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## EDITORIALS

### This Is A Good Town

Our city is a good place in which to live — and we think you'll agree. The thought can't help but strike you as you walk along, enjoying the trees and shrubs that are in blossom, and the lacework on the maples.

It's a good place because of the well maintained streets beneath over-arching trees, the park, the school and gymnasium building. The clean, neat stores kept by hard working, courteous and accommodating merchants. The churches of many faiths — have you ever stopped to note just how many faiths are represented here? Remarkable for a community the size of ours.

It's a good place, too, because most of us live in about the same sort of homes, we wear about the same kind of clothes, and we see the same movies and enjoy the same entertainments. Maybe you even went to school with some of the community's leaders — as well as some of the less known residents.

And it's a good place because its prosperity is based on dozens of small, going enterprises. The men who run them have their headachess. Running a business that you and others depend on for livelihood is no picnic. But they're free men, doing the work they've chosen, and given half a chance they'll fight through to security and independence.

This is Farmington — and it is hundreds of towns on the prairies, in New England, the South and across the Rockies. There are many things we can improve. But let's never tear down what we have in ignorant admiration of foreign models that never were intended for America.

### Let's Help Ourselves

All of us are being compelled to live more thriftily on account of the war, the taxes, the obligation to buy war bonds, and the higher cost of living.

It is neither patriotic nor sensible to croak. What we must do is use our heads, realizing that thrifty living requires brains.

Before the use of automobiles was restricted, thousands confessed that they hadn't been on a bus, street car, subway, elevated, or train for years. It takes time and thought to master the schedules, routes and fares of the public transportation systems, but the knowledge of what is available pays big dividends in money, and often in comfort and time. This is true, whether you live in a big city or a little town — and it is true of other things besides transportation.

The quality and price of food served in cafeterias and inexpensive restaurants are also worth knowing and the knowledge can be a source of real saving to any one who will take the trouble to investigate. The best place for you to buy the essential items of clothing, getting the best quality for the price you want to pay, can save you countless dollars — not to mention hours of time that might have to be spent on inferior articles to make them wearable.

Nobody deserves sympathy these days who grouches without having made any effort to learn the facts of up-to-date living. It may require a little more effort to the individual — but unless that effort is made to help ourselves, we've no right in the world to complain and find fault.

## 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.  
 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.  
 Junior and Senior B.Y.P.U. Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Cambridge and Grand Rivers  
 Farmington, Michigan  
 Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

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 Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Walled Lake, Michigan  
 Richard Nyburg, Pastor

"Our Stewardship" will be the sermon subject of Richard Nyburg, pastor of the Baptist Church, Sunday at 10 a.m., B.Y.P.U. The choir will sing an appropriate anthem.  
 "The Word That Never Comes Back" will be his subject at 8 p.m. There will be a Singing Service with twin pianos. "The Nyburgs" will sing.

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
 "The Church on the Park"  
 Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor  
 Ruth Hick Hammond,  
 Choir Director and Organist

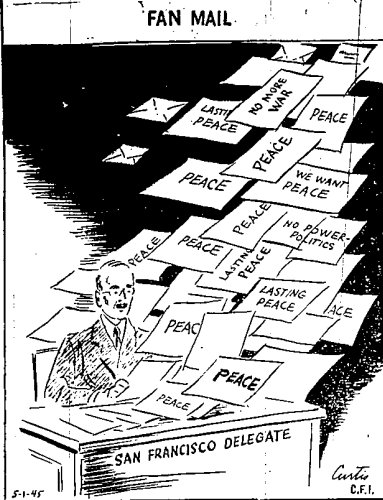
Morning worship service, 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday at 11:15 a.m.  
**OUR INVITATION**  
 To all who mourn and need comfort—  
 To all who are weary and need rest—  
 To all who are friendless and wish friendship—  
 To all who pray and to all who do not, but ought to—  
 To all who sin and need a Savior and  
 To whosoever will—  
 This church opens wide the doors and in the Name of Jesus the Lord, says:  
**WELCOME.**

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH**

Rev. W. J. Prink, Pastor  
 Meets at the Macabees Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Road.  
 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.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 33290 Seven Mile Rd.

Bible Study 9:45.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Evening Bible Study, 8:00 p.m.



**REDFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD.**

16760 Lahser Ave., James A. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School 9:15 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.

**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 8:30, 10:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.  
 Daily Masses at 6:15 and 8:00 a.m.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. Clarence K. Graham, Minister

10:30 a.m. Unified Service. The morning worship and Sunday school combined.  
 7 p.m. Youth Fellowship Meetings.  
 Wednesday, 8 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study.  
 Friday, 8 p.m. B.Y.P.U. "Pha-Night."

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.  
 E. L. Stumpfig, Pastor

Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

Divine worship at 10:45 a.m. inspiring services, a well filled church, 2 cordial welcome, and above all, sound Bible preaching will make your worship here a pleasant experience. You are always welcome.  
 Lutheran Hour, CKLW, at 12:30 p.m.  
 Junior chorus and young people's conclude every Thursday evening.

**FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**

23509 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.  
 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.

**KEEP ON BUYING U.S. WAR BONDS AND STAMPS**

## BITS OF THIS AND THAT

By ELMER T. FOCKINGTON

### SMILIN' THROUGH

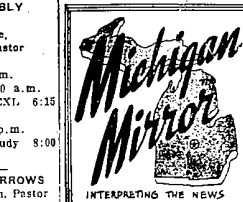
If you don't like the way things are  
 Or what you fear will come  
 There's no use of playing "Gates Ajar"  
 Or looking sour and glum.

If you can help to make things right,  
 Then do so like a man  
 But don't sit 'round by day and night  
 Behind an ugly pan.

