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## It's Our Opinion

### EDITORIALS:

#### The Spirit Of Christmas . . .

means many things to many people, and all of them are good.

We see the Spirit of Christmas in the eyes of little children as they look over the toy counter or get their first glimpse of Santa Claus or view the colored lights on the Christmas tree. We feel it in the warm handshake of a friend who pauses to wish us Season's Greetings. We hear it in the joyous exchange of the words "Merry Christmas." We capture it in the knowing silence that follows the giving of gifts to those who need them most.

Yes, the Spirit of Christmas even goes beyond our physical senses of sight, touch, smell and sound. It reaches into our very souls to give us happiness and faith. For the Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Christ, our Savior. It is particularly significant in this year 1954 that we remember to put Christ in our Christmas. We must not forget lest we lose the real gladness . . . the real meaning of the holiday season. We must not forget, lest we lose sight of the true miracle of Christmas.

There are those in the world today who would disavow Christmas just as they would debunk the mystery of Santa Claus. But can you deny the sparkle in a child's eye, the warmth in a friendly handshake, the sound of a "Merry Christmas" or the feeling of sincere gratitude? This is one question that needs no answer.

The Spirit of Christmas means many things to many people, and like the story of the birth of Christ, they can not be disavowed or debunked for they live in the hearts and souls of men who know and believe.

#### Last Friday . . .

the citizens of the Farmington community did just what everyone expected them to do. The usual and expected aren't generally considered as big news items and are hardly ever subjects for editorial comment . . . but this is one exception.

The citizens of Farmington were expected to give generously to the Goodfellows last Friday in their annual Paper Sale. They did just that. In spite of the typical "Goodfellow Weather," a little rain mixed with snow and chilling wind, a total of nearly \$2,000 was collected. In addition to the funds, more canned and packaged goods were donated by school children of the area than ever before.

Thus, once again Farmington has strengthened its reputation for helping others who need help. Thanks to your contributions and the determination and the willingness of the many Farmington Goodfellows, it is going to be truly a wonderful Christmas. Many of our less fortunate friends and neighbors will not be forgotten because you gave, many a home will be brighter, including your own, because you lent a helping hand.

This is the real meaning of a community, people working together for a common good. This is the real meaning of Christmas, helping others when they need it most.

#### A Sizeable Number . . .

of Americans are alive and happy today, thanks to a flood of proclamations, reams of publicity stories, and an appealing slogan.

Last Wednesday was "S-D Day" and from all reports it was a success. All of the space in newspapers and time on radio and television paid off in lives saved. As a result there is a little less sorrow in the country today than there might have been.

Never before has there been a more concentrated effort to impress Americans with facts of life and death. The terrible toll of traffic accidents was spelled out in many ways by many people. It was presented in all its horror and its consequence. It was told in stories and statistics, shown in grim pictures and cartoons and dramatized in scripts. Every means possible was used to alert each of us to the dangers. It apparently worked!

But the real success of the project has not been determined yet, and it won't be for some time. "S-D Day" was more than a one-shot proposition, it was and is a continuing program designed to save lives. The effectiveness of the project will be written in the statistics of the weeks and months to come. Remember "S-D Day."

## GO TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
20341 Shawwasco 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.

**FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 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  
Morning Services, 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.  
Youth Groups 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.  
Mid-week Service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**FARMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST**  
Farmington at Shawwasco  
9:30 and 11:40 a.m. Nursery, Junior Church and Morning Worship.  
10:35 Sunday School with all-grade lessons.  
6:30 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 Prayer.  
8:30 Wednesday, Senior Choir.  
**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.  
Daily Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.  
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**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., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
at Middlebelt School  
at Middlebelt North at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.  
Evening service at 7:30 p.m.  
Mid-week prayer meeting held at 7:30 p.m. at the pastor at 7:30 p.m.  
(For bus service, phone Farmington 2124.)

