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## EDITORIALS

### Ask Yourself . . .

this question — "What do Farmington's schools mean to me?" Go ahead, ask yourself — take a few seconds and sincerely think about it.

Farmington's biggest business — your business! Schools created for your children, financed with your money, operated by men elected by you. Is it worth a few seconds of thought?

Your schools will be just as good as you make them. The kind of education your children get — the facilities they have to work with — the level they attain in life is to a large extent dependent upon your schools. Is this of importance to you?

Why do some communities have outstanding educational systems while others have only mediocre ones? Is it because of size — is it because of money — is it because of administration? The answer to all three is yes, to some extent. But most important of all, it takes community interest and active participation. Small towns have good schools — poor towns have good schools — but disinterested towns never can or never will have good schools.

Farmington has good schools — but there is not a school board member, an administrator or a teacher who can not see ways of making them better. That's progressive thinking. Not one forward step can be taken, however, without the increased interest of the people of Farmington.

What can you do? Vote Monday, July 14th! Attend and participate in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Town Meeting on Thursday evening, July 10. Join your local Parent Teachers Association! Attend your Board of Education meetings! In other words, get active, honestly and conscientiously, in the affairs of your schools.

Your schools are your business!

### Coming Along Together . . .

But where are we going? What's over the hill or around the bend?

All we have to do is to read the signs along the road. Our destination is plain enough if we keep along the path we are now following.

Just stop a second and read this sign. "Governor Sigler asked to consider new State rent control bill." This is just one of a lot of signs we have seen lately.

A long and bitter fight has been waged against government controls. Concentrated efforts over a period of years have resulted in the return to individual initiative. Americans like to think and act for themselves. They don't see progress in a government controlled society — in a socialist reform movement.

But what about the road signs? They are a warning — a warning to those who greedily disregard the responsibility given them. A warning that individual action will last only as long as fair consideration for others is practiced.

Government controls will return and will remain unless those very people who fought to have them eliminated use common sense responsibility. This goes for all controls. Present day practices of taking what you can get on scarcities will only lead to an economic crack-up. It will only lead to permanent controls. It will only add fuel to the cause of the socialist and communist.

It is not a bit too soon to look up and see where we are going — to read the warning signs — to recognize and assume the responsibility that is ours. To practice restraint, and to fight profiteers, who would lead us to ruin.

It is our insurance against social reforms — against communistic revolution. It is our assurance of American progress.

### It Happened . . .

right on schedule. Death cut it's path across the Nation. Just as predicted — twisted splashes that darken a joyous holiday.

Nor will it stop here. Death knows no holiday. No holiday as long as carelessness roams the highways.

Is it necessary? Does it have to be? The answers are up to you. Beat carelessness and live!

## 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  
 I do not know how I could live  
 If there were not this refuge sweet  
 Where I could linger at His feet  
 And let His most sweet healing give.  
**WELCOME**

**FIRST METHODIST**  
 Rev. A. Stanley Stone, 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  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
 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 preaching.  
 Wednesday Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday 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.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
 Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor  
 Sunday Masses: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.  
 Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.  
 Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

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

The Community Methodist Church conducting their services in the Pierson School located at Seven Mile Road east of Farmington Road. Church services and Sunday School classes will be held Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:00. Nursery school for children under three. Everyone is welcome.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
 23701 Cass Avenue  
 Farmington

11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.  
 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting.  
 Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 8:00. Special music and speakers.

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

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Minister Edith M. M. Rd.  
 E. L. Stumpfig, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
 Divine Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
 Lutheran Hour over CKLW at 1:30 p.m.

To Thy temple I repair;  
 I love to worship there  
 When within the veil I meet  
 Christ before the mercy seat.  
 We extend a cordial invitation to all.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
 "The Friendly Church"  
 Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
 Message by the Pastor, "Witnessing in Barnabas".

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.  
 Adult lesson on the sovereignty of God.  
 Junior, Senior, Adult Unions at 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
 Special music, Message, "The First African Christian".  
 Monday, Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Midweek services for juniors, young people, and adults at 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday, Choir rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.



