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## EDITORIALS

### Still Unanswered . . .

is the very vital question of fire protection in the Farmington area.

In spite of numerous requests by residents — in spite of editorials in the Enterprise, little has been done to improve the protection citizens of the Farmington area deserve.

New, modern equipment is needed and needed now. Tomorrow may be much too late. At least one and possibly two full time men are needed to get the modern equipment to the fire.

Sure it costs money — so does insurance. But it isn't good business to be without either of them. The rapid extinguishing of one major fire would pay for the equipment and the full time firemen. That quick, efficient action can be a reality in Farmington just as it is in other communities like ours.

Farmington has not forgotten the fire two years ago that cost several their homes, plus thousands of dollars in personal belongings. The fire that completely wiped out a valuable city business block and threatened several others. That cost all of us plenty.

What might have happened if modern fire equipment had been available? If a fireman had been on duty?

Let's not wait for another one like it!

### No Excuses . . .

short of plain indifference, can keep voters of the Floral Park area and the City, from voting December 9.

Every effort is being made to get people to vote on this vital, local question. A special voting booth is even being planned so people in the Floral Park area don't have to come into the city to vote.

This special election is important. It's important to the progress of Farmington. It's important to the future welfare of the people in the Floral Park area. It is important that every eligible voter register and cast a ballot December 9.

The annexation of the highly developed Floral Park area to the City of Farmington should be approved by every progressive citizen. It is a step in the right direction. But it should be carried by the vast majority. The only way it can be done is by every voter getting out and casting his ballot. It's the way we do things in a democracy, whether it's Farmington, Michigan, or the Nation.

### There's No Rest . . .

not even in a hospital bed these so-called modern days.

At least a few years back, a sick or injured person received a little more than average consideration and sympathy. But it appears that has gone down the creek, too.

Regardless of the difference that stands between the Union hospital employees and management, it seems hardly necessary to take it out on people who already are flat on their back. It is this kind of action that started people throughout the country saying there ought to be a law.

It was Congress who passed that law — the Taft-Hartley law. But it was just such a situation as the one started last week in a Detroit hospital that brought about that law. Union leaders contend that they can't get what they want unless they show their strength by striking.

But who is it that gets it in the neck? Not management, but the guy in the middle, Mr. Average Citizen. In this case the sick and injured who are dependent on others for comfort and recovery. Is this strike necessary? Is it the example of responsible Americans?

Certainly we can do better than that. Certainly there are men in both Unions and management who can sit down and work out the details of an agreement without depriving those of help who need help most. If there are not, then it is time we put such disputes in the hands of impartial experts. It is time their decisions are respected as law. It is time that responsibility takes the place of confusion and strife.

Not only for the good of Unionism and management, but for the good of the Nation.

## Churches

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
 "The Church on the Park"  
 Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor  
 Ruth Hick Hammon, 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 sweet healing give.

**WELCOME**  
**FIRST METHODIST**  
 Rev. A. Stanley Jones, Minister  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, all grades.  
 11:15 a.m. Morning Worship.  
 11:15 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  
 Edna A. Johns, Pastor  
 Wilma A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education  
 10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.  
 11:15 a.m. the Morning Worship.  
 6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.  
 7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.  
 7:45 p.m. every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

**ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION**  
 Thirteen Mile Road at Greening  
 Dr. John Martin, Minister  
 10:30 a.m. Morning service for everyone.  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.  
 Nursery for small children.

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 M. J. Remel, 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 10:30 a.m.  
 Thanksgiving message by the pastor.  
 Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Everyone is invited.  
 Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
 Special music. Message by the pastor.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road  
 Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., nursery to senior departments.  
 Divine services 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
 Lutheran Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over CKLW.  
 Thanksgiving Day services at 10:00 a.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
 23701 Cass Avenue  
 Farmington  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School.  
 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Spiritual Meeting.  
 Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Douglas Toepel, Pastor  
 West Seven Mile Road  
 Just East of Farmington Road  
 10:30 a.m. — Morning Worship and Sunday School held at the same hour.  
 Nursery School for children over three. Everyone welcome.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 25600 Grand River at Imperial Hwy.  
 Victor F. Halboch, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
 Divine Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
 Saturday School, 9:30 a.m.  
 Everyone welcome.

**FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Grand River at Middlebelt  
 Rev. Deville J. Whelan, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

**WEST POINT CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 J. Scott Green, Minister  
 Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

## WELCOME BACK!



## Washington Digest

BY BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

### Abolish Post Exchanges? Oh! Perish The Thought

WASHINGTON. — Members of a sub-committee of the armed services committee of congress have recently completed a highly interesting tour of investigation. It was ordered because of a spirited controversy now going on in Washington.

I can't help mentioning the subject because its background is made up of some ancient vivid memories—memories of the day when, as a lonely recruit in a lilted uniform and sagging wrap leggings, I wandered into an army post-exchange for the first time, more than three decades ago.

As I looked around the dreary setting my loneliness was not alleviated. I was at that moment yearning for the corner drugstore back home.

I can hardly reconcile that mental picture with the one of Corporal Roberts as he reaches for his milkshake proffered by a plump and friendly dame! The smile she is passing out with the drink would have meant far more to me than that day than the smile on the face of the general.

Now don't think I'm prejudiced against generals, as a class. (Some of my best friends are generals). But I must say that what I missed most in the gloomy PX of my rookie experience was not the gleam of a general's stars.

Since that sad day, I have visited many army post exchanges and some ships' service stores (the navy equivalent), and I was a little startled when I heard just recently that they were being threatened with abolition.

Of course there are two sides to every story. I'll try to forget personal prejudice in favor of anything that gives the armed services a break, and present both sides.

One side is represented by private businessmen. They charge that the exchanges which sell the soldier and his family a lot of things at reduced prices is "big business" subsidized by the government, competing with "little business" run by private enterprise.

The exchanges take in about \$130 million gross annually. According to a recent analysis, quoted by the "Army Times" (a non-official but approved newspaper for servicemen) the average soldier spends \$24 a month in the PX.

Three-fourths of this \$24 goes, according to the analysis, for "tobacco, food at fountain, cafeteria and snack bar, for uniforms and insignia, and for candy and bottled drinks." The remaining one-fourth goes for all other purchases, including the "special orders" which many merchants object to, "although special orders constitute less than 2 per cent of the exchange business."

This 25 per cent of the total sales of the exchanges (or 40 million dollars) is only a tiny fraction of the billions spent by the American people every year in private stores on jewelry, watches, radios, cosmetics, toilet goods, and semi-durable household furnishings which come under the head of the "all other purchases" bought in the exchange.

The Army Times points out that the PX competition is chiefly with the stores in the immediate vicinity of army posts. But would those business people rather have no post there at all? The soldier spends plenty of post. Enough, anyway, to have the congressman anxious and very active in trying to obtain or hold army and navy installations within his constituency.

Looking at the other side of the picture, it is true that some servicemen and ex-servicemen have taken advantage of the exchanges. They have made purchases for resale and bought for friends who had no service connections. Also retired personnel have made purchases when they no longer legally should exercise the privilege.

Restrictions have been tightened up, however, and every effort is being made to defeat the serviceman who is trying to cut off his own nose to spite his face when he violates regulations. I

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The number of amputees includes: Ohio, 1,722; Michigan, 1,432; Kentucky, 839. VA is paying disability compensation to all of these veterans, Baker said. In many cases the VA has assisted in the rehabilitation of the amputee veteran.

Five veterans in the three states suffered loss of both legs and one hand, 59 lost both legs or feet, eight lost both hands and six lost one hand and one foot.

