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## EDITORIALS

### Rolling Along . . .

and how — thrills, chills and sometimes spills. Sounds like a big car race placard. But you don't have to go far or pay out at the box office to see such a race. It goes on every day on the Grand River Cut-Off.

Just take a little trip down that way if you haven't already, and watch the cars roll by. Ask the people who live on it, drive on it or the fellow who tries to cross it. Concerted efforts have been made to try and get a regulation stop and go traffic light at the intersection of the Cut-Off and Farmington Road. This would both tend to regulate the speed of traffic on the Cut-Off and give those on Farmington Road a reasonably safe chance to cross. Efforts have also been made to enforce speed limits on the Cut-Off. These efforts, to date, have been in vain. In the meantime minor accidents and near misses continue to plague this strip of highway. The various state agencies that have jurisdiction over this situation are not without their problems. Lack of materials, man power and heavy demands being brought against them daily, apparently make the Farmington Grand River Cut-Off situation a minor one in their books.

Fortunately major traffic accidents have not piled up an impressively shocking toll. However, this section of U.S. 16 has seen death. It has seen scores of minor accidents and near misses that escaped death by inches.

Regardless of these facts, this situation is a serious one. Grand River Cut-Off should not and must not be a speed trap, but it should not be a speedway. There is a very happy medium and definite action by the proper authorities should be taken before an appalling death toll forces it into reality.

### Your Back Yard . . .

is your domain — use it. Farmington is your own back yard and if it doesn't look so green, look again. Before you look at the other fellow's yard, look over your own.

Farmington should be your first shopping center. Especially this Christmas. Your home town merchants are loaded with gift suggestions just for you. They're your neighbors and they are making a special effort to serve you better. It's fun to shop in your home town. It's fun because it's so easy — it's fun because everyone is so friendly.

Christmas is almost here — time is growing short — shop in friendly Farmington. You will be amazed at the merchandise, the values and the service.

Support your own home town, your merchants, your neighbors. Shop the friendly, easy way. Save time and money — shop in Farmington.

### Not A Brass Band . . .

or even a welcome mat showed up along Communist Gerhard Eisler's path as he wandered around Michigan looking for an enclosed automatic, heated soap box to climb up on.

In fact by the end of last week he had become convinced that Michigan had no red gilded welcome mats. Nor did they intend to get any. Eisler had gotten a flat no, and a rather heavy boot from Michigan State College and the University of Michigan.

However, just when it looked like he would stomp off to some redder pasture, a few of his young prodigies scared up a soap box and gathered around to hear the tirade. "This slam door treatment is nothing new to Eisler. Michigan is not the first to leave Red Eisler on the knocker side of the door. But the important thing is that Michigan is one of the many who would prefer Eisler outside, far outside.

Freedom of speech, of press, was created and recorded by lovers of Democracy. It was designed for democratic thinking people. It was never intended as a loop hole tool in the hands of those who would overthrow that democracy. Freedom in America is for Americans who love their country, recognize their responsibilities and believe in God and trust their fellow men.

## 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 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 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.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cambridge and Grand River  
Farmington, Michigan  
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Morning service at 11:15 a.m. Pastor preaching the sermon theme, "The Song of The Angels!" All four choirs will sing.

Evening Services at 7:30. The Senior Choir presents a cantata, "The Wonder Child." All music of the church is under the direction of Miss Wilma Hood.

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. Scott Green, 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, 7 p.m.

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

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.  
Divine worship at 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour over CKLW at 12:30 p.m.

Mid-week Advent service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
Christmas party for couples this Friday at 8 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN 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. Remmel, Pastor

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

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

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

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. White Glits offering for the Baptist Children's Home. Preaching theme, "No Room for the Child."

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Lesson, "The Prince of Peace."  
Youth Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.  
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Special solo and choral music. Message, "Mary, the Mother of the Messiah."

Tuesday, Annual Christmas Program by members of the Sunday School at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.