If bad conditions will prevail  
 No matter what you do,  
 The more you weep and moan and wail  
 The less 'twill profit you.

So learn to "grin and bear it" boy—  
 You'll only make things worse  
 By looking like an old kill-joy  
 Just waiting for the hearse.

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Michigan's sales tax, the roose that lays the golden egg, was responsible for most of the 1945 legislature's deliberations.

How to spend a war-time sur-

**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).

1:30-2:00 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. For information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**

New High School Auditorium  
 Farmington

"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, May 5.

The Golden Text (Ezekiel 18:23) is: "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?"

Among the Bible citations in this passage (Job 20:4-5): "Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth. That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?"

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (327): "The way to escape the misery of sin is to cease sinning. There is no other way."

**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 "EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT"

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

Wednesday Evening Testimonial at 8 p.m. at 33330 Grand River Avenue

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

Wednesday Evening, 9 to 9:30

Friday Evening, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m.

Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TEN YEARS AGO (May 16, 1935)

**Bank's First Year One Of Achievement**  
 With a year's record of achievement far exceeding the most optimistic hopes, Farmington State Bank will celebrate in a few days the first anniversary of its establishment on May 19, 1934. Founded a year ago primarily as a means of restoring banking service to the community and helping to revivify business, without particular concern as to achieving large size, the institution has in the twelve months grown in to the half-million dollar class, it is shown by a statement compiled this week.

**Legion Auxiliary Plans Poppy Days**  
 Farmington will observe "Poppy Day" this year on May 24 and 25, the Friday and Saturday before Memorial Day. It was announced by Mrs. Muri Hogle, president of the Groves-Walker Unit of American Legion Auxiliary. The unit is making extensive preparations for the observance of the day and is hoping for the full cooperation of all other organizations and individuals.

**Farmington Becomes A "Link"**  
 "Chain Letter Fever" which is sweeping the country has not missed Farmington. The system, the origin of which nobody knows, but which has progressed from a practical joke to a business in some parts of the country, seems to have taken hold of Farmington and the response is as enthusiastic as in other sections.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (May 2, 1940)**

**City Moves To Ely Bank Building**

Action was taken by the City Commission at a special meeting Monday night to purchase the building formerly occupied by the Peoples State Bank for use as a city office building. Under a motion made by Emory Hatton and seconded by Howard Otis, the purchase of the building was approved, provided that the Public Debt Commission of the State of Michigan approves a loan of \$5,000 to the City.

**Electric Franchise Approved**  
 The Detroit Edison Co. will furnish electrical power to the City of Farmington for the next thirty years under a franchise which was approved by a special election Monday. A very small number of votes was cast in the election but all those who did come to the polls marked their ballots in favor of the franchise.

**Township To Get Bond Refund**

The Oakland County Road Commission this week voted to ask for bids to be opened May 14 at the road commission offices for the sale of \$219,000 of covered road refunding bonds. One of the road districts, for which the bonds are to be issued is in Farmington Township.

plus occupied a good three-fourths of the law-makers' time. If the finance committees of the senate and house could have brought in their recommendations last Jan. 15, chances are nine to one that legislators would have voted promptly to adjourn in ten days and go home. The Car-Ziegler grand jury was in session less than a block away. Examination of the 1945 record discloses few bills of major import were enacted.

This is not any criticism of a state legislature, as we see it. It is the job of the legislator to meet the changing needs of his constituents, and the truth of the matter is that the big majority of voters have shown little interest in the 1945 session and the laws enacted to date affect only a few.

Trying to appraise each bill on its merit and to segregate the obvious pressure group bills from those of broad public interest, all takes time. Legislators don't like to be pushed around; they want to weigh the facts and come to their own conclusions. The governor must bide his time, too, or else risk wrath of law-makers for trying to be a dictator and to strong arm measures through.

Patience and an abiding faith in the virtues of democracy are necessary traits if one is to bless the state legislature as a deliberative governmental body.

Confronted with the prospect of a \$20-to-\$25 million dollar melon to slice, each legislator had his own idea as to how it should be done.

Mayors of large municipalities created a pressure group, which is inevitable under the democratic system of government, and lobbied for a share. Educators asked for a substantial boost in state aid, pointing to mounting costs and static incomes. Local governments—townships and counties—

viewed with suspicion the efforts of other units to get a larger part of the sales tax dollar.

The result was weeks of confusion as pressure groups put the legislators on the spot, each sincerely trying to get more money from the bulging coffers at Lansing. You can't blame the legislator for going slow. If he incurs the displeasure of many voters back home, he may not return two years from now. A four-year term would tend to remove the legislator still more from the public's pulse.

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To safeguard the 50 million dollar reserve fund, current surplus, estimated by Auditor General Morrison to be in the neighborhood of 20 to 25 millions by July 1, 1945, Governor Kelly announced that the ceiling for state appropriations would be 162 millions. Any spending beyond that point would automatically bring a state veto, and a special session of the legislature would follow immediately.

Lawmakers found a solution in creating 16 million dollars in new revenues through an increase in the state's profit on liquor sales and a revision of the state tax-able tax and then appropriating these funds for aid of local governments—municipalities and counties.

They granted increased state aid to public schools by \$6,800,000; granted \$500,000 a year to Wayne University and several junior colleges for veterans' education; \$240,000 for additional state payments for hospitalization and old age recipients; reimbursements, estimated at \$800,000 in the first

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## Thanking You FOR YOUR Cooperation

★ There is not the same smooth flow to war days that there was to peace days. We have to work harder now to give you good service than we ever did before, but we are determined to keep it good.

The fine cooperation which you and your friends are giving us is sincerely appreciated.

**THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK**

Farmington, Michigan

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION