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EDITORIALS

Who Knocks? . . .

is not the way to welcome a caller. We must get up and with a warm hand-shake help him across our threshold.

Right now someone is knocking at our door. The degree of help and co-operation he gives is dependent upon our interest. His name is opportunity and he has come to help us, but he doesn't stay long if we don't pitch in and show some enthusiasm.

He is here to give us a chance — a chance to make Farmington Township and City an attractive, and constructive center for youth activities.

As a result of the editorial entitled "Here Is A Challenge" which appeared in the November 21 issue of The Enterprise, considerable constructive comment on our youth problems has been brought out. A great many people in this community recognize their responsibility and are anxious to assist in any worthwhile youth program.

The City Commission has already launched a winter recreational program. The School District has expressed its willingness to cooperate. The Enterprise has urged the boys and girls of the City and Township to prove their interest by united efforts to eliminate destruction and to cooperate in building a better community.

Now, what can you do? You can make it a source of discussion in your respective clubs and civic groups. You can submit your findings to your respective City and Township governments for consideration. You can and should call in the boys and girls of your community and find out from them the kind of program they want.

We can and must encourage and support Boy Scout and Girl Scout activities in our community. We can and must sponsor 4-H Club activities. We can and must initiate youth groups that will fill the needs of boys and girls in our community.

Any program needs direction. It needs the combined cooperation of all churches, service clubs, Parent-Teacher associations, forum groups and civic organizations.

The Enterprise is ready and anxious to assist any group or groups in the carrying out of a constructive youth program. Make it the main topic of discussion in your organization this month, and let us have your ideas.

Remember — we can't afford not to do it!

Strike Control . . .

is No. 1 on Congress' agenda when it convenes in January. At least that is what the people are shouting for, according to a recent Gallup Poll, and Congress usually acts according to the peoples' wishes.

However it isn't entirely Congress' idea. It is the loud voice of the American people, a voice that only yesterday was ringing from the gallery in labor's cause.

How quickly things can change in a democracy. Critics like to call our type of government slow and inefficient, they like to point to dictatorships as the way to get things done. However no peoples on earth can stop dictatorial control like Americans can. They are proving it today in their denunciation of John L. Lewis.

True, the country is paralyzed by a coal strike. We are only hitting on about four cylinders, but reaction has stepped in and we will come out a wiser, stronger nation.

Labor legislation must not be construed to be a slap at the average working man. It is a control on labor racketeers and irresponsible labor leaders. Labor still has a cause, it has rights to be protected as do big and small business — as does every individual living in this nation.

We cannot progress as a nation or hold our position with other nations of the world if we flounder in a continual paralysis. Labor must accept its responsibility and equal obligations along with other groups — that is Democracy.

The advances labor makes in the future will be dependent on how quickly it assumes its responsibility and how fast it gets down to the job of bettering itself through bettering the nation.



By GENE ALLEMAN

The Michigan State Medical society, one of the most progressive state medical groups in the nation, has added another "first" to its long list of achievements. During World War II medical funds found that 7,000 Michigan youths were rejected from military service because of cardiac trouble, due largely to rheumatic fever. Records also prove that rheumatic fever kills more children than any other disease.

Armed with this factual ammunition Michigan physicians and surgeons have established diagnostic centers in nine cities — Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Bay City, Traverse City, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Flint and Marquette. Family doctors are invited to bring cases to these centers for diagnosis, laboratory tests and consultation. Detection of the fever is extremely difficult in early stages.

Lieut. Governor Vernon J. Brown suggests that the legislature impose a three-mill tax to guarantee adequate financial support to state-supported colleges. Such action is needed, he says, in view of the voters approved diversion of 76 per cent of the sales tax to local governments including the public schools.

Dr. Eugene B. Elliot, state superintendent of public instruction, recommended that \$1,000,000 be set aside from the increased state aid to schools. This sum would be set aside to finance aid to junior colleges, contributions to teachers' retirement funds, vocational education and visiting teachers' expenses.

Another proposal to ease the financial crisis in Lansing would return welfare costs to local governments. F. F. Fauri, state welfare director, reports that the average per family relief grant rose from \$10.00 in 1945 to \$12.00 in 1946. The average payment to families was \$43.60. Old age assistance increased \$1.51. The average payment was \$35.75.

Labor unions are circulating petitions for a spring election referendum for removal of food items from the state sales tax. Leaders argue that the workers' burden of food would be reduced three per cent. The Michigan education association is reported to be unfavorable to the plan. It would deprive schools of approximately \$30,000,000.

