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## EDITORIALS

### An Old Story . . .

often told doesn't hold an audience. Murder on our highways, our streets, our intersections, is an old story.

You have heard it; you have read it; you have actually seen it. Death in all its vivid horror. But you, like every other citizen who drives, walks, laughs and cries, soon forget.

You shake it off — you go on your way. It almost has to be. And yet if all of us could just remember —

Remember that injury and death can happen to us, as it does to hundreds of thousands of our countrymen.

Remember that driving and walking is a serious business — a business that can mean death if we aren't careful.

Remember that carelessness is not smart — it kills!

Remember that excessive speeds — indifference to laws — over-driving your lights at night — and charging through stop streets — cost you and your neighbors millions of dollars every year, not counting the pain, suffering and death of thousands.

You know all this — you have seen thousands of graphs, pictures and statistics proving that this is not fiction. It's fact!

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce wants to help you remember. They want to help you live and help others live. It isn't that you don't know the laws — it isn't that you don't know how to drive and walk. You forget! And when you forget — carelessness takes over.

The Farmington Jaycees, through posters, through motion pictures, and through news articles are trying to fight death.

Join the fight.

### We've Just Begun . . .

to fight. A noisy, strutting enemy has been silenced. He lies a twisted shadow, that once would rule the world.

But he took something with him when he fell. He took from us a faith — and left us reeling with shock, left us with a realization of the destruction man can create.

On this Memorial Day we view with clear reality the price of war. The real price, row on row — men who didn't want to die — who fought to live. The price of life.

Their work is done, but as Abraham Lincoln said, "It is for us, the living". Our job has just begun. Our only course, in tribute to them, is to fight on. Not only to build a shattered world — not only to reconstruct the cities, to feed the starving, to clothe the unclothed. But to rebuild a faith within ourselves.

Call it Americanism if you wish. Call it the love of freedom, of God, of country. Call it faith in our combined effort to build a better civilization. Call it what you will, but it must be reborn.

We have forgotten our homes, our churches, our families. There are those who would kill initiative, optimism, and spiritual faith for revolutionary reform. There are those who would forget history, heritage and individual responsibilities for a new principle of mass regimentation.

Men fought for life — for home — for family. They died fighting for a chance to return. It was their only wish. We pay tribute to them all over the world. We rededicate ourselves to carry on the fight.

We solemnly pledge in their memory, to build the kind of America they would have wanted to come home to. The kind of America they grew up in. The kind of America that gave them courage, faith and determination.

## Churches

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church in 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  
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 be healing give.  
— WELCOME

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. A. Stanley Smith, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:15 a.m. Junior Church and Nursery  
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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship  
Sunday Evening Service, 7 p.m.

**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, Rev. Carl H. Schultz, will be at the church at 11:15 a.m. for the 11:15 a.m. service.

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.

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.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.  
Classes for every age.  
Junior, Senior, Adult Unions at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Music and message.  
Monday, Brownie Scout Troop 13 at 3:15. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7:00. World Wide Guilds at 7:30. Tuesday, Brownie Scout Troop 4 at 4:15. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 4:00.

Wednesday, Mid-Week Prayer Service at 8:00.  
Thursday, Alice McDonald Mission Circle at 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, Choir Rehearsal at 8 p.m.

**COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Fred Andrews, Pastor  
Services held in Pierson School  
Seven Mile, East of Farmington Rd.

The Community Methodist Church are holding their services in the Pierson School located at Seven Mile Road east of Farmington Road.

Church services and Sunday School classes will be held simultaneously from 10:00 to 11:00. Nursery school for children under three. Everyone is welcome.

Sermon subject for Sunday, June 1, "Silence of God."  
We hope to be in our new building by July 1.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
23701 Cass Avenue  
Farmington

11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School  
Midweek Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting  
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**OUR LADY OF BOROVS**  
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:15 and 12:30.  
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.  
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.  
E. L. Stumpflig, Pastor

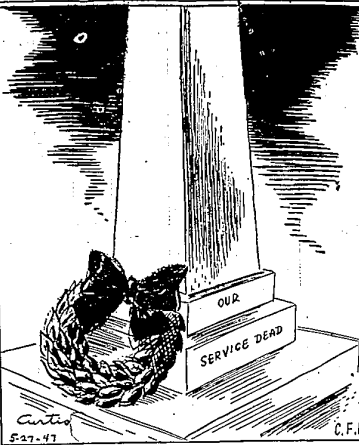
Morning Worship service Sunday at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour over OKLW at 1:30 p.m.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
M. J. Remeln, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00. Youth Service at 8:00. 6:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.