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
13 Mile Road at Greening  
10:00 a.m. Church School.  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Service.  
Evening Service "The Christmas After Glow."  
6:00 p.m. Intermediate and Senior Youth Fellowship.  
Rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
26500 Grand River Avenue  
Divine Service 8:40 a.m.  
Middle Service 9:30 a.m.  
Late Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School is held at 9:30 a.m. in the Steckley School at 26000 Farley.

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. J. R. Gustin  
Farm. 1943 and 1049-J  
(Services in Universalist Church)  
Holy Communion first and third Sunday of each month.  
Sunday School for children to third grade during church service.  
Fourth grade through high school, Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Farmington H. S. Building  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Church School 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery school and classes for children and young people through Junior High School age.

**ROCHESTER CHURCH OF GOD**  
Between 7 Mile and 8 Mile  
Worship, Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.



REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS will look twice before asking taxpayers to foot the bill for a gigantic expansion of Michigan's colleges.

At the same time they feel strong pressure to make the over-crowded system of higher education fit the enrollment boom which educators claim will double the campus population by 1970.

As a stopgap, Conlin's interim study committee plans to ask the 1955 legislature to expand four teachers colleges to full-fledged liberal arts colleges. All offer four year courses now and the major change would be padding out the curriculum, offering a greater area of education.

Conlin said the expansion idea was drafted to hit Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, Western Michigan College of Education at Kalamazoo, Central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant, and Michigan College of Education at Marquette.

The committee figures that Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, just taken over as a state institution two years ago, could be expanded to take care of any special educational need.

At present, Ferris is one of the country's top schools for pharmacists.

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Ivor Thomas, as a Labor-Socialist member of Parliament, helped install Socialism in Great Britain. But as he began to see the true nature of Socialism in practice, he quit the party and wrote a book entitled "The Socialist Tragedy."

In it he warns the free world that no matter how well it is done, "production for use," or welfare state "capitalism," Socialism, over the long haul, means poverty and ultimate enslavement for a nation's people, including, of course, the very ones it claims to champion — the wage earners.

In his chapter on "Socialism and Freedom," Thomas notes that Socialism and Communism have the following three main characteristics in common (1) the communal ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange; (2) the abolition of personal incomes derived from rent, profit and interest; and (3) the central planning of production.

(1) Communal ownership means, in practice, state ownership and control. "When all power is centralized in the hands of the state," Thomas writes, "it is a simple matter for one man or a few men having control of the state mechanism to turn all that concentrated power in any direction they please; and unhappily their pleasure has usually been in the direction of evil. The wide diffusion of property therefore acts as a valuable corrective to the evil propensities of totalitarian regimes."

The ownership of private property, he notes, also "promotes industry, thrift, writing and action among the private owners," and thus stimulates progress. "If the history of thought is studied, particularly in England," he says, "the student cannot fail to be struck by the fact that so many of the leaders, the pioneers and the discoverers have been men enjoying a sufficient competence to free them from dependence upon anyone else. (Moreover) when the private owners of property are expropriated and the state steps into their shoes, henceforth there is only one landlord and only one employer . . . a misworker whom the National Coal Board wants to get rid of has no possibility of again getting work in a British pit."

(2) If private incomes from rent, profit and interest are abolished, as they are in Socialism and Communism, "then all individual incomes will be derived from the state or state bodies," Thomas observes. "They may be in the form of wages, salaries, pensions, allowances and possibly fees, but they will all come from one central chest, and if the persons who control the flow from the chest decide to stop or divert it, they can do so. It will be seen how precarious are the liberties of man in such a system."

The importance of profit-making is emphasized by Thomas. "If profit-making is eliminated," he says, "consumers' choice will inevitably disappear, and this is a consequence which will be felt in every home in the country." The attitude in which the typical intellectual bureaucrat views the average citizen once the latter has gained control through Socialism, is clearly shown in Thomas's book. He quotes Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the Treasury in Britain's Socialist government:

"Housewives as a whole cannot be trusted to buy all the right things, where nutritious and healthy are concerned." Minister Jay wrote in a book of his own. "This is really no more than an extension of the principle according to which the housewife herself would not trust a child of four to select the week's purchases. For in the case of nutrition and health, just as in the case of education, the sentiment in Whitehall (the government headquarters) really does know better what is good for people than the people know themselves."

