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It's Our Opinion

Merry Christmas . . .

has been so many times in so many different ways that it is difficult to find new words that will adequately express our feelings at this wonderful season.

Maybe the old and true greetings are the best. Certainly they have survived and maintained their popularity down through the ages. But actually it is not the words or the means of expression that are important, it is the genuine spirit behind them. Christmas is one time of the year when differences of opinion and misunderstandings are mellowed. It is a time when men search out the good in others and thus expose the good in themselves.

We aren't sure that this experience can be described in mere words or phrases. Some call it "Peace on Earth and Good Will to All Men". It is an intangible spirit that grips and holds us. Like the Wise Men gazing in wonder at the beautiful Christmas Star, we are drawn away from the problems of everyday life and transplanted into a new and wonderful world.

Yes, we can put down in black and white such words as "Merry Christmas" and "Season's Greetings". We can even print the full text of the Christmas Story as it happened many centuries ago. But can we describe the feeling that comes over us when we recount these words? Can we explain the genuine satisfaction that comes from helping those less fortunate than ourselves? Can we tell in simple words why we find pleasure in giving?

It isn't easy, yet it's very real. We like to call it the Spirit of Christmas, the commemoration of the Birth of Christ. Though it happened many years ago, the effect of that Christmas event is reflected in all of us this day. Christmas means many things to many people and although they can't be adequately described in words they are very much in evidence, in feeling, in spirit and in outward joy.

We only wished that the Spirit of Christmas might spill over into 365 days each year. Maybe sometime it will!

Clarenceville Residents . . .

are now being afforded an opportunity to take a more active part in the future of their schools.

This single sentence is an encouraging statement of fact. The Clarenceville School Board, at its last regular meeting, approved a motion initiating the formation of a citizens' advisory committee. This committee of citizens will assist the Board in the planning of a future school program.

Although the advice and counsel of residents is necessary to the building of better schools, the most important part of this type of program is the interest and active participation it stimulates. All citizens should feel that they have a part to play in the formation of any school program. The establishment of a citizens' committee is an excellent way to encourage that feeling.

It is our hope that the residents of Clarenceville will accept the invitation of the Board and join in this cooperative effort. They will not only get a clearer view of the present and future problems facing the School District, but will have a chance to assist in the improvement of the educational program at Clarenceville.

Our schools are no better than we ourselves make them. They are the direct reflection of your interest and our community spirit.

The News . . .

that the Federal budget may be balanced by July of 1954 is certainly encouraging, but a lot of water must go over the dam between now and then.

The balancing of the budget is one thing . . . and how it is done is another. If the administration will stick to its resolution of reducing expenses and Congress will back it up . . . then we'll be getting somewhere. But if they give in to the pressures of new taxes to pay for more handouts . . . then we're getting nowhere.

The American people want relief from the yoke. They want to stand on their own two feet. They want to support their local governments in the development of improvements and services which they can see and derive direct benefit from.

The eyes of the nation are on Washington . . . what will the answer be?

GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2560 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
7:00 p.m. Thursday, Christmas Eve service by the Sunday School. Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m. Antiphons by the senior choir. Devotion of children from the day and Sunday School.
New Year's Eve service 8:00 p.m.
New Year's Day service 10:00 a.m.

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 OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 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 Advent service Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.
7:00 Sunday evening, special musical service by the junior choir, all choir and youth choir.

FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Farmington at Shawwassee
9:30 and 11:40 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.
10:35 Sunday School with all-graded lessons.
5:00 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 unit 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, 9:30 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 8:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2122 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayers.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone GO, 6372.

CHURCH OF GOD
29341 Shawwassee at Middlebelt
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 p.m. Evangelistic Service.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8 p.m. Saturday, Young People's Service.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH
49 Mile Road at Greening
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Sermon theme: "Substitutes for God."
6:00 p.m. Junior and Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

Gaylord Baptist Church
19188 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. F., 6 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

Forgotten for the Day



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, FARMINGTON
2707 East Avenue
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Farmington Town Hall.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 2375 Cass Avenue.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, Testimonial Meeting.
Reading Room hours, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Has the "Comforter" promised by Christ Jesus come? This question is answered in the Lesson-Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, December 27, under the title "Christian Science."

The Golden Text is from Isaiah (52:9, 10): "Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations."

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

FIRST UNIVERSALIST - Warner and Thomas Streets
The regular Sunday morning service will be conducted by the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln at 11:05 a.m. on Sunday, December 27. Mr. Lincoln's sermon topic will be "With Heart and Mind." Church School in Adams Hall at the same hour.

NOVI 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 Choir 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 bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)
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 21964 Tulane Street Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. B. Gulan Farm. 1049 (Services to Universalist Church)
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sunday Communion at each third Sunday.
Church School: Pre-school to third grade during Sunday service.

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
10000 Winstan
FULL GOSPEL
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Young People's 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.
Everyone Welcome

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Inquirer Road, 1 Mile, N. of 8 Mile
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
P. C. Grand, Minister
Phone Mayfair 6-2321



When the original 13 states of the U. S. A. began to function as a Constitutional Republic in 1789, the private enterprise economic system had already demonstrated its great worth as a creator of material welfare for a nation's people. Although hampered by the many economic restrictions imposed by Great Britain, the system revealed several of its basic assets to be unmatched in previous human history. And these assets began to flower when the yoke of Britain's regneimination was thrown off. The most important assets are:

The principle of Private Ownership of Property: This most fundamental of the elements in the American economic system produced the incentive to create, to bring from each individual his most productive effort. What each person produces is his to do with as he pleases. He can work harder, and produce more, and have more, and that's what the American does; they put forth their best effort, and are rewarded.

