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EDITORIALS:
It's Our Opinion

What Does Christmas . . .

mean to you? It isn't an easy question to answer, not in a few simple lines, at least.

The first and foremost meaning of Christmas is the birth of Christ. Along with it is beauty and renewed faith that is symbolized by this holiday. It is a season of joy and happiness, of goodwill toward all men. It is a time of excitement and laughter with families together again for the giving and receiving of gifts. This is what Christmas means to most of us . . . a wonderful experience that we enjoy once each year.

But probably the brightest and most heart-warming part of the holiday is the bringing of Christmas to those less fortunate than ourselves. It is something all of us in the Farmington area can do, thanks to the Goodfellows. Each year these civic leaders and businessmen take time off to help their neighbors. They will be out on the streets again this Friday, enthusiastically selling their papers.

Why do they do it? Why do they leave their busy stores and offices to stand in the cold for several hours? The answer is "Christmas spirit!" The warmth and the satisfaction of helping others who need help. You, too, can capture the full feeling of 'that Christmas spirit.' You, too, can find new warmth and purpose during this holiday season.

Give to a Goodfellow this Friday . . . and become a goodfellow yourself this Christmas.

In The Next Few Weeks . . .

we will read headlines and see pictures of homes and families saddened by the death of loved ones due to an auto accident. Such stories are always sickening but they seem ten times worse at this season of the year.

They don't make for pleasant reading and too often, for that reason, we just flip the page. But we should read and remember . . . it might save our lives. December is the most dangerous time of the year. We're busy, we're in a hurry and we have many things on our minds. We're looking forward to a happy Christmas, but it may never come for us . . . unless we remember!

Yet, what if we do remember? What if we do drive carefully . . . how about the fellow who forgets or who just doesn't seem to care? He is a potential killer with a dangerous weapon at his disposal. He should be dealt with fairly but sternly. If we are to reduce the present slaughter on our streets and highways every conscientious driver must insist on stricter enforcement of traffic laws by our police and our courts. Not just for the other fellow, but for everyone.

A great deal is being done by many communities, not only to reduce traffic accidents but to gain public support and recognition of the tremendous problem before us. The new approach to better enforcement being made by the Livonia Police Department is an excellent example. Another is driver education in our public schools, which has shown remarkable results on a nation-wide basis. Traffic safety conferences conducted by judges in their chambers is another progressive approach to the problem.

It is our belief that if these steps were initiated and expanded in the Farmington community, accidents would decline while cooperation, understanding and public support would sky-rocket. It is a job we have to do together and there isn't any time to waste.

Formal Action . . .

has been taken by the United Nations condemning the Red atrocities committed during the Korean conflict. The 44 to 5 vote in favor of the United Nations resolution condemning the atrocities may not seem of too much importance in itself. The Russian delegates have already loudly and angrily denounced the resolution as "false, libelous and hypocritical." They will continue to wax long and warm, spilling out propaganda in an effort to cover up.

The importance of the United Nations resolution is not in its present effect, but rather in its future significance. The Reds, with their well-oiled propaganda machine, can browbeat the majority of their people into believing anything. But the record of the United Nations, the testimony, the debate and the concluding action, will remain as a document of truth and a statement of fact.

All of the twisted words and wild counter charges can not mark the true pages of history.

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2550 Grand River Avenue
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
nursery to senior department
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over OKLW.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenues
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
(A nursery is maintained during the Morning Worship.)

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Church School, third grade through high school, 9:30 a.m.
Nursery through second grade at 10:45 a.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
Special Adult service Sunday morning at 11:15.
7:00 Sunday evening, special service by the junior choir, all girl choir and youth choir.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST
Farmington at Shiawassee
9:30 and 11:40 a.m., Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.
10:35 Sunday School with all-grade lessons.
8:00 Young People's Choir.
6:30 Junior, Hi-BY, and Senior Youth Groups.
6:30 Adult Study Class
7:30 Happy Evening Hour.
7:30 Wednesday Hour of Power.
8:30 Wednesday, Senior Choir.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
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.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday.
Church 11:00 a.m. Saturday.
8 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.
"Faith for Today" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.
"Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., OKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21225 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 6372.

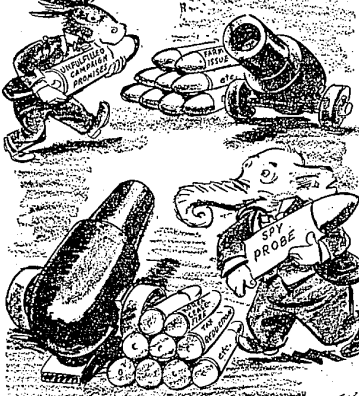
CHURCH OF GOD
20341 Shiawassee at Middlebelt
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
3 p.m. Evangelistic Service.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples Service.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
12 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Sermon theme: "The Neglected Need."
6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Gaylord Baptist Church
19188 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. F., 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

KEWWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baker Road, 1 Mile N. of 8 Mile
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
B. Y. F. C. Council, 8:00 p.m.
Phone Mayfield 6373

Election's Months Away, But . . .



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, FARMINGTON
23701 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Farmington Town Hall.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 3701 Cass Avenue.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
We may look to God for help, no matter what distressing conditions may arise, is shown in the Lesson - Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches under the title "God the Preserver of Man," on Sunday, December 12.