## Washington Digest

### Impartial Groups Attempt Study Of Business Flaws

By BAUKHAUGE  
 News Analyst and Commentator

WASHINGTON — The favorite game in Washington today is a new version of "hotter, button, who's got the button."

Only for "button" read: Depression, recession, shake-down, readjustment or what have you — if you have anything.

Sen. Robert Taft, as chairman of congress joint committee on the economic report, had a questionnaire sent out to a long line of business men. The gist of the report seemed to be that there was going to be a business recession, but it was going to be in the other fellow's business.

Frequently it is too much faith in the other fellow's failings and too little regard for one's own that causes a business failure. This is especially true of small business.

Locating some of these failures and preventing them was the job recently undertaken and reported on by the Committee for Economic Development, a non-government, non-partisan group which makes studies of this nature.

Just as this organization was completing its work, another somewhat similar group was setting a task for itself in the hope of straightening out some of the other links in the business world. This was the National Planning Association, which is out to discover how the many firms which steadily year-in and year-out maintain good relations with their employees and the trick. Both propositions are highly interesting.

**CEA FURNISHES**  
**FAIR REPORTS**

The Committee for Economic Development has for its chairman Paul Hoffman who, in private life, is president of Studebaker corporation. Directing its research and policy studies is Raymond Rubicam, the well-known advertising man.

This organization is highly respected. It has a staff of top-notch research, and its members lean over backwards to be non-partisan. In fact, at a news conference called here to discuss the reports' findings, one reporter pretty cried because he couldn't get Hoffman to comment on the tax situation, one of the hot-spot issues of the moment.

There are two reasons why CEA's latest report (on small business) is significant. One: Like all CEA reports, it represents the cooperative efforts of top men in the highly practical field of business and top men in the field of science-politics.

For first aid treatment of bruises and scratches and after removal of splinters, apply an antiseptic, then a sterile bandage. For puncture wounds—deep lacerations or nail punctures—apply tincture of methiodine, bandage wound and go to a doctor.

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economic: a cooperative effort whose sole purpose is to make America a better place in which to live. There are no axes to grind.

The second reason the report is important to all of us is that today more than ever, in a world of competing ideologies, the perpetration of our democracy, our system, depends upon the fostering of small business.

Although small business needs assistance, that assistance is difficult to proffer, because small business isn't an "it"—it is three and a half million small business men, all highly individualistic; all as independent and hard to influence as a monkey at the top of a coconut palm. And these disunited, sink-or-swim, cock-of-the-walkers make up 98 per cent of the firms operating in this country today.

As the CED report puts it: "Small business is more virile and more durable than might be deduced from the hue and cry heard for many years as to the disadvantages under which it labors. Nonetheless, small businesses are confronted with special problems and difficulties that are very real. It is vital to all business and to all citizens that conditions unfavorable to small business be remedied wherever possible."

The report finds that the problems of the small business man fall into four categories: management, financing, taxes and competitive opportunity. There are very definite ways in which the business man might be helped in solving these problems, particularly the problem of management. The CED report mentions these: Through advice and counsel from his suppliers; through guidance available from the large trade associations; by means of programs initiated by his own community; through special services which could be provided by established counseling and marketing research agencies within the ranks of the small enterprise; more extended research supported by business men and foundations; special courses in universities, colleges and secondary schools, and expansion of the present services offered free by the department of commerce. These are graphically illustrated in the diagram.

**MEETING NEEDS OF BUSINESS**

But the greatest problem is how to place before the highly individualistic, hard-to-get-at small business man the facts, both as to his needs and how to satisfy them. That is up to the individuals in each community who will take enough interest to read the report (available without charge from the Committee for Economic Development, 285 Madison Avenue, New York City) and bring it to the attention of the local business men's clubs, chambers of commerce and similar groups.

The other proposition which is in the making, and which likewise has a purely objective aim, is being carried on by the National Planning Association, which is also a non-political, non-profit organization. The NPA states as its purpose: "Planning by Americans."

