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EDITORIALS

"Freedom Goes . . ."

where the newspaper goes" is the 1949 slogan for National Newspaper Week being celebrated throughout the nation this week.

The Farmington Enterprise does not look upon this as a pat on the back week or advertising promotion campaign. It is rather an opportunity to sit down (we don't get too much chance) and rededicate ourselves to the service of the Farmington community.

That is our only real purpose in being here. It is to bring you more and better news and picture coverage of our home town community — to give you constructive and inspiring editorial comment. These should add up to more reading pleasure and leadership and service to our community. This is our purpose and our goal.

Elsewhere in this week's issue is a photographer's view of a story as it is born, develops and is finally printed in your hometown newspaper. It is intended to give you some idea of what happens to those stories you bring in for publication in The Enterprise. It will, we hope, show you some of the problems involved and why we have to have such nuances as deadlines.

Your newspaper is your voice, free and uncontrolled. In no other nation are newspapers allowed to speak out in so clear a voice. Nowhere else can readers use the columns of their newspapers, for millions of Americans turn to their newspapers for the truth and get it. Not half the truth, not one side of the story — but all the truth, both sides of the story.

Today our newspapers are charged with a grave responsibility. They must now, more than ever before, report clearly and calmly. They must speak out courageously and constructively on local, state, national and international issues. They must live up to the tradition of the past and take up the trust of the future. "Freedom Goes Where The Newspaper Goes."

The Right To Work . . .

got pegged with a rock, blasted with a stick of dynamite and pierced with a rifle bullet last week and it went down.

With it went a little bit of America and the American way of life. Man's right to work or not to work has long been a part of our democracy. It was a freedom that attracted millions to our shores to start at the bottom and work up. Last week that right was stoned, blasted and shot.

They labeled it a conflict between striking and non-striking coal miners. It was open violence to block those who wanted and had a right to work. There was no restraint to halt those who did not want to work. That is their privilege, their right. So is it a man's right to work if he wants to, by American standards at least.

Thus a mine was smashed, supplying coal to a nation, jobs to men and food to their families. It was a small mine and of little concern to the major mine union officials. They are out for bigger stakes, and they hold the cards. But with each play goes a little bit of America — weakening of national security, less individual aggressiveness, and more and more collective domination.

Labor has a tremendous responsibility — that of protecting man's right to work. Upon this hinges the future of our nation — not wages, working conditions or hours alone, but work. We must unite as a nation if we are going to build a future, if we are going to keep secure all our rights. But we aren't going to unite anything pegging rocks, blasting with dynamite or piercing with bullets.

It took a war to prove the importance of unity between all factions in the nation. The results astounded the world. Such production is not needed today — but such spirit is! But what have we got — rocks

Churches

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remeln, Pastor
Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

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.

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. Nursery School
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. choir rehearsal at the church.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2500 Grand River Avenue
Corner of Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halbroth, Pastor
Barley Service, 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

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

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

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor
Wills A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
1:15 a.m., Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.

7:30 p.m. the Evening Service.
7:45 a.m. every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Cass Avenue
Farmington
11:00 a.m. Morning Services
Sunday School
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting.

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

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.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Cadman Prout, 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.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Mr. A. Bolitho, Mus. Dir. & Organist
Mr. O. C. Gildemeister, Bd. Pres.
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

AIM and Purpose of Salem Church
Help seeking people, through beautiful services, come close to God and to human comrades in worship.
Help seeking people learn the truths by which they may live brave, happy and useful lives.
Help seeking people gain strength by which they may become that which they have learned they ought to be.
Help seeking people find comfort in sorrow, courage in struggle, joy in victory.

Help seeking people come into union with Christ, their Master and Friend.
This, being our aim and purpose, we invite you to "Come and See."
"Go to the Church of your choice, but go to Church."

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lenore and Curtis Aves., Detroit (Past Michigan House of Bishops)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
9:30 a.m. Church School (three years and up).
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (First Sunday Holy Communion).
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten (3 to 5 years).

This Is Worth Fighting For



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

Something is rotten in the egg market. And Elmer Thomas, the speculating senator from Oklahoma, could tell a lot about it if he wished, though he probably won't. Elmer Thomas (not to be confused with Sen. Elbert Thomas of Utah, a pious Mormon ex-minister) is the man who was exposed in this column three years ago for simultaneously speculating in cotton and using his influence in the senate to affect the price of cotton. At that time Thomas vigorously denied he was speculating, called this columnist a liar, said all cotton he owned was on his back. But two years later when a Republican congress required the secretary of agriculture to make public the names of those speculating in cotton, Senator Thomas's name was on the list. So also was the name of his wife, his secretary, Miss Betty Gage, and his bosom friend, Dyke Cullum. Furthermore, Thomas admitted in a public statement that Cullum had handled his commodity trading for him. There is nothing illegal about a senator speculating on the commodity market—though his ethics are something else again. However, it is almost unbelievable that a senator—especially the chairman of the senate agriculture committee—should use his prestige and high office to influence prices on the commodity market at the same time he is speculating. FERGUSON OUTBLUFFED Therefore, Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan, then chairman of a senate investigating sub-committee, was authorized to probe the operations of his colleague from Oklahoma. But Senator Thomas did some quick investigating of his own — of Senator Ferguson. Following which he wrote Ferguson a letter in longhand, later published in this column, threatening to expose certain connections between the Ferguson family and the Chrysler motor company. Eighteen months have passed, and Senator Thomas is now up to his old tricks. Since the Democratic victory last November, he has been restored as chairman of the powerful agriculture committee. But not even waiting for the election, the senator got back into the cotton market last November. Then, about two weeks ago, Senator Thomas let loose a significant public statement. He took a sudden, surprising interest in eggs, publicly complained about the price of eggs, and blasted the agriculture department's egg-price-support program.

