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EDITORIALS

When Spring Comes . . .
and it undoubtedly will one of these days, the Farmington Township and City fire department will be on its annual race.

Grass and brush fires are almost certain to burst out all over the township and city unless every citizen remembers to be careful. Last year about this time the volunteer firemen were on almost 24 hour duty. Several times 2 and 3 fires were reported at the same time in different sections of the area.

Have you stopped to think how much each one of these fires cost you? Twenty-one calls were made in one three-day period last March. That means that men and equipment had to make runs to put out grass and brush fires. All of this costs money — your money. Many of these calls could have been avoided had the people been more careful.

Under a newly amended statute of the State Fire Law, you must have a permit to have an open fire except when the ground is snow covered, or for domestic purposes, or to protect persons or property in case of fire, you must also have some competent person constantly in charge of your fire to prevent its spreading. For the convenience of residents of this area, permits may be secured from the local fire chief. A little care in setting and keeping check on grass fires will save you a lot of money, and the volunteers a lot of time. It will also avoid unnecessary destruction of property and possibly human life.

Spring is coming for sure — but whether the fire truck is coming is up to you.

There Is Nothing New . . .

about Governor Williams' request to the State Legislature for the creation of a corporations tax in Michigan.

It is very old and very simple and also typically political. It isn't just a matter of taxing the guy that has it. It is a matter of taking that which hasn't already been taken. The assumption is that this fellow that had it isn't a good political potential to the powers in Lansing anyway.

The boys on the present government payrolls are very valuable to the party, however, and they must remain valuable. In other words, it is not sound politics to reduce payrolls, cut down departments, and otherwise attempt to create business-like efficiency. Taxes are easy on government officials and a corporation tax isn't very apt to affect the ballot boxes anyway.

From the most reliable reports the State of Michigan needs more money. They need it to carry on the increased services performed by the State Government. They need it to meet increasing payrolls and new departments. Corporations seem like a juicy spot to hit. They apparently have the money to tax and most of the average citizens won't feel it a bit — or will they?

Most corporations, which take in a lot of larger businesses, generally show considerable profit. Apparently that's bad, very bad. Profits are not very popular — they are capitalistic. But how can these companies continue to operate without profit, to expand, to buy new equipment, to hire more employees, to pay better wages? Or isn't that important?

Will you be hit by the new proposed corporation tax? You will if you're a consumer — and who isn't? You will if you are a stockholder. And what happens to taxes when the government has reduced the guy that has it to the guy that had it?

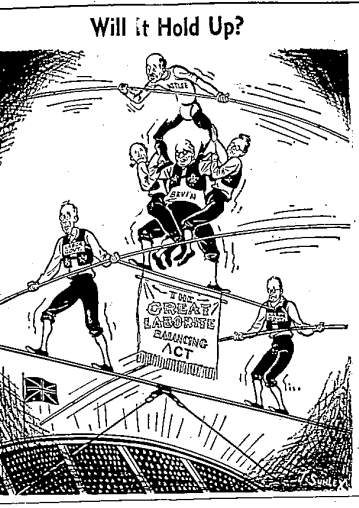
They Have A Point . . .

in Belgium about voting that deserves some thought. The Enterprise is not advocating a fine for those who don't vote as they do in Belgium, because Americans are supposed to be interested enough in their government to want to have a part in it.

There is one marked difference, however, between the two voting systems — the thought of a fine brings 'em out. The sense of duty and privilege to vote as free men should be more than enough incentive to any loyal American. But what happens generally? The voting booth on election day is about as popular as a swimming pool in January.

Let's make it a different story in Farmington Township. Register before March 27 and vote April 17 in the Special Township Building Code Election.

Churches
NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
A. B. Benson, 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 CHURCH
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
25500 Grand River Avenue
Corner of Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halbroth, Pastor
Early Service, 9:45 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 at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 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.
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.
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 Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek Services at 7:30 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. Bolte, Miss M. E. Organist
Rev. C. G. Gildemeister, Bd. Pres.
Mr. E. H. 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
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)
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Cadman Prout, Pastor
West Seven Mile Road
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.
WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Scott Greer, Minister
Bible Study at 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.
ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION
13 Mile Road at Greening
Rev. John Martin, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Church Service.
11:45 a.m. Sunday School.
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
Nursery department in care of Sally Pfeiffer and Sally Gironx.
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursdays each month, 8 p.m.



Washington Merry-Go-Round
By DREW PEARSON

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
Republicans will probably wisely crack at this one, but since Russia's discovery of H-bomb and A-bomb energies, it is likely that the President and Vice-President of the United States will not again attend a Jackson Day dinner under the same roof.

Regardless of the political party in power, this is not a pleasant kind of internal security precaution to contemplate.

Nevertheless, after the Jackson Jefferson Day dinner, someone began considering the gruesome question as to what would have happened if an enemy had sent a surprise plane over the Arlington Club in February 16 and dropped an A-bomb on Washington.

Not only were the President and Vice-President under the same roof, but also every member of the cabinet, the Democratic governors of 10 states and a good part of the senate and house of representatives. The speaker was also present, and if such a catastrophe had occurred, it would have been up to a speaker present to convene the house, while Senator McKellar would have had the power to convene the senate.

Whether congress would have then called for special elections, or whether the Republicans would have taken over the administration is a debatable question.

Undoubtedly, however, the Republicans would have had to take over for the time being, since for Democratic leaders would have been left, and since three to six months would have been necessary to make nominations and conduct the final balloting.

There also would be the question of who would declare war with part of congress gone, and who would make the vital decisions necessary to carry on war.

TRAGIC POSSIBILITIES
These are just a few of the problems which aren't pleasant to think about but which have to be considered in view of the now definite fact that Russia has all our atomic secrets.

