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EDITORIALS

The More We Practice . . .

the better we'll get at the job of being an American. That goes for a resident of Farmington Township or City just as much as it does for a resident of New York City or New Orleans.

Some are born Americans, others become Americans, but in any case it takes practice to turn in a good job. It is a responsibility we must assume, not just a privilege we can take. At least we must recognize it as a responsibility if our nation is to remain strong.

That strength starts right here, starts right with you and your neighbors. If we forget to practice democracy right here, we can hardly expect to hold up our end. Making America strong and keeping it that way is a job of team work and every member of that team must do his part.

You are letting down the team when you fail to register and vote in local elections. Because it is here that democracy starts. It is here that government is closest to the people. When we fail to show interest in local government, democracy drops back.

Registration books are now open for the Farmington Township General Primary Election to be held February 21. They are open so that qualified electors in the Township may practice democracy. You can't vote unless you are registered and you can't carry out the responsibility that is yours as an American unless you vote.

If you live in Farmington Township and are not already registered, do it before February 1. You're part of a team — don't let that team down, they're counting on you.

Look, I Can Walk Again . . .

and a child steps out of her wheelchair into your arms and into your heart.

She is the little girl on the official March of Dimes poster. We may not know her name but we do know she is symbolic of thousands of other little boys and girls stricken with infantile paralysis. She can walk again because you gave her a chance.

You gave dollars and dimes so that she might have the treatment and the care she needed. She has thrilled to the moment when she stepped off on her own again. Some of you may know that thrill, others can only visualize it in their hearts.

A considerable amount of money has been spent in this area to help Farmington residents in the fight against this dreaded disease. When you drop your dimes in that little canister you are helping your neighbors, yes, maybe even yourself. None of us know when we might be stricken by infantile paralysis but we can be sure that our neighbors will help.

If Money Talks . . .

and when it belongs to the people it should even shout a little, a revision of our State Constitution is an important "must".

This is particularly true where our financial organization is concerned. The demands of the people are becoming greater each day, both on a local and state level. It thus becomes a problem of either cutting down expenses or increasing income. In spite of many peoples' thinking, the State can't go into debt continually and remain sound financially or otherwise.

A complete revision of the State Constitution is unnecessary. In fact, it would be wasteful. Many of the basic principles of the government are as sound as they were a hundred or even three hundred years ago. But financial operations of government and obligations of government have changed considerably.

It would seem logical to adopt a plan for the State of Michigan similar to that adopted by the Federal Government. A study committee could be appointed by the governor to analyze the financial structure of the state and make recommendations for economical reorganization.

It is possible that under such a plan both economy and added efficiency could be established. The cost of such a program would cost less and accomplish more than the putting of a Constitutional Convention into operation. There is little doubt but what such a study group would well pay for itself and more, too.

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remick, 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 the Pastor, "God the Son Now and in Time to Come." Reception of new members.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.: A friendly fellowship and a helpful message.
Youth Fellowship Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. The Pastor's chapter sermon on Matthew 11 will be, "The Perennial Invitation."
Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 2:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop 7 after school. Church-wide one-evening Sunday School Convention from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Service conducted by the Women's Fellowship class of the Sunday School.
Thursday, Women's Fellowship Class social meeting.
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 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. Church-wide one-evening Sunday School Convention from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Service conducted by the Women's Fellowship class of the Sunday School.
Thursday, Women's Fellowship Class social meeting.
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

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.

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
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., nursery to senior department at 10:00 a.m.
Divine services 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over CKLW.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study, 7:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

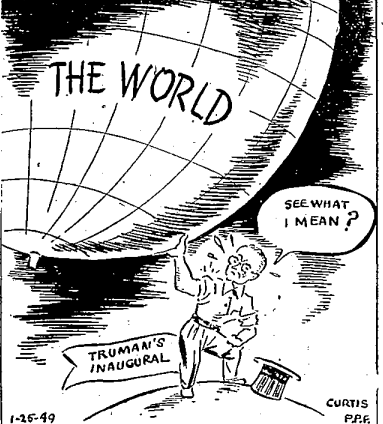
BAILEY EVANGELICAL CHURCH
The Church on the Park
Rev. Carl H. Schulte, Pastor
Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist
Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.
OUR INVITATION
I love to come to this still place, Where deeper peace is always found, To kneel as though 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 live 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.
11:15 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
Eliot A. Johns, Pastor
Wilma A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education
10:00 a.m. — Large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m. — 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.

