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EDITORIALS

The Mass Exodus . . .

of Farmington teachers can not be narrowed down to any one reason. However, one thing is pretty plain — they don't care much about teaching in Farmington.

It is quite a stretch of the imagination to call this a normal turnover of teachers in a school system the size of Farmington. Many of the teachers leaving this year have been in Farmington for some time. Many of them have proven themselves excellent educators — educators that can not be easily replaced.

Who is the loser? The loser is Farmington — its children — its school system.

Farmington, like every other community in the country, wants and needs a good school system. It doesn't get one when a Board of Education shakes up the basket every few years. It doesn't get one when it leaves the teachers with about as much security as a canoe in the middle of the ocean. It doesn't get one when the members of the Board completely disregard the basic principles of good school administration as laid down by education experts, (not dreamers — realists).

Similar school situations have occurred all around Farmington. A great many cities have had trouble adjusting themselves to a new and larger school system. A few have avoided mistakes by being awake to others' mistakes. They studied other systems, they read the word of men trained in education. They stuck to policy and buried personalities and quibbling in the sand. They found a school executive (superintendent) who knew his job, whether they liked him personally or not, and they let him exercise his responsibilities. They found out whether he could do the job or not before he had completely established a system and had it geared to his policies, so that if a change was necessary it didn't completely disrupt the education of the children, and the security of the teachers.

Farmington is losing — it will continue to lose until we become conscious of the responsibility we owe to our children — until we recognize the advice and experience of educators — until we begin to think in terms of the best qualified men — the best policies, instead of politics and personalities.

Politicians or Statesmen . . .

Which shall it be? That seems to be the big question on everyone's mind today.

What is the difference? It can be summed up in two-words and one short phrase — service, courage and honesty of convictions.

How can you tell it when you see it? Straight forward, down to earth thinking and talking.

How badly do we need statesmen? Never before in the history of this country have we needed leadership more than right now. Not flowery orators, not hand shakers, but honest thinking, hard working men, who are not afraid to act. Men who are more interested in their country than a vote.

It is not that we don't have such men. It is only that we have lost sight of the individual qualities that make statesmen. We have debunked our statesmen of the past. We have put individual vote-getting qualities over service, honesty and integrity.

If we are to get back on the right track, all political parties are going to have to look for statesmen, not just politicians. They are going to have to push leaders, not back-slappers.

This is not a time for hesitation, for indecision, for looking back — it is time for progress through clear-cut action.

Let's promote our leaders as hard as we promote our politicians. Let's find them, back them — the result will be our reward.



WHAT TRAIN IS NEXT?



"Good neighbor" gardens will be popular in Michigan this summer. Food grown at home will serve diversions of more food to famine distressed neighbors. If you have not started a garden yet, there is still time to do so.

Hoarding of flour has cleaned many grocery shelves. Herbert Hoover thinks rationing can be avoided if 1946 harvests are good; yet he warns the relief food deficit is 3,500,000 tons. Chesapeake, stabilization director, hints a return of rationing may be necessary in August. Dean Acheson, acting secretary of state, foresees five years of rationing. Mr. Howard B. Tolley, chief of the federal bureau of agricultural economics, anticipates two to three years of world food crisis.

The soldier bonus issue is back to haunt legislators and office seekers. A 10-member senate-house committee met at Lansing, heard advocates tell how cash payments could be financed. As forecast in this column May 9, the bonus question is due for a showdown in the 1947 session of the state legislature. It may be submitted to the voters since the state constitution requires a referendum on state bonds.

The teenage-ban on draft inductions, temporarily in effect until July 1, appears to be almost hopeless to state selectors. Michigan's headquarter in Lansing. The available supply of single men, 20 to 30, who have not seen military service is almost negligible. Quotas cannot be met.

A shortage of milk at Michigan summer resorts is forecast by Charles Fieg director of the state department of agriculture. Milk supplies are declining. . . . Doves are to get a \$100,000 dry milk plant daily capacity, 89,000 pounds of milk; farmers' income \$500,000; Michigan dairy fact: One out of every 15 persons in Michigan owns his livelihood, in part or in full, to the dairy cow.

One-man grand juries are now in progress in Ingham, Macomb, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Macomb's investigation is spurred by charges that a deputy sheriff was paid \$500 to effect a prisoner's release from jail. Detroit's grand jury probe into the testator's will and its unilateral drive against groceries is complicated by the fact that the teamsters contribute big money to political campaign funds. Even judges are said to be beneficiaries.

Foot trails are being marked in the Porcupine mountain wilderness park. Cabins will be built at intervals for overnight campers. These improvements are the first steps in a \$50,000 improvement program announced by the state conservation department.

