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EDITORIALS

Farmington Could Have . . .

a fruit bowl, but more important, it could and should be the heart of Michigan's apple belt.

No one knows better than the people of the Farmington area, the quality of apples our fruit growers produce. In fact that is the trouble, not enough know beyond the sound of our voice. Yet we hear and read in glowing terms about the wonders of Washington apples. In Farmington at least we know that you can't top a Michigan grown apple, especially a Farmington grown one.

Unfortunately, not enough of our neighbors know it. They're missing the finest apple they ever ate, and we're missing a valuable market. This very point has been discussed in meetings, farm groups, civic leaders. In fact, Governor Sigler made quite a point of it during his early days in office.

Some progress along the line of promoting Michigan as an agricultural state has been made. Farm associations and Cooperatives have done some remarkable work along the lines of packaging and marketing. The job can not be done overnight, but it can be done. A greater effort should be made in the interest of the individual farmer and the State.

That effort should be continued, encouraged and developed until Farmington, Oakland County and Michigan become as much a part of the word "apple" as Washington has.

Nor should this effort be confined to apples or fruit — it should include potatoes, beans, celery and other farm produce that Michigan excels in. It is no more than a job of selling and selling a quality product is easy. But it does take organization, attractive packaging, and advertising.

Farmington fruit growers have an excellent opportunity to set the pace. They have a quality product, they have a ready local market. By banding together, by promoting and advertising their produce as "Farmington grown" and "Michigan grown", by encouraging their state association to do the same, they can make Michigan apples "the apples". They can encourage the return of "Michigan Days", the promotion of Michigan produce in Michigan.

They can build for themselves an ever expanding market, they can bring progress to Farmington and Michigan, and quality farm produce to the world.

Put Your Little Foot . . .

right down, with music, is the new theme song of the 80th Congress.

In one of the verses, the words "but gently" are added. In other words, Congress is putting its little foot down, but gently. It all has to do with the year. Not that it's leap year, but that it's votin' year. And Congress is going easy lest they lose a friend.

As the months get shorter, as time begins to run out, more and more "freezing the ball" is in evidence. Of course when a sure shot comes along, like decreasing taxes, then both teams are right down under the basket.

But, generally speaking, from here on in, most of the ball handlers will be watching the clock. They will be holding back their super-duper, razzle-dazzle shots for the next game.

In the meantime a lot of vital, yet highly controversial legislation will have to wait. All because votes are what count in '48. And yet it isn't all as bad as it sounds. In fact an alert Congress is a democratic Congress, especially when it is as conscious as it is of the people.

Very often more is accomplished in the interest of the people in an election year than otherwise. The only unfortunate thing is that many of the necessary bills that need threshing out never get threshed because of the political angles. One such instance before the present Congress is the universal military training question.

At any rate, things will be slow and careful down Washington way until after November, and every little foot that's put down will be put down gently.

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.
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
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.
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
Elaine 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
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, 7 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Midland at Eight Mile Rd.
E. L. Stumpfing, Pastor

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

Beginning Wednesday, February 11, mid-week Lenten services will be held every week at 7:30 p.m. All are cordially invited to hear the wonderful message of Jesus and the meaning of His death and resurrection. Choir meets after Lenten services.

Instruction class for children Saturday at 9 a.m.
Adult membership class Tuesday at 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
Farmington

11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School.

8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonies Meeting.

Reading Room hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Reinlein, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:30 (no service) and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.

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

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSOCIATION
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: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Toepel, 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.

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

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Message from the Book of Romans, "Good Men Go Wrong".

Sunday School at 11:15 a.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 Housewarming at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 3 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 3:30 p.m. Berean Class social at 18517 Fenton, Detroit, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, World Day of Prayer with sessions from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Family Style Dinner at 6:45. Evangelism discussion groups at 7:30.

Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAUGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Martyr, Emancipator, Myth, Abe is 'Built' Forever

Like everything else in this political year, preparations for Lincoln's birthday in 1948 are chiefly a matter of scrambling through the Great Emancipator's writings to find a text for a highly-partisan outburst. But February 12 is the occasion for more than a barrage of political speeches.

To me Lincoln is real because he and my childhood conception of my grandfather are strangely blended. Both, like Merle's Camelot, are built forever because, to me, they never were built at all — they were myth rather than fact — a myth of my own making, but handed down through two generations.

My mother, as a little child, "saw Lincoln" (like a man "stealing", she thought) as he lay in state in Chicago. My grandmother stood beside her swathed in the heavy mourning veil of the day which she felt perhaps was as much for Lincoln then as it was for her soldier-husband who had given his life in the same cause. To my mother, staring at that coffin in

Chicago, there always remained a confused impression of mourning for the man she thought was not dead but sleeping, and the father she never had seen. Perhaps that feeling was imparted to me.

My mother described the scene to me. It was clearly etched in her memory like the rest of the strange things which she took westward with her widowed mother from a little town in New York state (as a bride, my grandmother had married slowly with her young New York state farm-born husband).

Of course, the memories were blurred and blended, undoubtedly, with the repetition of the event, but the picture was clear, and I only wish I could repeat it in my mother's own words. The train trip west, the arrival in the great city, the crowd about her as she advanced slowly with her mother into the great hall. Then the coffin which she did not know was a coffin for there was no such word in her tiny vocabulary.

The body of the martyred President, as you know, was taken from the East Room of the White House to the capitol where it lay in state. Then it was carried across the country, pausing for homage in several cities until it reached Springfield, Lincoln's home.

