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EDITORIALS

Brass Tacks . . .

and getting right down to where they are, is not always the easiest thing in the world. But when it comes to voting, to spending money, to building schools, people want facts.

Too often this getting down to brass tacks is shrouded in mist. We can't see the facts for the clouds — we have to guess. But when Farmington voters go to the polls next month, there should be no need for guessing. The facts are right here, not in Lansing or Washington, or anywhere else. They are available; in fact, they should be well known already to every resident, every voter of the Farmington Township School District.

These are the facts: Farmington's school system is now and has been for some time, faced with a serious classroom shortage. This has necessitated the use of basement rooms, the use of temporary rooms in the Methodist Church, the transporting of children from one area to another. This shortage of rooms has hindered the education of Farmington's boys and girls.

These are the facts: The entire Farmington area is growing. More children are entering the Farmington Schools every day, particularly in the lower grades. All this in the face of a scarcity of homes and the shortage of building materials.

It is Farmington's responsibility to see that these children have the kind of education they need and deserve. No one else will or should give it to us. Farmington must, if it is to insure proper and uninterrupted education for its children, if it is to progressively grow, if it is to take pride in its personal advancement, provide for proper facilities.

Register if you are eligible and are not already registered. Study the facts and vote. Farmington needs schools — you and you alone can get them.

The Old Duster . . .

is still stirring up a cloud in the old capitol dome as Governor Sigler goes about his house cleaning.

Indications are that it may be some time before the atmosphere clears again. This isn't the first time Sigler has swung the old duster around and it probably won't be the last.

Sigler is a conscientious housekeeper. It was on this one virtue more than any other that he won the votes of the people of Michigan. However, his sudden spurts with the duster have been met with mixed reactions by many. There have been investigations, startling flashes, then lapse into inactivity.

The latest blast into the Corrections Commission, and prison corruption, has stirred up such a cloud that it will take a long time to settle down. Corruption and inefficiency are what the people want to eliminate in Michigan. Sigler is doing that.

However, little can be done constructively to eliminate the old duster until Michigan goes modern. The maze of bureaus, commissions and other gadgets only catch dust and make the duster almost a necessity if the house is to be kept presentable.

Some work is being done on this modernization or streamlining of Michigan's government. However, little has come forth yet. In the meantime the state's payroll increases, confusion mounts, and corruption continues. This modernization can't be accomplished in one fell swoop. But gradual steps can be taken by the legislature and the people to start the old duster on its way out.

The State of Michigan has been hampered for many years by a horse and buggy governmental organization. Governors for some time have attempted in one way or another to eliminate red tape, cut unnecessary state employees and reduce the state's payroll. All has been in vain due to the complicated combination of departments, bureaus and commissions.

Radical changes should be made to simplify and clear up this situation. Now is as good a time to start as any. Not a chucking out of the entire state structure, but a methodical step-by-step modernization plan. A swapping program of automobiles for horses and vacuum cleaners for dusters.

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
To 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

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Third Grade up, 11:00 a.m. Below Third Grade.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
11:00 a.m. 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.
Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Service on Wednesday evening 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 Service, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 9 p.m.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Taylor, Pastor
Services held in Pierson School
Seven Mile, East of Farmington Rd.

The Community Methodist Church is 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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
Farmington

11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial 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, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

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

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. The Pastor will bring a message from the Book of Acts.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. International lesson, "Building Christian Character."
Youth Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 p.m.
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Special music, and message by the Pastor.

Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 3 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7:00 p.m. World Wide Guilds at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek services at 8 p.m.
Thursday, Alice McDonald Mission Circle at 10:30 a.m. Harvest Festival with prepared luncheon at noon.
Friday, Adult Choir Rehearsal at 8 p.m.


STARK GOSPEL MISSION
9598 Laurel Road
Corner of Laurel and Pine Tree Rd.

Sunday service and Sunday school at 1:00.
Church service at 2:00.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m.
This is a cottage prayer meeting. Ladies prayer meeting Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30.
Pastor: Rev. Orville J. Windell.