(3) The central planning of production, which is the heart of Socialism and Communist bureaucracy, requires the regimentation and ultimate enslavement of the individual worker. "In Britain," writes Thomas, "persuasion was first used to induce workers to go to the industries where they had never wanted them to go, but the grim facts of economic life forced the government's hand, and on 8th August 1947, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Labour, told the House of Commons that the government had decided to remove the control over the engagement of labour."

"This," writes Thomas, the one-time Labor-Socialist, "is a part of the tragedy of socialism."

FARMERS AND resort owners have petitioned State College working for them, trying to figure how best to get traffic over the roads.

At the request of the American Land Grant College Association, Michigan State made a survey on "What a College Can Do to Help Solve the Traffic Problem."

Upshot of the survey was a recommendation that each state set up a central traffic survey center. College officials already are approaching prospective donors to help finance the project.

That way, they figure taxpayers will be spared expense and will get a true picture of highway needs before being asked to sink their money into roads.

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 26, 1929)  
Christmas Fund

Farmington's second Christmas Christmas Fund drive ended successfully Tuesday afternoon with the distribution of baskets of food to 38 needy families in this section. Further happiness was brought to children in the community with the distribution of 400 bags of candy, nuts and other goodies Tuesday evening. A total of \$271.85 in cash was collected during the drive, as well as substantial contributions of apples, potatoes, canned goods and other supplies, including clothing.

**Building Dedication**  
An entire week of celebration is contemplated by Farmington Baptist Church in connection with the dedication next month of its new Sunday School building adjacent to the church. Dedication ceremonies will be held Sunday, January 12, or the following Sunday. Delays in completion of the building have prevented the setting of a definite date. Three services are being planned in conjunction with dedication activities.

**Highways Blocked**  
Travel throughout this section was handicapped during the latter part of last week and the early part of this week by heavy snowfalls which followed that of last Wednesday. Main roads were barely passable and side roads were almost impassable. Many side roads are still closed to travel.

**TEN YEARS AGO (December 28, 1944)**  
At the first meeting of officers for the newly formed Farmington Consolidated School District, Dr. Z. R. K. Schreiber was named as president. Paul Schreiber was named secretary and Guy Duran treasurer. Isaac Bond and Jess Early, the two remaining Board members, will serve as trustees.

**Tax Collections**  
Taxes are now due and payable for property in the city and township. Township Treasurer Clayton Goers is collecting taxes daily at the township offices in the Farmington Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. City Treasurer Jay Jamison is at the City Hall daily. All city taxes may be paid to her.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (December 29, 1949)**  
Mail Delivery

Effective January 15, a large portion of the eastern section of Farmington Township will receive on-trip mounted city curb mail delivery service. Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster, announced. The new service is being initiated to improve mail service in this heavily populated area as well as to furnish relief for some of the mail carriers now handling overloads. Mail will now be delivered to boxes placed in front of houses in this area.

**See Santa Claus**  
Nearly 400 boys and girls flocked around Santa Claus last Saturday afternoon as he made a last minute stop at city hall. He presented each youngster with a bag of candy and favors.

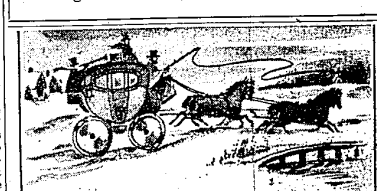


**SALEM EVANGELICAL and REFORMED CHURCH**  
OAKLAND AVENUE at GRAND RIVER  
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

**LONELY ON Christmas?**  
If you're lonely at Christmas time, chances are you're lonely all year long. At our church learn of the Christ who puts brightness and joy into every season. "Your sorrow shall be turned into joy." John 16:20

## MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

24400 Middlebelt Road  
Sunday School . . . . . 10 a.m.  
Worship . . . . . 11 a.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.



To all our friends and neighbors  
we send our sincerest wishes for a joyful, cheerful, healthful Holiday Season.

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