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By GENE ALLEMAN

What makes a vacation trip to Michigan memorable?

As likely as not, it will be the memory of Michigan hospitality — the warmth of friendship which Michigan people extend to strangers.

This thought was emphasized to me the other day. Meredith Clark, editor of the Tekonsha Patriot, a weekly newspaper at Tekonsha in Branch county, told me this story:

"My wife and I drove to Traverse City for the summer convention of the Michigan Press Association. Just before dinner, I discovered I had not packed a tie. It was about 6:30 p.m. then, and clothing stores were closed. Finally, I went to Wright's drug store and told the proprietor my dilemma. 'Do you know of a place where I can buy a tie?' The merchant noticed my convention badge. His face brightened. 'Here take my tie!' he exclaimed, whipping off his tie and putting it into my hands. I wore this man's tie Friday night and returned it to him the next morning. Here was a real test of hospitality. I'll never forget Traverse City."

Baby carriages are common on college campuses today.

The American Legion sponsored a Boys State at Michigan State College the other week. The boys from towns all over the state assembled to study how government operates. They were housed in student barracks.

Morning assembly was at 6:30 a.m. Someone had the bright idea of sounding off a bugle for first call. He blew it long and loud.

From tracks in the veterans' village nearby, came a chorus of howling babies.

The next morning: No bugle. College babies had the right of way!

Frank Morris, Lansing correspondent of the Detroit Times: "Secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr. is being groomed to succeed Sirle after second term. A novice of politics, Alger has been surprisingly successful in quietly accomplishing objectives for the good of the state without stepping on toes."

Clarence W. Lock, deputy revenue commissioner, predicts that an amendment to the sales tax law may save Michigan farmers and owners of farms \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 a year. New exemptions were authorized by the 1947 legislature in purchases by persons "having an interest in tillage of soil or raising of livestock and poultry" for such things as clothing, household appliances, and other products. Buyers must sign statements as to intended use.

From my notebook: Communism thrives on low living standards and a weakened middle class. (Continued on Page Right)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (July 7, 1922)

The stockholders' dinner, given at the M. E. church rooms on Friday evening last, under the direction of the Peoples' State Bank of this village proved one of the most delightful functions of the summer. More than 100 persons responded to the generous invitations extended and they formed a merry family. The Peoples' State Bank opened for business on February 16, 1918, with a capital of \$20,000.00. The growth of the bank was steady and upward and the institution has been a decided factor in the growth of this community. There are 125 stockholders and the total resource of the bank has reached a sum in excess of \$400,000.00 at the present time.

Mrs. Louise Lapham, beloved wife of P. F. Lapham, of Fladmark, South Dakota, was laid to rest in the Farmington cemetery Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. H. H. Ford of the First Baptist church officiated.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 15, 1937)  
 "Bottleneck" Ties up Grand River Traffic  
 The Sheriff, with the aid of State Police Trooper, worked three hours Sunday afternoon to unsmother the mass of cars which choked Grand River Avenue, halting traffic for miles on roads leading to Farmington and resulting in a number of rear-end collisions. The Sheriff stated the tie-up was due directly to the "bottleneck" at the west end of the city — the spot on Grand River Avenue where the pavement narrows to 30 feet.

Band Receives \$100 Donation from League  
 Receipt of a donation of \$100 to the band has been announced by Director Ralph Banta. The donation was made by the St. John's Day League in appreciation of a concert played by the band at the Twelfth held recently by that organization at Jefferson Beach. The money is to go into the instrument fund of the band, according to Director Banta.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 9, 1942)  
 History repeats in the case of Harrison Johnson. Back in 1925 Mr. Johnson was a member of the City Commission, and was Commissioner of Public Works, as he now is, following his election to the vacancy on the Commission Wednesday night. Back in those days however, the post was known as Commissioner of Streets and Police. Our Police Department today has graduated from the Public Works Department. How times change!

Schools Retain Sports Program  
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