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## EDITORIALS

### You Got Something . . .

on this "know your government business." That is what a citizen of Farmington stopped to tell us the other day.

We appreciate the comment, but we haven't got anything, nor has Farmington, until this slogan becomes more than four words on a sheet of newspaper. As long as indifference exists among the majority, our democratic type of government suffers and all of us suffer along with it.

If the majority of us can't stir up enough interest, pride or responsibility to get down to the polls on election day, none of us have anything. If the majority don't know when or where the local school boards, City Commission or Township Boards meet, none of us have anything. Statistics bear out the sad truth on election days. Lack of "just want to see what's going on" attendance at local governmental meetings is proof enough of our indifference.

What is Farmington going to do about it? How soon will four words on a sheet of newspaper become a living example of democracy in action? How soon will we all really have something? These aren't just idle questions to brush aside, unless our very foundation of government is to be brushed aside to rot and decay.

Unless we are ready to meet the challenge face to face and now, all of us may find ourselves stripped of our identity as individuals. We must meet the challenge right here in Farmington. We must instill interest and responsibility in our youth by practical application in our schools and example at home. Classes should be encouraged to see and know local government in action. Parents should lead by discussion at home of governmental problems and practices and more important — actual participation.

Our units of government should encourage and welcome citizens advisory group action, if only to make our community interested and active. If only to strengthen our democratic way of life at the level where it should be the strongest — the grass roots.

Until we accomplish these things we haven't got anything but four words on a sheet of newspaper.

### Take To The Fields . . .

the road block is up again. Sure, it's rough and rocky and directionless, but that's your tough luck.

You only buy the coal, you don't mine it. You'll just have to wander around until John L. Lewis is ready to open up the road again. More and more of you are switching to other types of fuel, but that doesn't bother Lewis, or does it? More and more industries are switching from coal, too, but the road blocks still go up.

Right now John L. is holding out for a package that would add 30c to 35c to the cost of mining coal. He says that can be deducted from the present \$1.00 profit per ton now received by mine owners. In Lewis's ledger that means no increase to the consumer. Just lob it off the profits.

Sounds good; so do castles in the air, but did you try to live in one? What happens to the equipment, the margin of security, the improvements and advancements of the business? Oh, that doesn't count? Not now anyway, but what about tomorrow? It doesn't add up, and it never will, not even in Lewis's mystic ledger.

Just to keep you and everyone else wandering around out there in the fields, Lewis has suggested that the government take over the mines and divert the 65c or 70c per ton profit to the people instead of the mine owners. Seems as though we've heard that strain before. England has tried it, John L., look around.

The profits would go to the people? What profits? If past examples mean anything, the people could and would pay the government a dollar — and then some.

Take to the fields, John L., out where it's rough, out where nobody gains. Out where the guy that pays the bill is roaming, and have a look around!

## Churches

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
M. J. Remien, 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 p.m.  
Sunday noon, over CKLW.

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. A. Stanley Blaker, 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  
Early Service, 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Late Service, 11 a.m.

**ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION**  
Thirteen Mile Road at Greenleaf  
6:30 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  
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.

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

Reading Room, Tuesday, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
"Probation After Death" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches on all the world on Sunday, October 23.

The Golden Text (Matthew 24:13) is: "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor  
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Midweek services at 8 p.m.  
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor  
Mr. A. Bolitho, Mus. Dir. & Organist  
Mr. G. C. Gidener, Dir. of Praise  
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  
(Five Minutes from Bus Station)  
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 6 years).

## Another Explosion



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—CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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Pass Contagious Disease Measure  
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Woman Burned

Mrs. Arthur Tripp of Rochester, while preparing a meal Saturday evening, poured kerosene on the smoldering hardwoods in her coal stove as a result of