CRIMINAL !

FIRE HAZARDS

CARELESSNESS



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Truman's Popularity Grows But Party Itself Is Shaky

WASHINGTON. — One Sunday last month, a friend and I watched President Truman unveil a plaque in the Covenant First Presbyterian Church. The occasion was a ceremony establishing the church as a national house of worship for Presbyterians.

Just previously, a wreath had been laid on the nearby statue of John Witherspoon, Presbyterian clergyman, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and one-time president of what is now Princeton University.

"There never was a time," President Truman said, in paying tribute to John Witherspoon, "when we needed more of the backing of those people who believe in the Golden Rule, and who believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ."

The President was, of course, speaking of moral support, but he had reason to be rather cheerful because of another kind of backing which he had just learned he had — the kind measured by Dr. Gallup's polls. Gallup called it "one of the most dramatic reversals of political sentiment in history."

On October 16 of last year, the poll reported Democratic party strength at its lowest point in sixteen years. Three weeks later, the survey was confirmed at the polls with election of a Republican congress.

But today, Mr. Truman's popularity is up again. A year ago the score was 53 to 47 in favor of the Republicans; in the last count it was 66 to 44 in favor of the Democrats.

On the question: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mr. Truman is handling his job as President?" the scoreboard said: Approve — 55 per cent. Disapprove — 29 per cent. The rest expressed no opinion.

Much water has flowed over the dam since the two polls were taken. More will flow; and, at any rate, no poll can measure the intangibles facing the Democrats. They have been going through a whole cycle of hopes and fears. The October poll may have been almost as surprising as pleasing to party leaders. They know there must be an end to all things, and it is pretty hard to prove that the stream has not been crossed and that the voters who used, sometimes, to elect Republican presidents, still shudder at the danger of changing horses.

"The one biggest abstract obstacle to the election of the Democratic president is the fact that the Democrats have just been around too long. Undoubtedly the biggest concrete threat is General Eisenhower. When that atomic bomb first threatened to break, the President was on the high seas, but the details were reported to him blow by blow — and it was quite a blow."

Probably the next biggest headache is the internal condition of the party. After long delay and much dissatisfaction, a new national chairman, Sen. Howard McGrath (Dem., R. I.) was selected, and welcomed in most quarters. He has a job cut out for him because the Democratic machine has grown very rusty in the last years, and it is not only rusty which has corrupted.

Nor is it the machine alone that cracks a whip to the Whip Wall. With his constant threat of a third party is a threat to the Democratic party itself. Nobody believes that a third party candidate could possibly be elected as things stand now.

But did you ever see that traffic safety slogan: "Don't try to guess what a child will do?" Democratic leaders are up against the same thing. They don't dare guess what that problem child, Henry Wallace, will do. He is quite capable of going ahead and starting a third party with the full knowledge that it couldn't accomplish anything but the election of a Republican president.

A third party would have not merely a nuisance-value, but Wallace might dream up a long range scheme of leading a political labor movement like Britain's. After many defeats, that turned into a political party which finally attained power and put a socialist impress on the whole British nation's economy. So the Wallace threat is a very definite one.

And what about the labor vote? It has long been a thorn, iterated by former AFL boss Gompers, and (until passage of the Taft-Hartley law, not) reiterated by his successor, Mr. Green, that there was no such animal.

Franklin Roosevelt claimed there was no labor vote as such. Former Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said there was none, and in those days, there wasn't, despite the existence of the American Labor party in New York City.

I doubt that there is a "labor vote" now, despite the AFL's new "Education and Public Relations" unit, and the CIO-PAC, and their threats to punish supporters of the Taft-Hartley law. As a matter of fact, I understand opposition to the law is cooling, except where fires are being artificially fanned, and old timers tell me it will (a) be modified and (b) be forgotten.

The full congressional election in the eighth Pennsylvania district where such Herculean efforts were put forth to make the bill an issue, didn't prove too much either way.