I repeated my mother's story after her death as best I could on the air — and there were sequels. Letters — one from a lady in New England for whom the broadcast had awakened memories — "her father had been one of the Union

soldiers chosen to stand guard at the catafalque in Chicago. It might well have been he who lifted my mother.

"There were many other letters. One from the niece of one of Lincoln's cabinet members, William Pitt Fessenden; another enclosing the announcement shown below.

These were two sequels to the story of the little girl and her weeping mother. I think the everlasting sequel can be read again and again in the story of America, as the story of Lincoln is projected far on into history. I think I have seen it in the crowds who came to Washington, avid with guidebook (Continued on Page Eight)



It was a sunny afternoon in July, 1942, I found I had a farm. Well, it was almost that way.

The missus and I were sunning ourselves in the backyard, wishing we were at a Lake Michigan or Lake Huron beach. Lanning is our lake at other places you know.

"How'd you like to have a farm?" she asked suddenly. "Fath-er writes that he would like to make a gift settlement of 100 acres with a good house. You know he doesn't like attorneys."

And that was the way this news paper columnist acquired the responsibility of a farm and all the problems it involved — \$5,500 mortgage, fertility-depleted soil from over corn planting, a head of a barn, a well that went dry, and — well, the list is lengthy. In less than six years I acquired something else — a healthy respect for farm-darers, the people who stake hard-earned money in the gamble of crops and livestock. I learned the importance of soil conservation, if American agriculture is to sustain our domestic economy.

All of this came to mind the other day when H. H. Bennett, chief of the U. S. soil conservation service, spoke during Farmers Week at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

"Around a fourth of the cropland in the United States is being damaged at a critical rapid rate by erosion," he warned. "This is an area estimated at something like 110 to 115 million acres of highly vulnerable cropland, much of which will be permanently damaged and some of it ruined for further cultivation every year. It is cropped without protection."

"We are allowing about 500,000 acres to be so damaged by erosion every year that it cannot be used longer for cultivated crops. The soldiers chosen to stand guard at the catafalque in Chicago. It might well have been he who lifted my mother."

The soldiers who had been chosen for that honored duty were permitted to divide the gold-trimmed drape that covered the coffin, she wrote me, and consigned to me a fragment which I cherish.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (February 2, 1923)
Population of 2,500 is Estimated
In order to give the citizens of Farmington a better idea of the condition of the present water system and of the improvements proposed which have been sanctioned by them, we print the following from the engineer's report, 250 gallons per minute may normally be expected of the new wells for a population of at least 2,500. Wooden mains now in service are in a leaky condition and much water is wasted. The urgency of immediate action is most important.

Consumers Get the Benefit of Milk to Consumers
The Farmington Dairy has dropped the price of milk to consumers to 13 cents per quart and 7 cents per pint. This reduction is made possible by the new policy just put into effect by Mr. Himmelsbach of requiring all dealers to charge the customer with five cents for the bottle at the time of purchase, this amount to be refunded upon the return of the empty bottle.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 3, 1938)
Welfare in Township Shows Gain
An average of two new welfare cases each day since the first of the year has been reported by officials of Farmington Township and its surrounding townships, this week. In the past four months welfare in Farmington Township, from three cases to 45 cases in Novi Township and from 25 cases to 100 cases in Livonia Township, in Wayne County. In Farmington Township the rolls are increasing at a steady rate, but 35 men are now eligible for welfare project work and many will be placed on W.P.A. projects.

Democratic Club Holds Dinner
A dinner will be held by the Democratic Club of Farmington City and Township on Thursday evening at Salem Evangelical Church. The principal speaker at the banquet will be Draper Allen of Birmingham, State Sales Tax Administrator. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Florence Lee, Paul Paré, or other officers.

FIVE YEARS AGO (February 4, 1943)
Area Five Soon Begins Organization
Virgil Campbell, Area Warden of Area Five, called a meeting of his area wardens and a lady from each sector, at his home last Thursday evening at eight o'clock. There was a good turnout, and Mr. Campbell read a paper on a new type of incendiary bomb which calls for additional instructions and precautions to extinguish it.

Organ Recitals are Free to All
The Farmington Kiwanis Club has scheduled the organ recitals they are sponsoring to begin on February 17, at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. Lew Betterly is the organist, and those who are familiar with his playing will know what fine music is in store for those who will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these recitals.

estimated annual cost of erosion in the United States is considerably more than a million dollars." Michigan, has 39 soil conservation districts, comprising approximately 12 million acres, or 65 per cent of the state's cropland and more than one-half of all the farms. For much of this we can thank Michigan State College.

But does it pay a farmer to practice modern soil conservation methods? The answer is emphatically yes. Dividends are in the form of better crop yields, better income.

Federal studies show the average additional income to be \$4.50 per acre for the country as a whole, and \$6.47 more on 257 typical conservation-treated farms in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio and Iowa. Nothing fangle-dangled about that!

We never expect to be smart enough to run a farm. But we do believe, we are smart enough to put a good idea to work. Soil conservation is a practical investment. It is paying dividends for every farmer and farm owner who gives it a chance. It will bring more dollars to the local merchants. It will help to build better communities and a more prosperous Michigan.

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. At least that's the old saying. Your weatherman and your own experience may give you cause either to believe or disbelieve. When it comes to United States Savings Bonds, there is no dispute as to their long-strength quality from start to finish. In fact, savings bonds grow stronger with the passage of time. For every \$18.75 you invest in a savings bond you get back \$35 — a neat profit at the rate of \$1 for every \$2. You invest \$75 and in ten years you've got \$243. Own more U. S. Savings Bonds because U. S. Savings Bonds are SAFE, SOUND, SURE!

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