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## EDITORIALS

### Oil Is Flowing . . .

in Southeastern Michigan again, but it took ten months and 30 cents an hour to do it.

The Striking union finally pulled it's thumb from the Pure Oil Company pipe lines but only after it got what it wanted, namely wage increases and overtime premiums. They got what they wanted but the fellow on the dry end of the pipe line just waited and shivered.

Just what will happen to the price of oil no one has ventured to guess. There are too many people who are interested in getting warm right now. But one thing is sure, this situation isn't going to bring the price down.

In spite of the one thousand and one different methods now being employed in the field of economics, higher wages don't spell lower prices. And strikes don't bring higher production or an end to shortages. These are facts, no matter how many columns you may have in the ledger.

Unions point to high profits as justification for wage increases. How much of that profit is profit? How much is going into new equipment, easier methods, greater production, expansion, employee job insurance for the day when wages, employment and profits nosedive?

Or have these facts been lost in the modern theory of more money for less work? It's a point worth thinking about. It is just plain middle of the road economics, plus a little history and common sense.

Besides it always seems a little strange when a few can stick their thumbs in a pipe line and bring inconvenience, even suffering, to so many.

### Good Business . . .

as far as a community is concerned is service to it's residents.

Farmington has long needed the service of adequate parking facilities. It is encouraging to learn that the City Commission is going to work on the problem. It's good business because it's service.

Numerous plans have been adopted by cities throughout the state to solve the ever present parking problem. Regardless of the plan, free parking space in Farmington should be secured for the benefit of its community residents and for the encouragement of new business. It deserves the support of every business man and every person in the Farmington community.

This is a community project. It should be encouraged and pushed until it is a reality. The progress and growth of Farmington depends to a large extent upon the service and convenience it extends. Farmington must meet the challenge of other progressive communities. All the people in the Farmington trading area must work together for the community. It's the modern progressive spirit that gets things done.

There is no better time to start that cooperative spirit than right now. There is no better project than service and adequate parking facilities will provide a service.

In fact, tomorrow may be too late — because other communities are already at work. Let's work together — let's help the City — let's get parking facilities for Farmington.

### Another Splash . . .

sent ripples across the political pond last week, as Governor Thomas E. Dewey announced he would accept the Republican nomination for the presidency, if given the opportunity.

Dewey's statement was not exactly a surprise, but it did set the pond churning. Because if Dewey gets the nomination again it will be one of those unusuals — a man carrying the standard twice in succession.

At any rate it gives the Republicans another candidate to whom for, and sets a few more wheels in motion. What with President Truman, Henry Wallace and his third party, and the growing field of Republican aspirants, it looks like the lowly voter will have his hands full from now until November.

## Churches

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
The Church at 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, 8:30 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  
If 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.

**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, 8:30 p.m., Sunday.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

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

Morning service at 11:15 a.m.  
Evening services at 7:30 p.m.  
All music of the church is under the direction of Miss Wilma Hood.

**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.

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

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

A mid-week Bible hour is held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Mixed choir meets on Wednesday at 8 p.m.  
Children's instruction class on Saturday at 9 a.m.

An adult membership class will meet on Tuesday evenings. All who are interested are invited to contact the pastor.

**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. Remelin, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour, 10:30, 12:30, 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.

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

**STARK GOSPEL MISSION**  
9558 Laurel Road  
Corner of Laurel and Pine Tree Rd.  
Block South of Plymouth Road,  
1 Block West of Stark

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.

**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.

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

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 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. Douglas Tapp, Pastor  
Services held at Pierson School  
Seven Mile, East of Farmington Rd.

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

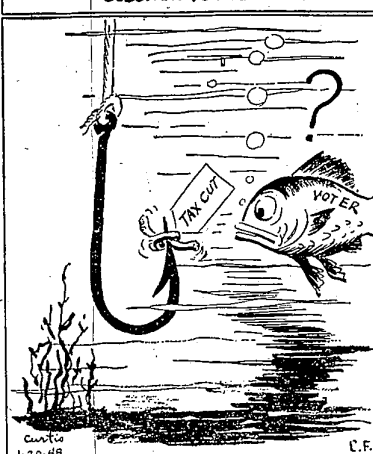
Church services and Sunday School classes will be held simultaneously from 10:00 to 11:00. Nursery school for children under three. Everyone is welcome.