10 CARLOADS OF EGGS Now every housewife would like to see the price of eggs come down. But what every housewife does not want is 10 railroad carloads of eggs. And what every few people in the United States knew was that Thomas's intimate friend, Dyke Cullum, had just purchased 10 freight carloads of egg futures. Therefore, he was vitally interested in the future price of eggs. And Dyke Cullum is the man who, Thomas admits, handled a trading account for him. THOMAS SWINGS WEIGHT The senator from Oklahoma has been quite brazen in lending his name to Cullum's attempt to influence the egg market. Not only (Continued on Page Five)

MICHIGAN MIRROR



By GENE ALLEMAN

Michigan public schools have gone a long way since the little red schoolhouse of grandfather's time. State aid to school districts and teacher retirement will be approximately \$140 millions during 1949-50. Local taxes will provide an additional \$75 millions for operating purposes, giving an average of \$215 for each of the 1,050,000 children now enrolled.

The current year is witnessing the greatest school construction program in more than 20 years. That's saying a lot!

Furthermore, teachers' salaries are expected to reach an average of \$3,400 per year, an increase of \$200 over last year. This means better qualified teachers and fewer overcrowded classrooms since the teacher shortage is not as serious as it was during the past few years.

As Dr. Lee M. Thurston sees the situation from the focal point of state superintendent of public instruction, "Michigan education is looking up. We have more money, more classrooms and more children."

"Enrollments in parochial and private schools will undoubtedly exceed 300,000, making a total of about 1,250,000 children enrolled in the various schools for elementary and secondary children."

"Enrollments are following a pattern similar to the pattern following World War I when there was an increase of from 15,000 to 35,000 a year."

"The classroom and school building situation which has been almost at a standstill since 1925 will show substantial improvement this year. In 1945 only \$3,000,000 was spent for new buildings and additions; in 1946, \$4,000,000; in 1947, \$6,000,000; in 1948, \$12,000,000. The year 1949 will probably witness the greatest construction program in more than 20 years. From January 1, 1949 to June 30, 1949, the Municipal Finance Commission approved \$30,000,000 in bond issues for new school buildings or additions."

"About 50 per cent of the construction will be in additions and improvements, the other 50 per cent in new buildings. The total need for school building construction to eliminate half-day sessions, basement rooms and to provide safe, healthful buildings for all children over the next ten years is about \$400,000,000."

"While the sum being spent in 1949-50 will not remedy all the situation, it will represent a good start and eliminate many of the almost impossible situations that exist today."

"Most of this increase in enrollment will be in the elementary grades since high school enrollments have been approximately stable for the last five years. It is likely, however, that with fewer jobs for high school youth there will also be another increase in the secondary schools."

"There is still a teacher shortage in the elementary field but an adequate supply in the high school grades. It has also been found that teachers' salaries are encouraging teachers to improve their own educational background since the records of the 22 teacher-training institutions in the state show that almost 10,000 regularly employed teachers are continuing their education through summer and extension courses."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

FOURTY YEARS AGO (October 12, 1909)

Founder Dies

Edgar R. Bloomer, editor of the Sparta Sentinel Leader, died, at his home in Sparta, Michigan, Sunday, October 10, of typhoid fever. Mr. Bloomer founded The Farmington Enterprise in November, 1888, having first started a job office here, and he continued its publication until September, 1939, when he sold it to Mr. McKinnon. He then purchased the Sparta paper.

Auction Sale

There will be an auction sale of vehicles, including buggies, spring wagons, surries and driving wagons at the old ice skating rink in Pontiac Saturday, October 23, by the Pontiac Spring and Wagon Works.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 5, 1939)

Commissioner Fills Post

Special business at the meeting of the City Commission Tuesday evening will include the appointment of a new member of the commission. The new man will fill the vacancy created when Howard M. Warner resigned as mayor and commissioner Leo G. Gildemeister took his place. Four men are reported to be seeking the appointment.

Open School Equipment Bids

The Farmington Board of Education will meet Friday afternoon for the purpose of making final decisions on the letting of contracts for equipment for the new gymnasium-auditorium. The bids were opened at a meeting of the board Tuesday evening, but final action was postponed until Friday to allow further investigation of materials offered by the low bidding companies.

FIVE YEARS AGO (October 5, 1944)

School Reorganizers Report

The Clarenceville Board of Education received word from the Federal Works Agency in Chicago this week stating that the project for constructing six additional rooms with lavatories and storage space, on the present school building, has been approved. The estimated cost set up by the Federal Government on the project is \$64,000.

School Reorganizers Report

A meeting of the boards of education of all the school districts in Farmington Township was held Monday, September 18, to discuss plans for reorganizing the districts in this area. It was attended by practically all the board members of the various districts and other interested persons.

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