The free enterprise system isn't always a profit system. It can be a loss system. Proof: A \$51.8 million loss sustained by the Ford Motor Company during the first nine months of 1946. Actually, during 15 years preceding World War II 55 per cent of all corporate profit and loss statements showed a

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What's Happening

In Other Town's

STANDISH . . .

"For the second time in the local railroad history of Standish, the Central (New York Central) Railroad in Standish, the city is without night passenger train service. And again it is because of a strike, this time because of the men who work for the railroad strike a few months ago. To conserve coal both the south-bound and northbound night trains were eliminated Monday."

—Arenas County Independent.

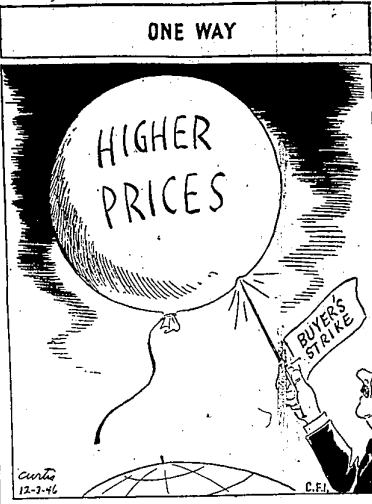
GRAND LEDGE . . .

"The highlight of the City Council meeting Monday night was the annual address of the Civic Class of the Grand Ledge Junior High School. The group elected its city officers who sat with their respective officers during the meeting. Following the meeting the youths held their own council session. Among the motions brought up by the 'youthful councilmen' were the recommendations for a swimming pool here, a new bus station and the flooding of the south park for skating purposes."

—Grand Ledge Independent.

SOUTH LYON . . .

"Mr. McMillan, president of the Michigan Seamless Tube Company, announced today that the company is reestablishing a suggestion system for employees of the company. In this new system any suggestion made by employees of the company which result in better-



Washington Digest

GOP Sweep Frees Truman Of Burdensome Program

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator



Curtis

12-2-46

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4 (AP) — There is a feeling of Christmas in the Washington air which is prompted by more than the evanescence of the joyous spirit of the season.

— just try to get onto a Connecticut avenue car headed for the F street shopping district. The White House presents its usual decor of pine and ribboned wreaths.

Whether he spends the holiday beneath his own roof-tree or the one which Uncle Sam so generously provides, it can be said that it will be a far merrier occasion than a year ago. He will be among his friends as well as his family, and as one of his official circle put it, with his "professed" enemies (the opposite party) in power his "professed" enemies (officially his friends) having no further opportunity to toss bricks or handy threats about his head.

I recall another crisp, cool winter day last February a year ago, when we wended our way to the President's weekly press and radio conference. Bemused panicles (I recorded in this space) showing frost-bitten faces in the garden of the White House grounds.

We were discussing the difficulties and differences which President Truman already was encountering at the hands of his own party in Congress.

"Congress has been too realistic in an election year," I quoted someone as saying. "They are fast on their feet. And the President's program isn't realistic."

"Whether or not it is realistic," another member of the group replied, "it isn't his program. He is thrust upon him when death commanded it. It is Old Hat now. It doesn't represent Harry Truman's ideas at all, but he has to go through with it."

As we look back, it is plain enough that whether it was New Deal or what it was, the program of the President was one that the people rejected on election day. The moral obligation of the past, the effect of the pressure groups, the ukase of the party hierarchy were swept away and Harry Truman, who didn't want the job that he thrust upon him when death commanded, was made a free man.

The President's satisfaction springs not from any spirit of "I told you so" buried at his alleged supporters, and from any lack of loyalty to a cause well lost. It was simply the weary but happy flood of relief of a man who, having attempted what he knew was an impossible task, saw that task ended and friend and foe forced fairly into the open.

WAR TERMINATION

HONEYMOON WITH CONGRESS

My mind goes back to another scene shortly before the death of President Roosevelt. I sat in the office of the president talking of days when the chignons were rolling along and the President, with many miles apart — rode beside them. We talked also of the then forthcoming San Francisco conference of the United Nations and Mr. Truman's theme was what he felt to be his function. Paradoxically enough — as it turned out later — it was helping to establish liaison between Congress and the White House, complementing the highly successful effort of Secretary of State Hull which resulted in the forging of a bi-partisan foreign policy. And in so short a time, after Mr. Truman became President, the liaison between Capitol Hill and 1600 Pennsylvania avenue snapped in twain, never to be reunited.