Insurance of insurance policies to replace temporary certificates on most forms of National Service Life Insurance will begin in the near future by the Veterans Administration Central Office in Washington.

No action on the part of the veteran will be necessary to obtain the new policies, which will contain provisions of the National contracts as outlined in the NSLI law.

Policies will be issued on renewed term contracts and for those converted to any of the permanent forms. Certificates that have been issued on the original term insurance will remain in effect until renewed or converted. VA insurance officials estimate that it will require several months to complete the job.

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## LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

A free lecture on Christian Science will be given in the edifice of Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, Detroit (Grand River Avenue and Evergreen Road) on Friday evening, November 19th, at 8 o'clock.

Undoubtedly there are many people who would be interested in hearing an explanation of this religion. They see congregations emerging from Christian Science churches, smiling and happy. They wonder why.

Leslie A. Smith, chairman of the board of Eighth Church, which is sponsoring this lecture, said today, "Christian Science lectures provide a way for people to learn the facts about this religion from an authoritative source. For example, the lecture which will speak next Friday night, Miss Helen Appleton, C.S., is a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts."

Mr. Smith emphasized that these lectures are free, and that all are welcome.

## News For Veterans

A total of 4155 veterans in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky are amputees as a result of service in World Wars I and II, the Veterans Administration Branch Office in Columbus, O., reported today.

Voight W. Baker, chief of VA's Prosthetic Service in the three states, said the total includes leg and arm amputees and those with partial amputations of the feet or hands.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (November 16, 1923)

Grand River Road To Be Opened Soon

The pouring of concrete on the Grand River Road improvement between Farmington and New Hudson was completed this last week. It is expected that the road will be open to traffic in about three weeks.

Reminiscences of Olden Days

On the morning of October 9, 1872 this town was visited by a fire which destroyed all the buildings from the one now used by Herman Schroeder as a meat market to the one used at the present time as a restaurant by Fred Pangel. Altogether the property loss exceeded \$15,000.00, a considerable sum in those days. The summer of 1872 was one of excessive drought. Buildings had become as dry as tinder and it was thought at one time during the fire that the whole town was doomed to destruction.

TEN YEARS AGO (November 17, 1938)

Sees Europe As An Old Man, U. S. As Youth

Could all American citizens visit Europe and thereby come to appreciate the great privilege it is to live in the United States, everyone would come back fired with such zeal to devote himself unselfishly to our country's welfare, that America would soon enjoy the greatest happiness and prosperity ever seen on earth. This is the message brought to members of Farmington Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Frederick Bagnall, in an informal talk at the club meeting in the Bagnall residence Wednesday afternoon. This thought presented to the club was conveyed to him, the speaker said, by a travel acquaintance who was born in Europe. He had become a naturalized United States citizen, and last summer paid a visit to his former homeland at the same time that Rev. Bagnall journeyed to Europe.

FIVE YEARS AGO (November 16, 1943)

High School Gymnasium Open For Recreation

Arrangements have been made to keep the high school gymnasium open on Saturday and Sunday and through the Christmas holidays, for the use of Farmington boys and girls. There will be a supervisor on duty at all times that the gymnasium is open, and all of the apparatus and equipment will be available. This is part of a program designed to provide recreation for the boys and girls of Farmington, and is open to all students from the fourth grade up.

Pierson School Dedicates New Addition

Dedication exercises for the Pierson School addition were held on Thursday evening, November 18, at 8:00 o'clock, at the school. The new addition to the school will give additional classrooms, and more space for activities.

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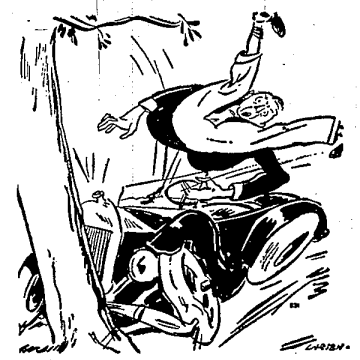
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