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

## WE HONOR OUR HEROES



## Washington Digest

### Vet Cooperative Provides Homes At Reasonable Cost

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

WASHINGTON. — An congress prepared for the home stretch, some veterans' organizations are promising that lifting the rent and construction controls will start such a rush of construction that every body's housing problem will be solved. Others say that would be the knell to any kind of a veterans' housing program.

Rep. Jesse Wolcott of Michigan, who wrote the bill modifying restrictions passed by the house, told me he believed that the veterans' wanted not priorities, but houses. His bill, he thinks, will make the latter possible. Opponents claim the opposite — that two and a half billion dollars worth of building applications for higher priced construction has been built up as a back-log. With restrictions off, opponents say chances for cheap house-building will go with the wind.

At the writing, the senate has not yet said its say. Meanwhile, some veterans are getting houses on their own. DRAWING FOR HOMES CLIMAXES PROJECT

A few weeks ago in Albuquerque, N. M. a man put his hand into a hat and pulled out a ticket. It happened on a bright sunny Sunday, when the New Mexico Housing Cooperative association held a drawing for the first house completed under its new building program.

There were 58 members of the housing association, who had a chance to move into that first house — the 58 people who were paid-up members. They gathered on the sandy lot where the house stands. There were more than 200 persons, counting sweethearts, wives, kids and friends, attending the drawing.

The lot is on Arrada Avenue in northeast Albuquerque. You can see the desert from there and the purple mountains rising in the distance. The house is a single-story bungalow of Spanish style with a low-pitched roof like so many of the homes you see in the Southwest. It is made of concrete block, covered with white stucco.

The drawing was a gala affair. The people, dressed in their Sunday best, perched on the piles of lumber or sat on the hoods of automobiles to watch the association's president, M. E. Holly, place the 58 slips of paper in his hat. Assistant City Manager Arthur Stanton drew the first name — Duward E. Lee.

There were whistles and shouts of congratulation. By coincidence, the house that Lee had been the first man to put up his money to buy stock when the association was organized. Real poetic justice that he should get the first house.

The drawing continued. All 57 remaining numbers were drawn. The name drawn second was to get the second house completed, to the third name drawn went the third house, and so on.

Soon each association member would have a house similar to the one that Lee had just won. It would have a comfortable five-room bungalow with hardwood floors, steel casement windows and an attached garage. Lee said he couldn't possibly have bought the place if it hadn't been for the coop. It cost him \$6,350, complete with lot.

The New Mexico Housing cooperative association developed from the idea of Veteran Paul Robinson, a rail roaded engineering graduate of the Colorado School of Mines. When Robinson returned from a several year tour of duty with the navy, he couldn't find a home in Albuquerque.

Finally he bought a lot, designed and personally supervised construction of a two-bedroom house. When he had finished, he found he had spent \$14,300 (making allowance for a salary for himself) for a house that compared favorably with what was costing about \$7,000 in the open market.

Robinson thought a veterans' cooperative through which men could build houses for themselves might solve the problem for other veterans. He took this idea to Max Koenig, who operates the local veterans' referral center. Robinson also talked to Virgil Judy, local housing expediter.

The idea clicked. Interested veterans got together; drew up a constitution and by-laws; filed papers of incorporation.

**COMMUNITY AIDS VET ENTERPRISE**

As word got around, the Albuquerque community pitched in to help. A local architect donated his services on the first house and pledged to provide blueprints, floor plans, at a price at special rates for subsequent houses.

A concrete block manufacturer furnished the blocks for one dwelling; a landscaping firm offered to do the landscaping without charge. An awning company contributed the awnings.

Other business firms wished the association well; promised to sell its materials at reduced prices. But the contributions and reduced prices don't apply to any single house. They are to be prorated among all houses so that each sponsoring member will benefit from the savings.

So far the association has the second and third houses almost completed; the fourth about half-finished. In addition there are three houses being built by individual members doing their own work, but getting the materials through the coop at reduced prices, and using cooperative sub-contractors for plumbing and wiring jobs.

Membership has swelled to 75, and because the association feels that a new house in Albuquerque is a real home for rent or sale, eventually, the membership isn't limited to just veterans.

Association operations are flexible. A person may become a member by buying a share of stock for \$100. (This is credited toward his house.) He may buy more than one share of stock if he wishes, although he is not permitted more than one vote.

Each member buys his own lot. (Continued on Page Five)



## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

By GENE ALLEMAN

**LANSING** — The state capital is again sighing with relief. The state legislature, now winding up its fifth month, is due to go home next week.

An adjournment of the legislature is always an occasion for rejoicing by legislators, state officials and legislative agents. This year's event will be more so.