Three months after the President took office I recorded: "The political arguments in Washington will end shortly after the President's (Truman's) return from Berlin — by that day domestic discontent moon will be on the wane."

And I thought had the temerity to predict that if . . . "The Japanese war should end . . . within the year . . . from the Truman war the slings and arrows which even Roosevelt's enemies were wont to deflect to Congress and other government agencies will be aimed squarely at the man in the White House."

That prophecy required no gift of the occult. Mr. Truman knew it then — or I wouldn't have. From now on the President is his own man. The legislation he is

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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 is always found.

To kneel as though on holy ground, And feel my Master face to face.

And to 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

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Sandercock, Pastor

Evangeline B. Farsum

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.

Services are held in the Church building, 32311 W. Seven Mile Road.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL

ASSEMBLY

William Grace School

Rev. Orville J. Windel, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.

E. L. Stumpff, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Lutheran Hour over KCLIV at 12:30 p.m.

The choir of the church will present a candle-light service of Christmas carols Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Advent services on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

You are always welcome at St. Paul's.

CLARENCEVILLE

METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River

Farmington, Michigan

Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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 7:30. Good song services. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.

Masses on Holy Days at 5:58, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Daily Masses at 8:15 and 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

NEW HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON

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

Lesson Subject

"God the Only Cause and Creator"

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 Testimonies at 8 p.m.

First Methodist Church

Christian Science Literature Available

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Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings

ALL ARE WELCOME

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 2, 1921)

Venison Supper Given at M. E. Church

One hundred men gathered at the Methodist Church on Monday evening to enjoy a venison supper. The tables were lastly arranged by the Ladies Aid Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Woodruff, who served a sumptuous meal with venison supplied by the local hunters, as a meat course.

Appreciation Shown of Postmaster's Services

To have served a community for twenty-five years in a public capacity and to receive the hearty endorsement of nearly all the business people of the village is an honor and a compliment any man ought to be proud of. Such an endorsement was given to Postmaster Thomas H. McGee last week when petitions were circulated asking the Postmaster General at Washington to reappoint him as postmaster at Farmington.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 10, 1935)

Will Build Post Office Addition

The quarters of the Farmington Post Office will be enlarged after the holiday rush is over and the lease on the present building is renewed for five more years, until January 1, 1941, announced Postmaster Norman Lee. A 15-foot extension will be constructed on the rear of the building sometime during the first few months of the coming year.

State Begins 24-Hour Patrol on Cut-Off

In a determined effort to end west-bound traffic on the Cut-off, a 24-hour patrol to be established by Oscar G. Olander, commissioner of the Michigan State Police, to enforce the one-way traffic regulation. A speed limit of 45 miles an hour is being made on the Cut-off for east-bound traffic.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 4, 1941)

Woman Makes Soap For Brits

Though the days of pioneering seem to be past, many of the talents of our ancestors are being revived. Notable among these is the making of soap at home, right here in Farmington. Mrs. Whitebeck, 23016 Maple Avenue, has made about 72 cakes of all-purpose soap from cooking grease which otherwise would have been thrown away.

Red Cross Roll Call Gains

The American Red Cross roll call was completed in Farmington City and Township on November 23. The response was very good this year with over 500 members enrolled, and sections amounting to \$428.49. The total for the year is \$428.49. This figure represents a substantial increase over last year.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. Remen, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hours. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. Scott Green, Minister

Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Topic, "Accomplishments of Love."

Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m. Topic, "Conversion of Cornelius."

Alaskan Coastline

The general coastline of Alaska is one-third larger than the general coastline of the United States proper.

Uncle Sam Says

Every day—particularly payday—should be voting day for your personal security. Addition of another U. S. Savings bond to your holdings is a sort of personal election. By buying savings bonds regularly either through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work, or at your bank or postoffice, you are electing a safe investment which will pay you \$4 for every \$3 in ten years. Buy for your extra bond now. U. S. Treasury Department

Monday, Brownie Troop 4 at 3:45

FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10 a.m. Observation of Universal Bible Sunday. The Pastor will speak on "The Written Word."

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.

Junior, Senior, Adult Unions at 8:30 a.m.

Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Informal hour of congregational singing and special music. Sermon subject, "Profession and Confession."

Monday, Brownie Troop 4 at 3:45



GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS 1947.

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