**STARK GOSPEL MISSION**  
958 Laurel Road  
Corner of Laurel and Pine Tree Rd.  
1 Block South of Plymouth Road,  
1 Block West of Stark

Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.  
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.

**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.

**Father of United Nations**  
William Penn, in a sense, founded the United Nations, working out in great detail an international organization to outlaw war and settle disputes by a general world government.

## GETTING LATE!



## Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

### Backers Say UMT Needed To Bolster Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON. — As the foreign ministers' conference plodded along in London, American delegates along in London, American delegates found himself reaching for one document to support his cause, that wasn't there. If it had been there he would have had concrete proof to place before the world that America is not engaged in the well-known game of bluff.

It is why, shortly after the second session of the 80th congress opens in January, you will see and hear a lot more about universal military training than you did before. The President, as requested by the American Legion, is expected to proclaim a UMT week, (January 6 through 12), and to order the American Legion, through the propaganda on the part of the government departments because the administration, especially the war department, is going to lean over backwards to avoid the charges of trying to influence congress, they will do whatever they can within their prescribed limits.

But there will be a concerted UMT drive from many private organizations. The American Legion is concentrating on that one issue and its commander, James F. O'Neill, has publicly stated that he is going to give his whole time to it.

The VPW and other veterans' organizations will fall in line. More important perhaps, will be the active participation of the powerful national security committee headed by former Justice of the Supreme Court Owen J. Roberts. This committee, formed about two months ago, is an offshoot of an earlier citizens' committee headed by Justice Roberts which unsuccessfully urged passage of a universal military training bill through the last session of congress. Like the earlier group, the purpose of this national security committee, composed of veterans' groups like the Legion and VPW as well as the national chamber of commerce, Rotary clubs and the League of Women Voters, is to coordinate efforts

to get universal training enacted into law. The interesting thing about the renewed drive for military training, as the men who have negotiated American foreign policy interpret it, is that UMT's military function is secondary. Let me explain it this way:

Granted that the Kremlin policy is a long-range plan of active aggression whose most immediate goal is to get control over as many nations or as much disputed territory as possible, and absorption of control over Germany as its chief goal.

Granted that communism in Europe at this writing is on the defensive and will be even more so if the European recovery plan succeeds. Meanwhile, the Russians will take every step short of war.

Granted that Russia does not wish to fight a war at present. Russia knows we know that. But Russia knows that we not only do not want war, she also knows WE COULD NOT FIGHT ONE, not only because we have only a handful of troops on the continent (a force greatly outnumbered by the Red Army) but because we are woefully unprepared.

Therefore, the Russians know they can go much further in their "cold war" than they otherwise could. They can play their obstructionist game in the foreign ministers' conference, and in the United Nations, carry on active propaganda against us along the periphery of their satellites and even ACTIVELY aid some forces within our satellite border states as they are doing in Greece.

The Russians feel they can take this course because they believe that the American people themselves will not back any threat to their (Soviet) aggression, nor, they think, will America support any step to strengthen the military machine of the United States.

That is the reason the hand of our policy makers would be greatly strengthened if universal military training were established here because it would show that America is really backing its diplomats.

Russia does not want war. (I repeat that because it is a known fact). She is confidently waiting a later date when (she hopes) we will have been ruined by an economic collapse and a left-wing government will come into power. (Whatever). The constant charges of warmongering on the part of the Russians are believed to be an effort to discourage attempts to strengthen the American opposition to our military defense.

Of course, the argument that a strong military organization prevents war because it reduces the chance of attack is an old one. But under the peculiar international situation which exists today, it is probably more nearly true than ever before in history.

Whether or not a bill authorizing universal military training is passed at the coming session depends on whether the people believe this. (Continued on Page Five)



By GENE ALLEMAN

"Good times" are due to continue in 1948. A 5 to 8 per cent increase in retail sales is forecast. Rural communities should prosper. Farm prices are likely to stay high, and farmers' buying power will remain strong.