This is also why the administration is finally and almost frantically working on civil defense. Including an alternate capital of the United States. For, should a bomb be dropped on Washington, it would mean the destruction of all FBI fingerprints, all civil service records, all veterans insurance and pension records, all military defense plans, income-tax records, the Library of Congress and the

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Apostle Paul: Roman Citizen And Christian

WHEN the Apostle Paul made his great declaration in Romans 1:14-16, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." He was speaking as a Roman citizen, as well as a Christian Apostle.

Paul was a free-born citizen of Rome in a Roman world in which the mass of men were slaves. Many born in slavery had purchased their liberty with a great price, like the chief captain in Acts 22:28. Paul, of course, had not gone through the process of going there as a prisoner, late in his missionary career. Rome was not just a city, but a world power that had brought all of that world beneath its rule. To be a Roman citizen anywhere was to possess rights and privileges unavailable to others.

When Paul was arrested, through the false charges and investigations of his persecutors in Palestine, and could not get justice there, he did what citizens in modern democracies have often done when they have regarded themselves as denied justice in a lower court: they have appealed to a higher court.

Thereupon followed interesting and great events, the dire peril of the voyage and shipwreck described so vividly in Acts 27, the eventual arrival in Rome, the comparative freedom of his life as a prisoner there (Acts 28:16, 30-31), his writing of the great Epistles of the imprisonment, such as Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians, the long awaiting for the justice he hoped for but never received, and the disillusionment that led him to write so differently about earthly powers, in Ephesians 6:12, from what he had written, earlier and before that disillusionment, in Romans 13:1-7.

Paul brought to Rome a power mightier than his own.

MICHIGAN MIRROR
By GENE ALLEMAN
The Michigan State Legislature now in Special Session at Lansing has a hot political potato in its collective lap.

With present revenues in slight touching \$220 million Governor Williams has proposed that the Legislature authorize expenditures of \$340 million for the coming fiscal year, 1950-51.

Significantly, arithmetic indicates that a deficit of \$110 millions would be inevitable unless the state Legislature was to turn to new taxation.

Here Governor Williams produces the figurative rabbit out of the hat by suggesting that the legislature reconsider the state corporations profits tax to be paid largely by industry.

From the Republican point of view, the Governor's message to the Legislature contained 99 percent of "politics." Williams is running for reelection, and he seeks to put the Republican Legislature in a tactical position of producing a "do-nothing" record for the 1950 Special Session.

As the Republican leaders bated up the Corporation Profit Tax in committee during the 1949 General Session, there is little likelihood that the Legislature will reverse its position in 1950 which is a political campaign year.

While Governor Williams may try to put the Republicans on the defensive by attacking the "reactionary" attitude with regard to expanding social needs, the legislative fireworks following the message fully indicated that the Governor himself would be under heavy fire for having proposed a 4.75 percent increase in state spending.

It is interesting to note that the Governor advocates an increase of only \$16 millions for operating state departments, of which \$2.5 would go to colleges, while he advocates new state aid to home governments in the sum of \$25 millions.

Of the \$340 million total in legislative appropriations, as recommended by the Governor, \$155 million would go to state agencies including colleges, \$153.3 million to local governments, \$27.8 million for capital outlay, and \$19.7 million for construction of new roads.

Like the bag of Santa Claus on Christmas eve, the spending program of Governor Williams has something on tap for nearly everyone. Improvement of local airports is proposed whereby the state could contribute \$9 millions additional to the public school employee's retirement system. Old age assistance and aid to dependent children would

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

FORTY YEARS AGO (March 25, 1910)

Terrible Death
William Helm, a farmer living three miles south of Farmington, met with a terrible death at his home Tuesday afternoon. While trying to replace a large belt on an engine, while he was running, he was caught and killed almost instantly. Both arms, both legs, and several of his ribs were broken. None of his fellow workmen could stop the engine in the regular way. It was stopped by running a plank through the flywheel, but not until after Mr. Helm was killed. He leaves a wife, one daughter, and two sons.

Court Says "No Cause"
No cause for action was read the verdict rendered in the six day legal battle terminated today, in which Libbie Britton sought \$5,000 damages from Governor Warner for alleged injuries received in 1908, when the plaintiff and her husband claimed to have been injured by their horse taking fright at the Governor's automobile.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 21, 1940)

Students in Minstrel Show
Eighteen Farmington High School girls and boys are taking part in the Minstrel Show to be given by the Kwanza Club Tuesday, March 24. The opening chorus is made up of sailorettes, cabin boys, tourist girls and boys, and gypsy dancers.

Ask Extra Clean-Up Tribes
The need in Farmington Township for more frequent disposal of rubbish, tin cans, etc., was discussed at the meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening. A letter addressed to the Board from the Farmington Township Civic Association suggested that four clean-up trips be held annually instead of one as in previous years.

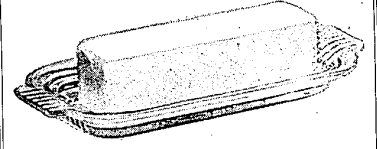
FIVE YEARS AGO (March 22, 1945)

Approve Two Subdivisions
Members of Farmington Township Board held a regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Township Office in Farmington Town Hall. George W. Smith and Mr. McAlpine presented a plat of Quaker Valley Farms for approval by the Board, which was granted. Two Farmington residents requested a request for water service on Roosevelt Street. Court of such connections will be determined and presented to the petitioners. A plat for Farmington Gardens subdivision, between Nine Mile and Shiawassee, was submitted by C. H. Wines, realtor. Approval was withheld by the board until its Wednesday meeting.



"Look, Bill—Here's a telephone directory. Let's find a travel agency in the Yellow Pages and get out of here."

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