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

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. service in charge of the "Northern Messengers", team of students from Northern Baptist Seminary.

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Lesson.

## ELECTION YEAR BAIT



By GENE ALLEMAN

Across the street from the towering General Motors building in Detroit is a billboard. It reads like this:

Chrysler and GM (General Motors) can reduce car prices \$150 and still make 8 per cent profit. Now they make 20 per cent.

Who is saying this with such emphatic finality?

The employees of these Detroit automobile plants through their collective bargaining agency, the United Automobile Workers' C.I.O. union!

Here is a 1948 symptom of the old, old conflict between capital and labor, between management and employees, over the profits of their combined efforts.

The two viewpoints are far apart. Automotive management has a healthy respect for the efficiency of modern machinery. It borders at times upon worship itself.

We recall how one automobile plant manager said publicly that he could take any Michigan farm boy and in 30 days' time train him to operate the average machine in an automobile plant.

Employees distrust is being agitated by their union leaders who point to corporation record of steady profits.

General motors produced 45.6 per cent of all automobile business in 1946: it was responsible for 35 per cent of all recouperation after V-J Day. Its invested capital is \$1,440,000,000. Its average annual profits over a period of 11 years were \$173,236,232. For 1947-48 the average annual net was \$161,000,000. Between 1946 and 1947 inclusive, GM earned an average of 16.3 per cent on its invested capital.

Little wonder then that a labor official is quoted by John Gunther in his "Inside U.S.A." as saying: GM is the most brilliantly operated company in the world.

Uppermost in the thinking of many automobile company executives is an apprehension over the future of "the American system of free enterprise". This is an free way of referring to competitive capitalism whereby free men have an opportunity of getting ahead by risking dollars for profit.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (January 19, 1923)

Boy Scout Troop Organized Here  
Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, has a Boy Scout Troop well into the work and the enthusiasm shown by the boys who have entered the troop ranks give indication that Farmington will have an organization that will not fade out in its early stages as has been the fate of similar undertakings.

Another Close Call  
The row of frame buildings on the north side of Grand River Avenue had another close call Wednesday when the floor in the A & P store was set on fire by coals that fell from a stove. It was at the noon hour and the place was closed. A passerby noticed the blaze and Mr. Staman, the manager, was notified. The fire was put out with little damage.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 27, 1938)  
Catholics To Open School Next Monday  
Everything is ready for the opening of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School of Farmington, located on Grand River and Orchard Lake Road, Monday, January 31. More than 150 pupils are expected to attend the opening day session of the Parochial school which will serve students from the first to the eighth grades, inclusive. Approximately 50 pupils now attending Farmington School are expected to attend the new school, Robert Burns, Superintendent of Schools, said this week.

Third Rural Mail Route Starts March 1  
Better mail service was inaugurated for people living in the rural districts near the City of Farmington this week, with the announcement of a third rural route by Postmaster Norman C. Lee. Service will begin March 1. The new route will insure earlier delivery on all routes, especially on Route Two, which has 1,100 boxes at the present time.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 21, 1943)  
Men's Club Votes To Limit Meetings  
The Men's Club of the Farmington Methodist Church held their last meeting on Tuesday evening, January 19. They voted to have but one meeting a month for the duration, rather than the two meetings they have held in the past. Gym classes will be held for the Men's Club on the first and second Tuesdays of each month at the High School Gymnasium, under the leadership of Robert Chapman and H. J. Strobel. Volley ball, badminton, and ping pong as well as other games will be played.

John Hunt Awarded High Honor  
The Silver Beaver award for 1942, an award made by the National Council of Boy Scouts, was made to John W. Hunt on Thursday evening, January 21, 1943. As neighborhood scout commissioner for the Clinton Valley Council, Mr. Hunt showed dynamic leadership and gave exceptional service in organizing Cubbing, Scouting and Sea Scouting as well as fine leadership in a number of other activities.

Using an Old Leader  
A leader is no longer useful when it gets down to a foot or two in length, but that is no reason for throwing it away. The leader fragment, if still in good condition, can be cut into odd lengths and used for hook mends.

Lures for Walleyes  
Because walleyed pike are deep feeders and live in the mud, streamers are effective artificial lures. But the fly rod should be of the bass weight. A stout leader is recommended.

Old Government Building  
Oldest government building in the United States is not in Washington—it is the place of the Governors at Santa Fe, N. M.

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