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Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS



By GENE ALLEMAN

"America will have lost its traditional character if it refuses (fuel and famine) relief under proper auspices," said Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg in an address at the University of Michigan.

"The senator's remarks, favoring additional food and coal for Western Europe, were expressed at Ann Arbor in ceremonies commemorating the Dutch settlement of Michigan 100 years ago.

Simultaneously, and by coincidence, Governor Kim Sigler announced the Michigan Citizens' Food Committee led by Prof. Herman J. Wyngarden, head of the Michigan State College economics department.

Senator Vandenberg added an important "if." We must frankly canvass our own resources lest we impair our own economy and thus vindicate the sinister hopes of those who expect our economic collapse to end all democracy for keeps. . . . We must know the total bill."

Vandenberg declared we should strive for an "unpartisan American foreign policy."

Governor Sigler stressed our patriotic obligation. "It is not a question of whether we agree with the President's program. The President of the United States has asked the people to cooperate. Those responsible should know the food situation in Europe. We in Michigan should, as in the past, do what is necessary to cooperate."

During World War II, more than half a million Michigan young men — and a thousand or so young women — left their homes for military duty. Most of them returned home safely. Some did not.

Our directing military genius, war-time chief of staff at Washington, was General George C. Marshall. Marshall is now secretary of state.

Quoting Secretary Marshall: During this critical period in world affairs, food is a vital factor in our foreign policy. The attitude of Americans towards food can make or break our efforts to achieve peace and security throughout the world."

Why did General Marshall and Senator Vandenberg both stress the importance of food and fuel?

The national citizens' food committee vouchers for the following: Frost, drought and floods in Europe reduced the wheat and rye production in Western Europe by 200 million bushels. The U. S. wheat crop was a record 1,450 million bushels, while our corn yield was down 900 million bushels.

Europe needs 570 million bushels of wheat to tide them over the coming winter. And we have only 470 million bushels at hand for export — 100 million bushels less than are needed.

That's why you are being asked (Continued on Page Eight)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (November 10, 1922)

F. H. S. Defeats Ypsilanti

Farmington High School football team defeated Ypsilanti Normal High School Friday, November 3, with the score of 41 to 0. This was the last home game. There was a great deal of improvement shown from the game of last Friday at Redford, both in offensive and defensive work.

Again Making Cheese

The Warner Cheese Co. started up their factory at this city last week and are again turning out cheese there for the first time in several years. Heretofore all cheese has been made at the company's several plants located at various points in the Thumb district, while the factory here has been used for skimming milk for butterfat.

TEN YEARS AGO (November 18, 1937)

School Band To March Thanksgiving Day

The Farmington High School Band under the direction of Ralph Banta, has again been invited to march in the J. L. Hudson Co. parade on Thanksgiving Day. This is the seventh time that the band has participated in Hudson's annual parade.

"Dancing Baileys" To Open Dancing School

The "Dancing Baileys," well known in the Farmington area as well as at Northville where they make their home, may soon open a dancing school in Farmington. According to Mr. Bailey a number of Farmington people have shown a willingness to open such a school in this city and should enough people become interested it is planned to open regular classes in the new music building of the Farmington School District at Grand River and School Street.

FIVE YEARS AGO (November 12, 1942)

Meeting of the Farmington City Commission

Members of the Farmington City Commission held their regular meeting Wednesday evening at the City Hall. Present were Commissioners Hulett, Bagnall, Hinger, Nacker and Johnson. The resignation of Kenneth E. Griffith was read and accepted. Mr. Griffith, a major in the Army Air Corps, has been called for active service. A letter from John Hunt, chairman of the salvage committee, was read and placed on record. Mr. Hunt reported that approximately 150 tons of scrap had been collected.

Blue Star Mothers Ask For Addresses

The Blue Star Mothers of America will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Allen Nelson November 19. Plans for some Christmas boxes and cards will be made. The Mothers ask the cooperation of all people in the City and Township of Farmington to please furnish them with the addresses of all service men.


I've Lost My Wallet!

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