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EDITORIALS

Let's Skip Resolutions . . .

this New Year's and just make a note that we will all do our best to make the Farmington area a better place to call "home".

Let's put that note where we will see it every morning, remember it every day. The slate is new, the books of progress are closed for 1948 and the blank pages of 1949 are before us. How those pages read, so will we be judged. Because it is our handwriting.

Resolutions have a reputation of being lost or shall we say forgotten. But a clear cut vow by all of us to do just a little better in 1949 can stick, can be remembered.

Our "home town" is our business. It is up to all of us to see that it grows, becomes better. No one else has the interest, the concern, the desire to see it prosper, like its own people.

Great strides have been made in the past year in the way of cooperation among groups. It has resulted in real progress. It has enabled the entire Farmington area to have many things it could not have had otherwise. This cooperation should be strengthened and encouraged. The Farmington area has many new business places, better schools and educational facilities, better recreation for all the people, new groups dedicated to serving the community.

But to stop here would be to betray our responsibility to ourselves, our community and our nation. On this eve of a new year we must look ahead and plan. We must write a note to remind ourselves of the job we must do to make our community even better.

The promotion of our entire Farmington area as a shopping center, as a center of fine homes, must be organized if we are to progress. We must, if we are to keep pace with a bright future, promote our community as others promote theirs. This requires further cooperation.

We must, with every means at our disposal, work toward better understanding, among individuals and among groups. How far we might all advance if we did not have to stop and beat down barriers of ill feeling and misunderstanding.

We must endeavor in this new year to encourage any action which will better serve the entire community — action which will make the Farmington area a better place to live. This is no time for delay, for hesitation, for indifference. As a community we are growing — with it, our responsibilities are growing, too. The future of the Farmington area hinges on clear-cut action with a purpose.

Let's not tire ourselves with lengthy resolutions which will only be forgotten tomorrow. Let's instead make a note — a note we won't forget, and weave its meaning into our every act as a guide in building a bigger and better Farmington community — a place we are proud to call home.

What Goes Up . . .

must come down, so they say. And according to the stratosphere economists, there are indications that the old adage will prove out again.

The high cost of living that has plagued the nation for several years shows signs of dropping. It will be good news for most Americans because it means a partial return to normalcy. It means an equalization of dollars and merchandise. It can mean relief, in part at least, for many of the up to now scarce items.

It doesn't take an expert to prove that prices that go up must come down. They must come down for the good of the country and for the good of the individual. No nation can continue to progress under abnormal conditions, especially economic turmoil.

Such a decline does not mean financial disaster. It does not need to lead to panic. It is the normal process of a healthy nation which is righting itself after the storm. Righting itself not by controls or artificial means, but by its own power.

It's all part of the age old adage, what goes up, must come down.

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remain, 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.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Groups for juniors, junior high and senior high young people.
Monday, Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek services at 8 p.m.

OUR LADY OF BOROOWS
Rev. Thomas J. Esham, 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.

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

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Toepel, Pastor
West Seven Mile Road
Just East of Farmington Road
10:00 a.m. — Morning Worship and Sunday School held at the same hour.
Nursery School for children over three. Everyone welcome.

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.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor
Children's Christmas Eve program at 6:15 and 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Day service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday services 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.
New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
At West Point Park
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.

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.
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, 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, all grades.
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship.
11:45 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
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.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lenore and Curtis Aves., Detroit (Five Minutes from Bus Station)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
Christmas Eve Services at 11:30 p.m. Holy Communion and Service.
Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 26, Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Carols and Sermon at 11:00 a.m.

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

SPECIAL EDITION!



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Now He Loafs In Florida, Catching Fish, Mermaids

FORT PIERCE, FLA. — As you read these lines I expect to be back where the quiet along the Potomac will be disturbed by the plans for an old-time inauguration party and the beginning of a new legislative year. But as I write I can see the blue of the Indian river whose eastern shore line is a slim silhouette of palm trees screening the Atlantic beyond.

When I stand up I can look over the seawall and watch muller jumping higher than I ever saw a fish leap except when the Washington state salmon were hurdling the falls on their way to spawn.

A little way north of here a wide inlet breaches the natural strip of beach and dunes scrub pine and cabbage palm which forms a barrier between the ocean and the great inland waterway stretching from New York harbor to Miami.

Approaching this spot on land you are welcomed by the brilliant red of the Turk's Caps, the flower that never opens—never has to. Perhaps it is too lazy. It loafs along the ditches, growing wild in fields or tamed in gardens, showing no envy for its more aristocratic sister, the hibiscus which throws its flames out in wide tongues, the dainty bougainvillea, or the languorous poinsettia.