Such is the consensus of government economists and private experts who make a practice of looking into the crystal ball.

As a curb against a further rise in the cost of living, which already is 62.8 per cent higher than it was in 1939, the President's Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board are proposing that Uncle Sam should tighten bank credits. Inflation grows when there are too many dollars, too few goods.

Inability of business and industry to get easy money at banks would apply a brake on plant expansion, building of homes would slacken, and some unemployment would develop.

Hence you may see some dips in the Full Employment Book. Government planners, however, haven't always been right in their planning. Remember those dire predictions about hard times and unemployment after V-J Day? Well, we've had inflation ever since!

An encouraging sign in 1948 is the prospect of labor peace and more production. The Taft-Hartley act of Congress and the Bonine-Tripp labor mediation act of the Michigan legislature are being given credit for a 75 per cent reduction in strikes in the Detroit area alone.

The state act provides that a majority of employees of any plant, not just the officers of the union, must authorize a strike. The state authorizes a special election after efforts at mediation have failed. Mediation begins when the union files a notice of intent to strike.

More inflation in 1948 is likely to bring increased pressure on the Michigan legislature for new taxes. How to finance public services of government will dominate the special session which is to start in mid-March, 1948, at Lansing. County governments spent 25 per cent more money in 1946 than they did in 1945. Leroy G. Smith, legislative chairman of the Michigan County Road Association, warns that Michigan's highway system faces a complete breakdown unless counties get more money. He would raise more funds by adding two cents to the gasoline tax.

"The court may not direct or control legislative action," reminding of the State Supreme court as it knocked out the legislature's single school district plan for state educational needs. The ruling would divert \$635,000 more to public (Continued on Page Five)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 15, 1922)

Special Election For January 8  
At the last meeting of the common council a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a special election for Monday, January 8, 1923, for the purpose of submitting a bonding proposition to the electors. The amount to be voted on is \$23,500 to be used in constructing new wells, extending mains and purchase of lands in connection with the water system.

Red Cross Fund \$268

The committee having in charge the work of soliciting membership fees for the Red Cross have completed their work and are well pleased with the response to the call made by the citizens of Farmington. A total of \$253 was collected, which exceeds the amount secured last year by \$103. The \$268 paid in was for annual membership fees with the exception of \$5 contributing and \$10 sustaining payments.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 23, 1917)

Goodfellow Fund Lags

A last minute appeal to the people of Farmington and vicinity to come forward before Friday night and aid the Goodfellow Fund was made Thursday morning by Farmington Goodfellows, through their chairman, Judge John J. Schulte. Contributions of money, food and clothing have lagged far behind those of previous years, and with the need far more than a year ago, indications are that the charitable undertaking may have serious difficulty meeting its requirements unless there is a last minute rush of assistance.

City Men Show Modern Spirit

Motorists and business men might have been seriously handicapped, had it not been for the work of six men, toiling much of Thursday and Friday nights to clear the curbs of snow for parking. They loaded up and hauled away 50 loads of the heavy stuff, each load comprising five yards, a total of 250 yards. Morning found the business section of the town clear of snow for drivers to park.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 17, 1942)

Records Show Sharp Decline In Traffic

With the advent of gasoline rationing in December 1, state trunk line traffic dropped 35.7 per cent in one day according to a state highway department report compiled this week. Traffic throughout the state on December 1, averaged 43.8 per cent lower than the corresponding day last year.

A Stocking Record

We notice Detroit papers gave space to a woman who turned in a bushel of old stockings, to the salvage drive. Farmington can do just as well, for over at Cook's Store, they received a whole bushel of old stockings, too. Remember, ladies, the silk and nylon in worn-out hosiery is valuable — save it until you have enough to turn in. High School girls plan to make a collection soon and they'll be asking for yours.

**HEY! WHERE'S THE FIRE?**

**THERE'S NO FIRE. I'M HEADED FOR THE BANK TO JOIN THE NEW CHRISTMAS CLUB**

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	150.00
	250.00

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