Alexander will head the Farmington Masonic Lodge following his installation as Worshipful Master Thursday evening. Alexander succeeds Carl C. Harrison who has served as Worshipful Master for the past year.

during the Fall months as Germany capitulated in 1918.

By mid-July, following landing of Allied troops in Normandy, public opinion was speculating on the time of the 1944 victory.

The failure of the Luftwaffe to make an appearance anywhere in Europe, the conceded lack of German reserves in men and material, and German scarcity of gasoline and oil—all these influenced our thinking that 1944 was the time to begin thinking about that post-war job.

The exodus of war workers from Michigan war plants became a steady stream. All of this was disturbing to army-navy officials who debated with WPB Chairman Donald Nelson about the effect of post-war reconversion plans. Nelson's attitude: Workers would stick to high-pay war jobs as long as they can find them; evidence that the government has plans under way for

after-the-war employment.

By October the public attitude was still one of confidence. German troops were being pushed back almost daily. A Washington news letter informed clients of the imminence of Germany's defeat, adding that "informed opinion at Washington still is that it will be 4-to-6 weeks."

Looking over the events of 1944, we raise this question: Who is responsible for the public's over-confidence and over-optimism?

A few days ago George Lyons, news chief of the Office of War Information, declared at Supreme Headquarters in Paris, as reported by the Associated Press: "In my opinion the Army is making a bigger mistake than it did in the Patton case (the incident of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's slapping a soldier in Sicily). It is following a head-in-the-sand policy. It could tell a great deal more with-

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MAY IT BRING A HAPPIER WORLD

It is time for the old world to turn over a new leaf and to resolve to give up forever the vice of war.

War has stained the pages of history with blood. It has bowed the human race in sorrow and dust of once precious things.

No change in the calendar can bring relief only change in the hearts of those who love war and make war for its own sake.

Perhaps we shall teach them their final lesson this year.

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