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EDITORIALS

Cleaning The Slate . . .

for the New Year always gives a fellow a chance to think a little. It gives him a chance to look both ways, to see what has been and what is hoped to be. Last year's books are closed and a brand new volume is opening up.

What is written on the coming pages no one knows, but it is a challenge all of us are looking forward to. It is an incentive to work for better things, both at home and abroad. It is the day to take stock of our mistakes and resolve to do better in the year to come.

Looking back we find much to be thankful about. In the past year we as a nation among nations have made progress along the road to peace. We have succeeded in getting a good running start on the way back to normal living following the years of war. We have worked out most of the growing pains of a huge progressing nation. We have come to realize many of our social problems and are beginning to tackle the job of solving them. We have made great strides in the development of new scientific and industrial inventions. We have learned much individually and as a nation in this first year of peace.

If 1946, as President Truman stated, was the "Year of Decision," 1947 is the Year of Progress. We have floundered, we have stumbled but we have kept our feet. We have come out a lot wiser for our experience. If we will profit by that experience we will be way out ahead in 1947.

It isn't going to be all easy sailing. We have a lot of unfinished business to take care of. We have just gotten a toe-hold into the elimination of shortages. Prices on many commodities are still way out of sight. There is still much to be done along the line of better relations between nations. We still have a marked rise in juvenile delinquency and conflict on other social problems.

1947 will be the Year of Progress if we can tackle these jobs, wisely and sincerely. If we can remember the mistakes of last year and profit by the knowledge we have gained. It is a job for all of us large and small. What we do with 1947 will be written in the pages of history.

This is our challenge. This is 1947!

We Like Her . . .

the way she is, this great country of ours, and we've a mind to keep it this way.

This is "grass roots," America's way of answering the warping issued in Ernie Adamson's report to the House Un-American Activities Committee, concerning the red "conspiracy" allegedly underway in this country. If Communistic control exists in America, we had better break it up now. We just tolled through four years of war to rid the threat to our democratic way of life.

We have no objection to Russia having a Communist government. We can and must work with her in the formula for world peace. But we can and must object to her pushing her crusaders upon our shores for the purpose of destroying us and our type of government. We wouldn't expect Russia to tolerate such acts from us — nor would we tolerate it from them.

If Communists are at work undermining our democratic way of life, and this report seems to bear that idea out — it must be stopped. Every facility at the disposal of the government must be alerted to the task. We remain as one of the few true democracies in the world. We must strengthen our determination to stay that way.

Any attempt on the part of individuals or groups to undermine our government and those parties are guilty of treason. We have no room for traitors!



By GENE ALLEMAN

One hundred more bushels of potatoes, to an acre is a lot of spuds.

Nell Morrison, Grand Traverse farmer, astonished his neighbors by doing just that.

The surprising thing is that Nell did not employ some kind of fertilizer and she did not have some new fangled brand of potatoes.

Same potatoes; same soil; same weather — yet 100 more bushels to the acre.

How did it happen? Well, listen to Russell G. Hill, secretary of the Michigan soil conservation committee.

"You'll have to take Nell Morrison's word for it," said Hill, "I even hesitate to cite his case as an example of the benefits of soil conservation. It is so remarkable, so hard to believe."

"Agricultural experts insist that one of the problems of Michigan potato culture is soil moisture deficiency. Mr. Morrison has consistently obtained better yields of potatoes by doing a very simple thing. He planted his potatoes on the contour of the land. Contour plowing retained the rainfall, and the moisture seeped slowly into the soil giving the potatoes added development. Result: A lot more potatoes than before."

Having attended a recent meeting of the Michigan Food Council which was held at the Michigan State College referred to the bumper potato yields at the college's irrigated potato farm at Lake City, we agreed with Hill. "Unusual," said Mr. Morrison's yield in 50 per cent less than the record of the Michigan State College demonstration farms. Irrigation is a sure way to figure adequate moisture for potato culture. Apparently it pays big dividends.

So does modern soil conservation.

Because it is profitable to do so approximately 50,000 farmers in 30 Michigan counties have organized soil conservation districts under a Michigan law of 1937.

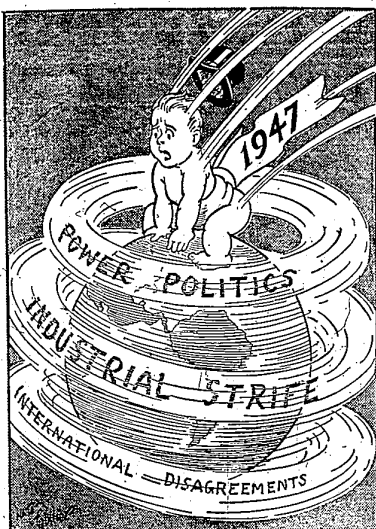
These districts cover about one-half of the agricultural land of the state. Considering the fact that the 36 districts have been formed less than ten years, such progress is on a high plane. The Michigan conservation by tradition; Michigan farmers, too, are mostly Republicans and many of them have been cool to ideas coming out of Washington in recent years.