Tourist council and regional associations: How to prolong Michigan's traditional vacation season (July and August) through September and October. Some resort operators are opening two weeks early, closing two weeks late.

The capital city's Tally-Ho, a driving spot, but out in its effort to win a supreme court writ (Continued on Page Eight)

Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
 News Analyst and Commentator

Columnist's Thoughts Turn To Squirrels -- and Crabgrass

Summer was creeping toward the Potomac, the flag over the White House hung limp as a wilted petal, a hot sun, burning through the insistent daily gaps in the heavy foliage, made yellow patches on the lawn. The fountain splashed faintly, falling like warm, fluted tears.

I moved slowly along the drive, wondering if I could garner even a modicum of answers to meet my closest lips by thousands of unanswered questions the world is asking.

I looked under the Japanese oaks whose tightly laced leaves, only a little above the ground, smother the young grass, hopefully starting up each spring, withering in the shadows before July. There, bored and half asleep, I could make out the form of the old gray squirrel.

Often this winter, he had come to my rescue when other "dependable sources" and "authoritative quarters" refused to yield up their secrets. But this time, he barely nodded, and looked away, deep in his meditations, probably a nuclear problem of some sort.

A few moments later, I was taking down notes at a not very newsy press and radio conference. The President, I feared, did not feel as cheerful as he looked. The handkerchief in his breast pocket was neatly folded in its customary three flat razor-sharp triangles. (Sometimes his answers were at carnations on the table behind his desk, which holds the photographs of members of his family, were already drooping. The low hum of the moving machine came in the open windows that look toward the Potomac.

Of what was said of import to the nation and the world, you will have read by the time these lines are printed. The rest was trivia.

We walked out of the executive offices. I glanced under the Japanese oaks, but my friend, the squirrel, had gone, the vista looked very bare and cheerless. So I went back and talked about it.

As soon as mail could reach me from Sturgeon Lake, Minn., I received a letter and a package. The writer said that as I had mentioned that it seemed impossible to raise grass on the shaded parts of the White House grounds, I might be interested in this sample of crabgrass which she offered, and she wrote: "If I won't grow there, I'll be glad to know there is some place it won't grow."

The next day I acknowledged the gift, and opined that quick grass must be another name for crabgrass which I remembered at the base of my lawn-mowing experience. Soon I received other communications.

A landscape designer in Akron, Ohio, informed me that "quick grass" is not crabgrass. The former is a perennial; the latter is an annual. Quick grass (agropyron repens) propagates by seeds and creeping rootstocks. Crabgrass resists itself each year.

Another letter came from Robert L. ("Pop") Davis, "Amateur Mulch Gardener" of Thoraby, Ala. He referred to my mention of crabgrass as a pest, and then he wrote: "Having spent years at my hobby of looking for the most useful plant for growing summer mulch in my gardens, and deciding that crabgrass was it, I cannot resist a challenge. Even though millions of gardeners agree with your remarks, I still challenge them. At present, I have a spring garden growing vegetables, I let the crabgrass grow on the land covered with a thick layer of last year's dead crabgrass.

"Surely a weed can grow through it not even this year's crabgrass."

"You see, I'm 'Pop', the laziest gardener in the world and I refuse to gather, haul and spread mulch when crabgrass will do for me, and do a better job of it. I make it thick the land for me by leaving it strictly alone. I may even encourage it with fertilizer. After I have gathered my early spring vegetables, I let the crabgrass take over. In early fall, when the crabgrass stops growing here I mow it down. I then have that much gardener's delight, a mellow mulch spot where not anything can grow without using spade or hoe. I use a potato digger to dig planting holes."

But that is not all. "Pop" may be the laziest gardener in the world, but he is a vigorous poet. He enclosed a poem of which (alas) I have room only for one verse and refrain. Here it is: "Bring me a hoe, pull 'em up! Chick weed, crabgrass, dig and cut! Stoop down low! Nothing but trash, Goosefoot, pigweed and John's 'ten grass!"

Just no time to look at the sky, Fleecy clouds-a-floating-by; Work 'til you've such a crook 'neath the back That gardening pleasure's gone, alack!

"Wisdom may have a foolish sound; Crabgrass mulch is good for the ground. Let the weeds grow! Bring me a chair! Crabgrass mulch is everywhere, Soft and thick and brown!"

STRATEGY MISFIRE IN BATTLE OVER OPA The battle over the OPA in the senate has brought out some of the

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

"The Church on the Park"
 Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
 Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist

Morning Worship service, 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

OUR INVITATION
 I love to come to this still place, Where deeper peace its always found, To kneel as though on holy ground, And feel my Master face to face. I do not know how I could live If there were not this refuge sweet Where I could linger at His feet And He to me sweet healing give. WELCOME!