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

STRONG MAN



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Is U. S. Going Socialist? It's World-Wide Argument

WASHINGTON. — As congress sharpens its teeth for the "True Deal" program, the "true" being for Truman, some of the gentlemen who have watched things rolling on behind the scenes in Washington for a long time (maybe too long) have a habit of blinking and saying in a hushed voice: — "Say, is America going socialist without knowing it?"

Long before the November election a number of European statesmen, editors, professional politicians and others who are backing the various socialist and socialist-inclined governments, including Britain's, were getting really worried lest a probable Republican victory should make an emphatically capitalist America less sympathetic toward left-of-center regimes.

The Truman upset caused them to whomp with joy. After they read the President's inaugural address, the state of the Union message on January 5, and after his appointment of Dean Acheson as secretary of state, they pulled out a chair on the left side of the international table, expecting him to sit right down and join them.

What was probably as much wishful thinking as anything else caused the official Socialist party organ of France to hail the administration program as definitely socialist. Most of the rest of the French press took about the same view, even to the somewhat lonely, pre-capitalist Figaro which said the message was "close" to socialism.

The same view was taken by the left-wing press in other European countries. "I'm not counting the Communists who merely range the old propaganda channels. However, the independent Manchester Guardian, long known as the rock of liberalism and likewise as an outstanding voice in British journalism, took a different tone. The Guardian has always been exceedingly well informed concerning the United States and probably understands America as well as any foreign newspaper. It said: — "Mr. Truman's program is an indication that socialism is not the only path for the left. Its goal might be called the insurance state. Its method the deliberate shortening of the odds against the weak. But without abandoning the basically individualistic way of life which is accepted as characteristically American."

Comment from the extreme right in this country, in congress and out, chose to see Skipper Truman charting a course for the ship of state which veered far to the left of center, in fact headed straight for the rocks on which free enterprise, individual initiative, in fact all phases of capitalism, would be sunk without a trace.

That, however, was not the opinion of the majority of the Republican party, and already signs are showing that it isn't the intention of the majority of the Democrats to let such a catastrophe overtake us, even if they think the Skipper would be willing to risk it, which they don't believe he.

The alarmists point to the rather startling suggestions on the part of the President that the government study production with a view to offering loans to the steel, and other industries for expansion of plants and increased production.

If the companies refuse to cooperate, it was suggested the government owned steel plants would be erected. That does sound like a long step toward nationalization of industry. But other observers, both those who consider the idea fatal to free enterprise and those who believe in such government-run ventures as the Tennessee Valley authority, consider it more of a threat than a promise.

In that connection the recent controversy behind the iron curtain which has finally leaked out in specific and detailed form is interesting. One document consists of reports of a three-day conference of Soviet economists held last May. The other is a study of Russian economy during World War II, by (Continued on Page Eight)

MICHIGAN MIRROR



By GENE ALLEMAN

LANSING. — More government employees, more government payrolls and more government taxes for everyone are just beyond the horizon.

This prediction appears to be a safe bet for 1949.

There is only one possible "if": Congress must adopt the comprehensive social insurance program, proposed by President Truman. Many Washington observers agree that such is likely to happen. The mandate of November 2 is "dited" to show which way public opinion is going.

Consider a Michigan worker who gets \$3,000 income. Today his payroll deductions for social security — old age insurance — take 1 per cent or \$30 a year. The "bite" on the regular paycheck is small.

Beginning July 1, 1949, if Congress approves expanded social security for everyone, his paycheck deduction will be more than doubled, from \$30 to \$57.50, an increase of \$27.50. If the employee earns \$4,800 or more, his payroll taxes would total \$108. The employer would pay a like amount, \$57.50 or \$108 depending on the employee's wage.