The Profit Motive: Profit is property, in one sense. It is a small fraction of created wealth. Therefore, it comes from production. When an individual produces more than the basic living requirements of himself and his family, he turns the surplus into profit which he can use as he sees fit. An automobile is not a basic requirement for survival, nor is a radio set; but most American families want them, and have them - because the profit system gives them the incentive to keep on keeping enough wealth to afford them.

The Free Market: This is not only of benefit to business and industry, but to the individual as well. In a free market the individual worker's ability goes to the highest bidder. Tens of thousands of agricultural workers have left the farms and have learned industrial skills that bring them a bigger cash income. Any employee can advance on his individual efforts in a free market system. And, of course, the competition existing for business and industry constantly drives the consumer a bigger dollar's worth.

How well do I remember the first automobile that came to our town 40 years ago. It was a chain-driven Metz, a one-seater. Yeh cracked it off the side. It had a rubber-hub horn, high pressure tires, and a buggy top. It broke down constantly. Yet its owner was envied far and wide. Of course, he was the richest man in the area. Only the wealthy could afford an automobile when I was a boy. And yet today there are more automobiles in America than there are families and almost every family owns one.

Competition - the free market - did this. And what it has done in the production of automobiles, it has done in many other things. Look when Henry Ford began making his "tin lizzies," automobiles were still beyond the reach of most Americans. But he was determined to out-strip other manufacturers, and produce a car that all Americans could own. He did it on the low-price market - but not for long. Chevrolet, Plymouth and others competed. And they competed so well that the product continued constantly to improve.

The low priced cars of today, which are driven by millions of Americans, are 50 times better than the high priced car of 1910 which only the few wealthy people could own. In my opinion, this adequately illustrates the unmatchable benefits to the whole population of our unique American, economic system, with its principle of private ownership, its profit motive, and its free market.

Other nations, at times, have had some of these three elements in their economic system, but never all three of them together to the extent that they have been functioning in our country. And what about the comparative results? Automobiles serve as a good example. With its free market, keen competition and great incentive, America produces 45 percent of the world's automobiles, and Americans actually drive 50 percent of the world's total automobiles, though we have but 7 percent of the world's population.

Do your children know these vitally important facts about the American economic system? If they do not know these facts and do not appreciate the worth of our system in bringing such far-reaching human progress, then our American heritage is to that extent jeopardized. Let's be sure such facts are taught in our homes - and in our schools.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 27, 1928)
Henry Ford Thanks
Among several thousands of relics at the Ford Hall of Antiques at Dearborn is an old-fashioned wall mirror. The mirror itself is not unusual, but is has a sentimental value to Henry Ford and to Ernest S. Schellenger of Farmington Township who sent it to Mr. Ford and later received a letter thanking him for it. The mirror is one which the two men made use of in shaving when Mr. Ford was in the employ of Detroit Edison as manager of its Detroit plant and Mr. Schellenger was a machinist under him.

"Why" Water
With one man dead and hundreds ill, one critically, of influenza, Farmington is in the grip of the worst epidemic of illness in years, if not in its history. No count is available of the number of cases.

Assistant Prosecutor
Charles L. Wilson of North Farmington, who formerly practiced law in Farmington, is to assume the duties of first assistant prosecutor of Oakland County on January 1, under the Prosecutor-elect Norman C. Orr.

TES YEARS AGO (December 23, 1913)
The Goodfellow Sale
The Goodfellow paper sale held last Saturday was the most successful drive the old newspapers have ever staked in Farmington. At the close of the day the Goodfellows found they had collected \$41.06 from the sale. This was the most they had ever collected. Last year's total reached something over \$300.00.

New Minister
The First Methodist Church of Farmington will have a new minister beginning January 3. Rev. A. Stanley Stone will take this position on that date. He came to Farmington from the Calvary Methodist Church in Flint, and has been secretary of the annual conference. Rev. Howard C. Buehling, present pastor of the church, will leave next week with his family for Vancouver, Washington.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 23, 1918)
Residents Protest
Letters of protest against the erection of a trailer camp in the Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile Road area, will be sent to the State Department of Health, it was announced following the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening. A group presented a petition recently which contained over 200 signatures. The Board stated that it would forward a protest letter to the State and requested that residents also send a letter.

Strumped
A record-breaking tidal wave of mail - for the last five days an almost endless flood - has streamed through the local post office, Norman C. Lee, Postmaster, said today. The unprecedented crest, reaching more than 82,000 pieces last Monday, almost swamped the 27 postal workers.

To Our Friends and Patrons:
A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Cherue and Hungrie Bickins of SPRINGBROOK GARDENS 23116 Power Farm, 0078-J

Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

SALEM EVANGELICAL and REFORMED CHURCH
OAKLAND AVENUE at GRAND RIVER
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

A Merry Christmas

This greeting goes to all our friends, With a special note of cheer - We wish you joy on Christmas Day

RICHARDSON APPLIANCE & HEATING
Near Maple Ave. - 32023 Grand River Farmington Farm. 2842-2038