Yet soil erosion is not a national or state problem. It is a world problem which has existed for many centuries.

Two British scientists, G. V. Jacks and R. O. Whyte, maintain that the loss of soil fertility due to water and wind erosion destroyed ancient Egypt, the Mediterranean civilizations, ancient and modern, from Athens and Rome to Italy and Spain, to say nothing of the once fertile plains of North Africa. General Smuts of South Africa has stated, "Erosion is the biggest problem confronting the country, bigger than any politics."

Plato gave an amazingly accurate technical account of deforestation and erosion in the mountains of Attica which destroyed the farms of the plains and drove the Greeks to become seafarers and traders.

HAPPY LANDING, BUDI!



It's not new — this thing called soil erosion.

The federal soil conservation service recently made a national soil survey.

Findings were sensational. More than 100 million acres of our best crop land has been irretrievably ruined for further cultivation by soil erosion caused by rain and wind.

Of the total crop land now in use — a bit more than 400 million acres — about 150 million acres has been so severely damaged by erosion to make farming difficult or unprofitable.

Hard to believe is the expert's warning that man-made erosion is moving more than three billion tons of rich topsoil every year down into our rivers and reservoirs and out to sea. Carried out to a logical end, this loss of natural resource means the difference between food and famine.

The soil conservation district is a democratically formed cooperative campaign, voluntarily chosen by farmers and directed by farmers, to restore fertility to the soil; to safeguard the present topsoil that is left; to check the corroding damage of water and wind soil erosion and to get the best use of the land.

Here are some illustrations of benefits to Michigan farmers.

Idle marches in Livingston county have been converted into lush dairy pastures by seeding road canyons.

Tuscola county run-off plots have demonstrated that contour crops, instead of rows that go up and down the slopes of the land, have produced 25% more yield per acre. More moisture is retained in the soil; nature's own topsoil is not washed away.

A soil survey of one Michigan farm, where old-time farming methods had been perpetuated, revealed a loss of \$1,000 in farm valuation in 12 months due to erosion alone.

Close to 10,000,000 evergreen trees have been planted in Ottawa county, first in Michigan to utilize the benefits of soil conservation. These reduced soil erosion by wind and create new wealth for the land.

A newly developed tree planting machine, available to farmers in many conservation districts, can plant 1,000 trees an HOUR. Two men can operate it.

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.

Where I could linger at His feet
And feel His most sweet healing give.
WELCOME

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. H. E. Standbrook, 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

10:31 a.m. Radio Glee Club (High school girls and boys)
1:30-3:00 p.m. Missionary meeting. Services are held in the Church building, 33211 W. Seven Mile Road.

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for third grade and above
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

William Grace School

Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON

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

Subject: "GOD"

SUNDAY SERVICES

At 11:00 A.M.

And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 50 at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Testimonial at 8 p.m. at First Methodist Church

Christian Science Literature Available at 21040 ONTARIO

Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings

ALL ARE WELCOME

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. for all classes.
Divine worship at 10:45 a.m. Lutheran Hour broadcast over OKLW at 12:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River Farmington, Michigan

Elise 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 services on Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Free testimonies. A happy fellowship.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. Remeln, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hours.

Morning worship, 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.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

"For Ye Have Not Passed This Way Heretofore"

Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m. "Make Great Paths For Your Feet"

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor

Sunday Masses — at 7:00, 8:30, 9:15, 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.

FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.

Junior, Senior, Adult Unions at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer Circle in the parsonage at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Boy Scout Troop 35 at 1:00 p.m.

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

New High School Auditorium Farmington

"God" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian churches.

BUY U.S. VICTORY BONDS AND STAMPS!

TUNE IN ON THE WORLD'S MOST RAPIDLY EXPANDING RELIGIOUS BROADCAST

VOICE OF PROPHECY

Address on Starting Bible Prophecy

Building a Message of Hope in Millions

FREE SUNDAY

MUTUAL SYSTEM AND 250 OTHER STATIONS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 30, 1921)

Fire Destroys Village Dwelling

Fire at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning, December 24, completely destroyed a house owned by Farmer Governor Fred M. Warner and occupied by a family named Zane. Ernest Zane, a son, 20 years old, was alone in the house and was rescued from near the cracking flames. He had just time to get out, wearing only his night clothes. The house and contents were a total loss. The fire is believed to have started from an overheated stove.