The Golden Text is from Psalm (40:11): "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord; let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meeting in the new high school building, the next entrance.
Morning Worship and Church School at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
On Sunday, December 13, the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln will conduct the regular church service at 11:15 a.m. The sermon topic will be "Today's Children and Yesterday's Heritage." This is the second of a two-part discussion of religious education.

Church school in Adams Hall a time some how.
NOW! BAPTIST CHURCH
10:30 Morning Worship Service.
Special music by the choir, illustrated children's message.
11:30, Sunday School; Bible study in classes; classes for all ages.
During the Sunday School hour the Junior Church will practice.
7:30, Evening Worship service.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at Middlebelt School at Middlebelt North of Ten Mile Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. (For his service, phone Farmington 2154.)
Morning worship at 11:00 a.m. Evening service at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week prayer meeting held at the home of the pastor at 2106 Tullane Street Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FREE WILL BAPTIST
Grand River at Middlebelt
10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m. Evening service.
7:30 p.m. Thursday, prayer service.

OAKLAND CHURCH OF GOD
20221 Angling Road
Between 7 Mile and 8 Mile
Worship, Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

THE DETROIT GOSPEL TABERNACLE
10500 Winston
PULP GOSPEL
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Young Peoples Meeting each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

Ladies' Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Old Fashion Prayer Meeting Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
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It would be wonderful if all the adults in the nation could take time to refer to themselves in the facts of American history. It isn't a dull subject. On the contrary the discovery of this new world and the formation of the United States of America were the most moving events since the days of Christ on earth. Every school child, every college student and every adult should be intimately acquainted with these events and they should be constantly reminded of them throughout life. Our nation would be far stronger in every way if this could be done.

The writing, adoption and ratification of the United States Constitution was a truly epoch-making event. This was the greatest step forward in the field of government. This made possible, for the first time, a structure of laws and governmental institutions establishing the sacredness of the individual and safeguarding human liberties.

With the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, the colonies had announced the philosophy of individual liberty. With ratification of the Articles of Confederation 18 months later they had joined themselves together as "The United States of America." But they still had no central form of government.

The colonies weren't truly a nation and they were beset with grave problems which threatened destruction of the very ideals they sought to achieve in their new land of the free.

Thus, the primary purpose of the Constitutional Convention which assembled in Philadelphia, in May, 1787, was to form the framework for a national government which would "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

George Washington, who had led the American armies in the war to establish individual freedom and national independence, held the first meeting to discuss a constitution at his Mount Vernon home. To it were invited outstanding citizens from all the colonies. For two years, informal talks were carried on. Then the Constitutional Convention was called.

Upon reaching the convention, delegate James Wilson, noted lawyer, said: "For the first time in six thousand years of human history men have come together to deliberate and peacefully resolve what their government should be." Seventy-three delegates had been chosen. Only 55 came. They were truly great men, selected by their people for outstanding intellect, integrity, leadership. There were 25 college men, 31 lawyers, eight financiers or merchants, six planters, three doctors, and two ministers. Forty-two had been delegates to the Continental Congress, eight had signed the Declaration, six the Articles of Confederation, and seven were governors of states.

They were moderate men. George Washington was unanimously made convention president and he played a tremendous part in shaping the Constitution. James Madison, of Virginia; James Wilson and Benjamin Franklin, who was 81 at the time, also played vital roles. Franklin, one of the keenest minds of all, was crippled and had to be carried in and out (Continued on Page 7A)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 13, 1928)
To Head Massons

With more than fifty in attendance at the annual meeting of Farmington Masonic Lodge Number seven, Ralph J. Ames was elected Worshipful Master to lead the Lodge for the coming year. A. L. Ross was elected Senior Warden, the second highest office in the Lodge.

Old Visitor
Mrs. Nell McHugh of Fenton, Michigan, was a visitor at the home of her niece, Miss Minnie Toomey, on Sunday. Mrs. McHugh will be remembered as Miss Nell McDemertry, who taught school here in 1877 and 1885. Although 89 years old, she looks years younger and enjoys splendid health.

Christmas Tree
Farmington is to take advantage of its unusually favorable location for a community Christmas tree, and within a few days one of the evergreens in the Town Hall Park will be strung with electric lights. Earl Grosvener, manager of Detroit Edison in Farmington, has agreed to furnish all the bulbs and current, and even place the bulbs on the tree if help cannot be obtained.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 9, 1943)
In Florida
Dr. J. W. Norton, who has been an osteopathic physician and surgeon in Farmington for many years, is now at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he is stationed with the United States Coast Guard.

Wins Letter
Cadet Ross Fernstrom, fullback in a team in the "Mighty Mite" football league for players weighing under 125 pounds, at the Missouri Military Institute, has received his letter award at the annual football assembly held at the school.

New Officer
Farmington will have an additional police officer beginning the first of January. It was determined at Wednesday night's meeting of the Farmington City Commission. Several applicants are being considered, and the selection will be made so the new officer will be able to assume his duties on the first of the year.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 9, 1948)
Male Chorus Sing
The Farmington Male Chorus, a group of local men who sing just for the pleasure they derive from it and the fun it gives, sang at the Masonic Eastern Star Night on Tuesday, November 30. The chorus will make its next appearance at the Farmington Parent Teachers Association meeting in December.

The Farmington High School basketball team opened its season with a victory over Wayne High School on Friday night before a capacity crowd that jammed its way into the Farmington gym to see the home team win by a 38 - 28 score.

All-League Band
Twenty-three students from the Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools were accepted for membership in the Western Oakland County All-League Band at a meeting of the new group held Saturday at Walpole Lake. A total of 63 students from six schools were accepted.

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