If the worker is hired by a firm that has less than eight employees, the employer would be called upon for four successive years to contribute \$157.50 for an employee earning \$3,000 a year, or \$252 for the employee earning \$4,800 a year. Thereafter the unemployment compensation rate could decline to a minimum of 1 per cent, making a total minimum of \$97.50, by the employer.

These taxes are accounted for by the following proposed social security benefits:

Old-age insurance, now financed by a 1 per cent tax on both the employee and employer, would rise to 1.5 per cent on July 1, 1949. This tax would apply to incomes up to \$800 instead of \$3000 as at present. Coverage would be broadened to include farmers, farm workers, doctors, small business men, and even household help.

Unemployment compensation would be broadened to cover employees of firms hiring less than eight persons. The maximum wage, to be taxed, would be \$4,800 instead of \$3,000, as at present. The employers' payroll tax would be 3 per cent for four successive years; thereafter 1 per cent minimum and 4 per cent maximum.

Disability (sickness) insurance would be financed by 0.5 per cent tax on employee and employer alike on the first \$4,800 of income. This tax would increase as the program grew.

Health insurance would begin modestly with a 0.25 per cent tax on employee and employer on first \$4,800 of income. Later on this tax would go up gradually.

It all adds up to this: The combined payroll tax, levied by the federal government with credits

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (January 25, 1924)
W. J. Hayes Dies

State Senator Walter J. Hayes, who was born and raised in Farmington but resided in Grosse Pointe in recent years, died suddenly this week after a two weeks' illness. Hayes was president of the American State Bank.

26 Cattle Lost
A mysterious fire at the farm of Joseph Holman, in Novi Township, not only destroyed the barn and contents valued at \$3,500 to \$5,500 in grain and implements, but also caused the destruction of a herd of 26 dairy cattle valued at an additional \$2,500. Origin of the fire was undetermined.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 26, 1939)
Robbers Convinced

Two men who robbed the Farmington State Bank on March 25, 1938, were convicted by a jury of six men and six women in Federal Court this week. Witnesses against the men were patrons of the bank at the time of the holdup, which netted \$5,750 in loot.

City vs. Township
Litigation between the City and Township of Farmington over the Town Hall will reach a climax in Great Court in Pontiac this week. The suit involves a governmental error in a division of taxes through which it is alleged that the city has paid \$11,523.07 in taxes rightfully owed by the township.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 27, 1944)
Fires Costly

An unnecessary number of grass fires have proved extremely costly to the Township, it was revealed by officials, when the unprecedented number of 34 fire calls have been made to date this month. This number has cost the tax payers \$256.00. Officials voiced the hope that the number of grass fires the firemen have been called to can be cut down by proper care and supervision.

Hunt Re-Elected
John W. Hunt, of Farmington, was re-elected Council Scout Master for the fourth consecutive year at the annual meeting of the Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

available to the state governments which are to administer the benefits, would be 4.5 per cent of payroll income, to \$4,800 as compared with the present 5 per cent combined tax on incomes up to \$3,000. The \$4,800 income worker who

now pays \$30 a year would pay \$108, an increase of \$78 a year. Eventually the social security tax would rise to 7 1/2 to 10 per cent on the employee and also the employer. A vast army of government (Continued on Page Eight)

ONLY A DOT

but 10,587 tiny dots, put together, make this "half-tone" picture of a dog

ONLY A DOLLAR

but many dollars, deposited regularly at this bank, can help you build security, and have the other good things you want.

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Lenore and Curtis Aves., Detroit (Five Minutes from Bus Station)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
9:30 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning prayer, first Sunday, Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten.
Visitors welcome.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

25600 Grand River Avenue
Corner of Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halbach, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Divine Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Saturday School, 9:30 a.m.
Everyone welcome.

"If the telephone directory Yellow Pages list Farmington agencies that can furnish cooks like you, Olga, I'm for 'em."