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River
 Farmington, Michigan
 Eisle, 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.

Midweek prayer service on Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship!

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Sanderson, Pastor
 Evangeline H. 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 Oles Club (high school girls and boys). 1:30-2:00 p.m., Missionary meeting.

Services are held in the Church building, 3211 W. Seven Mile Road, Grand Rapids.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. Scott Greer, Minister
 Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship "Physical Death" 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service "Evangelism in Testaments," 7:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. Thomas P. Banehan, Pastor
 Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
 Masses on Holy Days at 5:30, 7:00, 8:30 and 9:00.
 Daily Masses at 5:15 and 8:00 a.m.

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for children and adults.
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade.
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
 Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

William Grace School
 Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.
 E. L. Stuempfig, Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
 Divine worship at 10:45 a.m.
 Lutheran Hour over OKLW at 12:30 p.m.

P.T.A. Friday at 8 p.m.

in our parish school.

To all who should thank God for His kindness; to all who need comfort when His hand rests heavy upon them; to all whose soul needs forgiveness and cleansing; to all who desire to serve God and guide their children right; to all who seek the Bible and wish to worship God in truth and reverence.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

NEW HIGH SCHOOL
 AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON
 A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts

Lesson Subject

"SOUL AND BODY"

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. at

First Methodist Church

Christian Science Literature Available at 21040 OAKWOOD Current Christian Science Literature on file Wednesday evenings

ALL ARE WELCOME

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (June 3, 1921)

Old Village Land Mark To Be Moved
 Bright and early Wednesday morning A. J. Dodds, with a crew of six men started the work of stripping the bathroom, kitchen, bar room and porches of the famous old Farmington Hotel. The roof has covered many notable people, and whose history is in truth the history of the Farmington of other generations.

Soldiers' Bonus Blanks At Enterprise Office
 Bonus blanks are to be obtained and the soldiers can obtain them at the Enterprise office. John Power, the G.A.R. Commander will aid the boys in filling out the blanks. Notary service can also be obtained free of charge at the Peoples State Bank.

Leads Grand March
 Mrs. Ralph Hogle, who named Conque Shores led the Grand March at the opening ball. Six hundred couples were present and Mr. Oenkuh, the founder of the park is sparing no expense to make Walled Lake an ideal up-to-date summer resort.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 4, 1936)

Smith-Bradley Drug To Hold Family Opening
 What might well be called a family grand opening will be held Friday at the new Smith-Bradley Drug Co., now occupying the former Farmington Drug Co. store. The store itself, which has been extensively remodeled and changed around will be ready for the opening Saturday, June 6.

Temperamental 1904 Model Auto Balks At Entering Showroom
 "Was his face red" only a few days after the somewhat embarrassing position of one of Farmington's most thorough business men was in when he found early this week he had overlooked an essential point in planning an exhibition at his showroom. Mr. V. R. (V.P.) Blakeslee has too good fortune to have at his disposal for one week the first automobile built by Cadillac in 1904. The show room, but what's this? It was a foot too high to go through the double doors.

New Speed Limit Signs In Place
 The first steps towards efficiently handling the increased Farmington traffic resulting from the installation of two new signs at the east end of the Cut-Off were taken Tuesday when the State Highway Department set up four new speed limit signs in the city.

FIVE YEARS AGO (May 22, 1941)

Dr. Preston W. Potts To Open Office Here
 Dr. Preston W. Potts will open a medical office at 33108 Grand River Avenue Thursday, May 22. Dr. Potts moves to his new location from the medical clinic of Dr. Z. R. Achenbrenner, where he has practiced for the past year.

Defense Bond Committee Organized
 The sale of United States Defense Bonds and saving stamps will be promoted in Farmington and Farmington Township by a committee appointed Monday evening by Mayor Leo F. Gildemeier.

Poppies To Go On Sale Friday

Memory of America's war dead in the first World War will be honored Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24, when everyone will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in tribute to their service and sacrifice.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

New High School Auditorium
 Farmington
 "Soul and Body" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, May 26.

The Golden Text (1 Cor. 3:16) is: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Among the Bible citations in this passage (Psalm 66:3-5): "Praise ye the Lord, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved."

FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"
 Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor
 Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 Guest preacher will be the Rev. Edwin L. Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Passaic, New Jersey.

Sunday School at 11:45 a.m. A cordial welcome awaits you. Junior and Senior Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer Circle at 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Message and vocal solos by the Rev. Edwin L. Henry.

Wednesday, Scout Investment Service for Troop No. 35 at 8:00 p.m.
 Friday, Choir rehearsal at 7:45 p.m.

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