The 1947 session has been distinguished by constant confusion. Although Republicans have been in complete control of both the House and Senate, leadership has been noticeably wobbly and actions have been quite unpredictable. Legislators have confounded everyone by reversing their stands on important measures.

New tax programs have emerged periodically with bewildering and contradictory results. For utter confusion the 1947 session was the worst in 24 years, according to John C. Esple of Eagle, veteran chairman of the important house ways and means committee.

As we look back on this five-month phenomenon, we note several basic reasons why this condition has prevailed and also why legislators should not be criticized. The major sources of revenue have put the state in a financial straitjacket. Who is responsible for this dilemma? Two parties: Pressure groups which have sought special privilege or protection, and the public (you, the voter) which has supported these appeals.

The ear-marking of the gasoline tax and motor vehicle weight tax for highway use is a good example. The 15-mill limitation on real estate tax is another. The latest was the ear-marking of 75 per cent of the sales tax for return to local units of government. We are not disputing the merit of each proposal; we do point out its collective effect.

As Governor Sigler emphasized in his first budget message, state payments to local units of government have gone up 138 million dollars since the sales tax was enacted. In that time the state has saved 30 million dollars more for its own needs.

With very little left to spend, the legislature has had an almost impossible problem to solve. No other state in the nation is in such a bind. The legislators could either raise more money by new taxes or let the state government go into the red. It now appears at the time of adjournment that the legislature has succeeded in doing both!

Action on taxes was stalled for months while the state supreme court weighed the validity of the sales tax diversion amendment. After the court ruled the amendment to be constitutional, the legislature was able to pass the tax bill.

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (May 26, 1922)

The contracts for the construction of the new school house were let Monday evening at a meeting of the school board. Work will be started at an early date as the contracts call for the completion of the whole plant by the middle of August so it will be available for use at the start of the school in the fall.

**Baptist People Reorganize**  
The Baptists have not been a very aggressive body in and about Farmington for a number of years largely for local reasons. The Farmington area has now been included within the efforts of the Detroit Baptist Union. It means that the over 80 Baptist churches and missions within the metropolitan area are now definitely linked up with the program and success of this old church, nearly 100 years old. Reorganization and installation services will be held this Friday evening, May 26, to which the public is cordially invited.

**TEN YEARS AGO (June 9, 1937)**  
Traffic Drive Follows FHS Pupils' Death  
Motorists in the Farmington area are cautioned to observe all speed and motor vehicle laws, in a statement issued by Deputy Sheriff Joe DeVriendt announcing the start of a drive to cut the accident toll resulting in the death of Herbert Merrett, a 16 year old Farmington high school student, over Memorial Day week end added to the spurring number of motor mishaps, and were instrumental in the starting of the drive by DeVriendt.

**Flower Show to be June 12**  
Plans were completed for the annual Flower Show of the Farmington Garden Club at the regular meeting of the club, held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Clarence Johnson. Expert judges from nearby communities will decide the awards. Only a little over a week remains and preparations will necessarily be hurried.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (May 28, 1942)**  
Graduation Arrangements Announced  
Plans for the Commencement programs for the Class of 1942 of Farmington High School were completed and made public this week by Superintendent O. E. Duncanson. Eighty three graduates will receive diplomas at the Commencement Exercises, each one having successfully completed a four year Academic, Commercial, Homemaking or Industrial Arts course. Commencement will be held on Thursday evening, June 4, at eight o'clock in the Auditorium.

**School Principals Accept Position at Bomber Plant**  
Robert Stewart, who has been principal of the Farmington Elementary and Junior High School for the past five years, will leave his teaching duties here at the end of the school year. Mr. Stewart came to Farmington in 1937, and since that time has been a familiar figure in local activity. He is leaving Farmington to take a position in the Willow Run Bomber plant at Ypsilanti.

## "They fought for us"

A MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE . . .

OUR fighting men, and the women who shared many dangers with them, did not want to go to war. They loved peace. But they also loved America. So they put themselves between us and threatened danger.

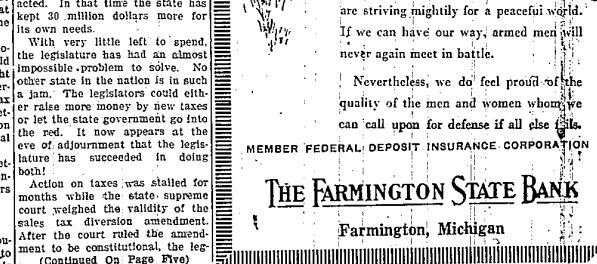
Today, our statesmen and our people are striving mightily for a peaceful world. If we can have our way, armed men will never again meet in battle.

Nevertheless, we do feel proud of the quality of the men and women whom we can call upon for defense if all else fails.

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