When a crane flashes up from the river edge, a polished silver streak in the air, you know you have left the northern city canyons far behind. Now the groves. Rippling oranges along the levee.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25500 Grand River Avenue
Corner of Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halboth, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Divine Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Saturday School, 9:30 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
The New Year's Service will be held Sunday, January 2nd, at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

As shine like little golden beads against rich green velvet tapestry. Quite a different green from the delicate tint of the little lizard sunning himself on the window screen beside me. He would match the tender tint of the elusive of new pine needles undulating in a breeze that keeps the palms fanning themselves with their rippling fronds.

I am met in new, blue truck which also transports fish, groceries and whatnot—even a marauding wildcat which has suffered his wild desserts among the palmettos at dawn.

Over the cottage great bulbous blossoms of the yellow trumpet vine are waiting until the sun sets to send out their intoxicating perfume.

The next day starts, as it should, on the river. Overhead are the soaring fishhawks, the nervous flickers of the gray, speedy and graceful black cormorants and high above all the tireless man-of-war birds with their wide sweeping wings, like an upper-case M, which never seem to change their shape.

Little snappers are so thick that we couldn't bait fast enough, but we are fishing for our supper!

And so days pass with no sense of time passing with them—trout and a few fighting jacks that flop and grunt but which is of little interest to the commercial fisherman. Not a "honeysuckle" fish like a trout or pompano, as my wife would say, making a little more euphemistic the terminology of the commercial fisherman.

Bill Turner smiles. He knows the personal histories and habits of the furred, feathered or finny folk that inhabit these parts and gets as much pleasure out of seeing somebody else land a catch as he does doing it himself. And he has an uncanny sixth sense that takes him straight to the spot close to the bank in the green shadow of the mangroves, outside a reef, deep in the cuts wherever fish will be if fish there are.

I watch my wife pull in four speckled beauties. I got none. That's not what the male animal ordinarily calls good fishing. But I don't resent the fact that she is the fisherman in this family. In fact as far as I am concerned, she is the fisherman. I don't, discovered the place . . . I land a snook, enough! Fried, with cornedogs, crisp and golden brown, a salad of grapefruit, oranges, pineapple and fresh coconut from the back-

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MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

LANSING — The Allice in Wonderland aspect of our postwar economic life is illustrated currently in the demand of Michigan's young, east and largest labor union, the United Automobile Workers, CIO, for a 1949 wage increase of "at least" 20 per cent.

That a union is seeking better living conditions for its members, via a larger pay check or less working hours, is not news.

That this union is asking the same to "restore the living standards of four years ago" is not news either. Collective bargaining, like horse trading, consists of asking for more than you hope to get.

However, it is important that the UAW believes American industry could afford to grant such a drastic wage boost (without necessity of increasing prices, of course) because of one fact: Profits are high.

Nat Weinburg, UAW research director, reasons it this way: "Corporations are now paying out wages and salaries at a rate of \$87 billion a year. A 20 per cent increase would amount to \$17.4 billions. Since corporation profits before taxes are running at a rate of \$35 billion a year, a wage and salary increase of this magnitude would leave \$17.5 billions."

Then after corporation taxes are paid, the net profit left would be \$10.8 billions. This amount would be greater than the peak wartime earnings of 1944. And \$10.8 billions, so Weinburg reasons logically, should be plenty for stockholders.

Now all this makes good sense if you are willing to accept these figures as being the whole truth. However, they are not. Before you reach a final conclusion, please consider the following: Almost two-thirds of all corporation earnings (profits) today are being plowed back to finance plants and equipment. In terms of dollars, more than \$13

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 28, 1923)

Yeggs Blow Safe
A job of safe-blowing was accomplished by unknown yeggs at the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company, and took lot totaling approximately \$100 in cash and some valuable papers. Entrance to the office was gained through a window, and the safe was blown, police believe, by experienced safe-blowers because of the neatness with which the job was done.

Stolen Goods Found
Deputy Sheriff Wilson is looking for the possible owners of a quantity of loot recovered by the arrest of two brothers of Northville who admitted stealing the material but refused to tell where they got it.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 29, 1938)

Goodfellows Aid Fifty
Farmington Goodfellows were the proud disbursers of \$200 in food stuffs and \$150 in wearing apparel to Farmington City and Township needy. All of the deliveries were made on the day before Christmas, and certainly brightened the Yule time for those whose Christmas would otherwise have been dimmed or dampened.

Vig Blakelee was elected as the new president of the Farmington Exchange Club, succeeding Curt Hall, in the recent election of officers for the group. Hall was elected to serve on the Board of Control.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 30, 1943)
Police Force Increased
Action was taken in accordance with the City Commission decision to hire another officer for the police force. John Trombley was chosen to act as assistant to Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt.

Youth Forum Planned
The Farmington City and Township Committee on Youth Guidance plans an open meeting at the Farmington Town Hall. The meeting will be in the form of a clinic or forum for youth guidance in this community.



Of course you want your arms laden with Christmas gifts for all. The easy way to give, with a Christmas Club check. Join our Christmas Club now for a nice, fat check next Christmas. It takes only a little each week. Join now.

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