Entertain Family at Dinner

The Misses Ida and Zella Steele entertained their brothers and sisters and their families at a six o'clock dinner last Tuesday evening. Thirty-seven guests were present. Dancing, card playing and a fine Christmas program were entertainments of the evening.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 7, 1937)

Preparations are being made for Farmington's participation in the fourth nation-wide Birthday Ball for the President which will be held in 10,000 cities and towns throughout the United States on Saturday, January 30. Paul A. Pare is general chairman in charge of arrangements for the ball which will be assisted by Mayor Warner, Robert C. Burns, Hamlyn Levinson, Albert Koss and Fred Wilkinson. The American Legion will also be invited to select a member for the central committee.

Sand to be Used on icy Roads

Although there have been few accidents in the Farmington area this winter caused by icy roads and streets, precautions against the possibility of serious accidents on the slick road surfaces have been undertaken by the City of Farmington in the placing of barrels of sand by the side of steep-grade roads in and near the city. The barrels are painted bright yellow in order to attract attention of motorists to the convenience.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 1, 1942)

Schultz Home Wins Prize

So many attractive house decorations appeared in Farmington this Christmas that judges of the Garden Club contest have had a hard time reaching a decision. Finally, however, after viewing all the arrangements in the city and township, they have awarded the first prize to the home of Roy Carl Schultz. Here the porch was very effectively decorated with a pair of tall, luminous red candles against a background of evergreen boughs.

Red Cross Drive is On

The drive to raise Farmington's quota of \$2100 for the American War Relief Fund is under way this week following a meeting for organization on Friday night and the drive's opening on Saturday. Contributions will be accepted by the Farmington State Bank at all times and on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday a Red Cross member will be present for the purpose of collecting donations.

Alligator Lizard

The San Diego alligator lizard, a slender rough-scaled reptile found in southern California, is one of the best biological controls of the dread black widow spider. These lizards feed on black widow spiders and their eggs. Along with certain other parasites, the alligator lizard is able to halt the increase of the poisonous black widow spider lives. The lizard is harmless so far as human beings are concerned. Unfortunately, however, the common house cat preys upon the lizards about as avidly as the lizard preys upon the spiders.

Alaskan Weather

Although Alaska is usually thought to be a cold country, the capital city of Juneau had only 33 days of zero weather in 33 years. The temperature on the coldest of these days was 15 degrees below zero.

Poultry Income

Cash income from poultry products in 1945 set a new high record, topping \$24 million dollars, 13 per cent above 1944. Income from poultry products represented 13 per cent of the total receipts from all farm marketings.

1947 A Bright NEW YEAR to You

What's Happening In Other Town's

STANDISH . . .

"Plans are being rapidly molded into shape for a big evening of fun at the skating rink east of the school in Standish. The program is being sponsored by the veterans' groups with the assistance of the city and the Board of Commerce. Biggest attraction of all will be a brand new Ford coupe to be given away by the Arence County veterans. Weather permitting an ice show will also be staged to entertain the crowd."

SOUTH LYON . . .

"After serving Lyon township as supervisor for fourteen consecutive years, Ray Duncan has resigned. His resignation was accepted by Charles Cogger, well known township farmer, and manager of the South Lyon branch of Wixom Co., to fill the vacancy in the township board of supervisors. The election which falls on April 7."

The South Lyon Herald

HOLLY . . .

"The new cement block building for the Holly Board of Education, Alap Products company, which is to house the Tri-Products factory has been completed and equipment is being installed. Production of the automobile wash glove formerly manufactured by Alap company, will begin soon after the first of the year, according to the owners. Partners in the new concern are Axel Johnson, owner of Alap, Otto Burke and Archie Smith. The factory building is approximately 50 ft. by 100 ft."

PLYMOUTH . . .

"Although he had spent all day Tuesday doing good deeds for others, fate wasn't so kind to Harry Robinson last Tuesday. Fire, started apparently from a bad wire connection in his delivery truck, destroyed the truck in rear of his new second hand furniture store on North Main street and did thousands of dollars worth of damage to the furniture and household goods that filled every room in the store. Not until after insurance adjusters have completed their check will he be able to state when he will reopen."

The Plymouth Mail

NEW YEAR'S AGAIN!

With its noisy celebrations, laughter and light-heartedness, its moments of thoughtful retrospect and purpose. Enjoy the holiday. Accept our thanks for past favors and our good wishes for . . . A Happy New Year.

THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION