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## EDITORIALS

### It Can Happen . . .

and right here. The past two weeks particularly have been violent evidence that death on our highways can happen, is happening and you may be next!

U.S. 16 between Farmington and Novi has been the scene the past few weeks, of twisted bodies and smashed automobiles. Death right in our own back yard. To ignore it, to brush it off as just one of those things, is to encourage more death and destruction. Maybe your death.

Driving an automobile is a life and death matter. It is serious business. Lets face it! You can live to drive again if — or you can die if. The "if" is up to you. When you get behind that wheel, yes, before you ever turn the key, think. Ask yourself — "Will I get back?" It may sound silly, but is it? A lot of people would be alive today if they took that minute to think.

There is that "if" again — that "if" that can mean life or death to you. It applies on U.S. 16 between Farmington and Novi or any other highway in this state. If you think, you can live. If you observe the rules of the road, you can live. If you are satisfied with just getting there, not breaking a new speed record, you can live. If you remember there is another car on the road, you can live. If you believe in signs and yellow lines, you can live.

It is as simple as that, and yet what happens? Every day people are killed, laid up in hospitals for months and permanently crippled because they forgot about that little "if".

It can happen here, it is happening here. You may be next unless — you think while you drive.

### Hit The Road . . .

is the slogan of Michigan's politicians this week as the 1948 campaign jumps off.

From now until November 2 aspirants for public office in County, State and National elections will be filling the air with oratory. But the responsibility of good government doesn't stop with charges, counter charges or promises. It never stops, either for the elected official or the eligible voter.

All the good intentions and eloquent speeches of men and women seeking public service are lost unless the public takes it upon themselves to practice democracy. Like any machinery, it will soon get rusty unless used. Voting in a democracy is machinery that can't be lost if we as a nation are to keep off the scrap pile.

Political campaigns are designed to advertise as well as inform the public. You, the individual voter, are the center of attraction. You are the key to real democracy. When you fail to take the time to register, to vote, you are shirking your responsibility as an American.

You have heard people say, "I just can't take the time to vote," or "What difference does it make, my vote doesn't mean anything." What if everyone felt the same way about it? One thing is certain, your vote isn't worth anything when you don't use it.

There are too many people in the world today who have seen what indifference in government can mean. They are sorry now, but it's too late. They are talking to you, they are pleading — practice your free rights. Yes, you and every other individual who enjoys a free vote in their government. They also said "I am too busy" or "What's the use". Their rusty machinery is now on the scrap pile and they're slaves to a new order of dictatorship.

Registration books are now open in the Township and City of Farmington. The primary election will be held September 14. Let's keep our machinery well oiled. It is each individual's responsibility. Don't wait for George to do it — he may be waiting for you.

The only Communists in America that aren't underground are those Joe Stalin put in the zoo, or Congress uprooted with a mole trap.

Inflation is like a balloon — you can't fill it with high wages and throw out working hours and expect the thing to stay on the ground.

## Churches

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. Schulte, 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  
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 He to me speak healing joys.  
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.  
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.

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

Sunday service and Sunday school at 11:00 a.m.  
Church service at 2:00 p.m.  
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.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
M. J. Remelin, 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.  
Message by Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor First Baptist Church.

Solo, Lee Taggart.  
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.  
Classes for everyone.  
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening service at 7:30 p.m.

Message by Rev. Fisher. Special music: piano solo, Dorothy Howard; duet, Shirley Coder and Sharon Andrews.  
Wednesday — Midweek services at 8:00 a.m. Bible Talk by Mr. Nevin Sturman.

**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.

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

Divine services every Sunday at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran Hour over CKLW Sunday noon at 12:30.  
Young People's Fellowship Wednesday evenings.

The Daily Vacation Bible School of St. Paul's Church will open on Monday, August 16th, at 9 a.m. Enrollment will be held in the parish school building, opening devotions in the church. All are assured an interesting and profitable program of Bible study, singing, handicraft, pictures, etc. All children of the community are welcome.

**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 8:30  
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
23701 Cass Avenue  
Farmington

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

## TOO HOT FOR WORK!



## Washington Digest

BY SAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

### Small Woodlots Hold Key To Future Timber Supply

WASHINGTON. — I have just had an interesting conversation with R. E. McAdams of the forest service of the department of agriculture, and I have discovered that I'm one of the people that the United States of America has to look to for its future lumber supply.

My father took up some of the last of the government forest land that was available in the South. That little plot, along with the other privately-owned timber land, straggling over the map of the U. S., makes up three-quarters of all the timber there is in the country. Only one-fourth of our forests are public property.

And three-fourths of this three-fourths is composed of small wood lots which average 60 to 70 acres. Furthermore much of it is not part of a farm being worked by an experienced farmer. A great deal is owned by people who don't live on the wood lot or near it (like me), and many of whom (also like me) wouldn't be able to take a toothpick from a telephone pole if it weren't for their size.

Worse still, many farmers owning woodlots with valuable stands of timber on them don't know how to get their money's worth from that land or how to keep the wood lot or acres contributing to their livelihood as the rest of their farm land does. In other words, growing timber in this country has become almost a lost art.

I am glad to report, after telling you all this bad news, that both the government and the lumber industry are trying to do something about this situation for the good of the individual.

For example, in 1937, the Crossett Lumber company gave the government 1,850 acres of typical second growth stands in southeastern Arkansas. I can't go into the program of experimental work that has been done there, but there is one item that affects our story.

E. R. Reynolds of the forestry service went to work on 40 acres of this area. He did the things any farmer can learn to do to a similar woodlot.

Last year Reynolds reported eight annual cuts which averaged a marketable value of more than \$580 a year, and he had as much volume as when he started!

Of course, everybody has Reynolds' know-how, but the government is helping to spread that know-how through its representatives or through state organizations, who in private enterprise, Florida TEACHES YOUTH FORESTRY FUNDAMENTALS.

Thirteen years ago, Florida, for example, began a forestry training camp for her Future Farmers of America members. On August 1 of this year, some 200 members of the FFA attended a two-week camp at Camp O'Leno, about 60 miles west of Jacksonville, where they were taught, in the forest, the fundamentals of good forest practice.

The first week was for beginners who had no previous forestry background; the second week was for those who had attended a previous camp.

During the first period they were taught fundamentals of gum farming — how to secure naval stores such as turpentine and rosin from slash and long-leaf pines; how to identify the commercially valuable trees and their use; how to farm forests as they farm cotton and other crops; how to protect their woodlots from fire; how to thin their stands of trees by cutting out the crooked, diseased, and other trees to allow the healthy ones room for more rapid growth; how to make seed beds grow tree seedlings.

In the second week, the lads were put through more training in advanced principles with emphasis in the forest. They fought a fire to learn the correct procedure.

They marked trees in a plot, estimated the board footage in a standing tree, cut it down, sawed it into lumber, and measured the lumber as a check against their previous estimates. They were taught how to chip trees in gum farming and how to market the gum.

They were even put through a law enforcement course which stressed fighting the incendiary in the woods. They were shown how to set traps for poachers of game, what evidence to collect and their rights under the law.

Health and recreation are not neglected in these camps, and at the end of the two week period the boys go home enthusiastically, ready to practice on their own woodlands. They take the message to their parents, of course, and make a report.

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## MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS  
By GENE ALLEMAN

**ST. IGNACE** — This Upper Peninsula port, whose historic heritage dates back to 1676 — is just an even century before the Declaration of Independence was written — is celebrating its homecoming and 25th anniversary of the Michigan State Ferry service this week end (August 6-8).

The event has all the trimmings of a modern Michigan festival, so loved by summer tourists. The queen is to be crowned "Miss Straits of Mackinac". Dignitaries are to make speeches, for the record at least. The coast guard cutter, Mackinac, will take blue-inked Friday evening for a buffet dinner cruise, and there will be a moonlight boat ride and dance aboard the S.S. Straits of Mackinac. A swimming race from Island Ignace to Mackinac Island to St. Ignace is another news-making attraction.

And finally, the Cut River bridge — long under construction west of St. Ignace on U. S. 2 — is to be officially opened Sunday by Governor Kim Sigler, Highway Commissioner Charles M. Zeigler, and Congressman Charles E. Potter.

All these characteristics of a Michigan holiday serve to emphasize an interesting point, as we see it. More than any other one thing, Michigan is unique as a summer tourist playground because of its Great Lakes, its many miles of shoreline, and its abundance of big water.

The St. Lawrence waterway, plus the Great Lakes, made possible the founding of St. Ignace in 1676 by Father Marquette, a Jesuit mission to the French selected Port St. Ignace as a site for Fort Michillimackinac — a fact usually forgotten by travelers who visit the reconstructed fort at Mackinac City. It was 1712 that the French fort was moved to the south side of the Straits, across from St. Ignace. The threat of George Rogers Clark, after the Revolutionary War when the British contested for possession of the North West, prompted the Redcoats to move the fort in 1759 to Mackinac Island.

The beginnings of Mackinac, a name originally given to the country bordering on the straits, were at Point St. Ignace on the Upper Peninsula site.

St. Ignace is verily a real "whistle stop". The ferry boats whistle, coming and going. Economic life of the community is linked vitally to the flow of commerce across the Straits. It is a lively place.

During warm summer months the lines of automobiles grow long, as Mid-West visitors patiently await arrival and loading of the next ferry boat. In the Fall the deer hunters, laden with guns and equipment.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO** (August 10, 1923)  
Farmington Relatives Attend Funeral At Marion, Ohio, where Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding left Wednesday for Marion, Ohio, where they will attend the funeral on Friday of Mr. Harding's cousin, Warren G. Harding. Harry Harding of this city is the son of Charles P. Harding, a cousin of the late Warren G. Harding, making him first cousin once removed of the late president. Charles P. Harding, father of Harry, died many years ago when the latter was a small boy. At that time the family resided in Ohio.

**Good Water And Plenty Of It**  
Farmington is now supplied with water and water the abundance, purity and coolness of which is equal to that to be found anywhere. The three new wells drilled in October and November of last year have produced since May 6, last, 15,524,700 gallons. The village is now using water at the rate of 200,000 gallons a day and the supply is sufficient to allow everyone all the water needed.

**TEN YEARS AGO** (August 11, 1938)  
Property Lines Cause Concern  
Various property owners are showing concern over lot lines. Some of these appeared before the City Commission Monday night in an effort to have their affairs untangled, but in most cases legal procedure will probably be necessary. A group of interested parties, with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Farrand leading the discussion, told of their dissatisfaction with the 1935 Meadline survey of the property on the north side of Grand River between Farmington Road and Warren Street. According to the citizens, this survey shows a property line shift of two feet.

**Farmington Mills Warehouse Boasts Unique Features**  
Farmington Mills' warehouse will boast two distinct features when it is completed, according to proprietor Leo Gildemeister. Workmen state the fourteen foot high door will be the tallest door in Farmington, and feedmen who have looked over the plans report that the interior loading is a unique feature for such a building.

**FIVE YEARS AGO** (August 12, 1943)  
Forty Attend East Novi School Reunion  
The twentieth annual reunion of the East Novi School was held on August 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warner, on Nine Mile Road. About forty old friends and neighbors gathered for the pot luck dinner at one o'clock.

**Air Raid Alert Is Successful**  
Farmington cooperated completely in Tuesday night's air raid alert, according to reports from air raid wardens and auxiliary policemen. Everyone seemed familiar with what was required of them from the first warning, until the all-clear sounded. All members of the local Office of Civilian Defense were on hand, and the speed and ease with which they responded to the call indicates that the Farmington organization is ready, should an actual alert ever be given.

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