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EDITORIALS

It's Christmas . . .

in Farmington and throughout the Christian world. Once again we pause to celebrate the birthday anniversary of the Prince of Peace.

It's Christmas in spite of strife and tension in every nation on earth. It's Christmas in spite of war and bloodshed. It's Christmas in spite of suspicions and misunderstandings right here at home. How can you tell? Look into men's eyes, hear their cheery "Merry Christmas", feel their warm hand. Yes, it's Christmas again.

The spirit lies just as sure as men live. Neither Communist aggression nor hollow propaganda can destroy the ageless faith and spirit that's Christmas. The birth of Christ is a symbol of joy and hope undimmed by the years. In fact, the star shines brighter than ever before.

To many this is far from a joyous Christmas, but none will deny it is Christmas. While headlines cry "National Emergency" and spell out crisis after crisis, it is difficult to capture the full spirit of the season. Many families right here in Farmington wait anxiously for word from Korea where a son may be stationed. Others may be watching for a call to military service, while still others live in Army hospitals.

Yet it is Christmas in the hearts of men. It's Christmas because we still have faith and hope. We still believe in our fellowmen. We still enjoy the warmth of the Christmas spirit. We can not, we must not, lose that warmth. It is our fortress against all forces, regardless of how strong or powerful.

Yes, this is Christmas, as it has been in the past and as it will be in the future — for this is the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Take A Minute . . .

after the Christmas rush and jot down a note. It will just take a minute.

Put down in large letters "Vote January 2" and place it in a prominent place. That is the date of the city election to name nine members to the Charter Commission. It is your responsibility. It is a perfect way to start out 1951.

Look over the candidates, they are your neighbors and they have an important job to do. Make your choices carefully because these citizens will write your City Charter, the laws by which you will be governed in the future. No election could be more important to the people of the City of Farmington. This is a growing community and it must have the full support and cooperation of its people of it is to progress.

A record vote is necessary. It is necessary if democracy is to prevail and the majority are to rule. This is no time for indifference or irresponsibility. It is time for overwhelming cooperation and constructive action. It is time we proved to ourselves that we are interested in our community and its future.

Nothing could be more encouraging or more conclusive than a record vote January 2. It would serve notice on every elected Commissioner that the job of drafting a charter is of primary concern to every citizen. It would serve notice on every resident that Farmington is ready and anxious to accept the challenge ahead and meet them squarely and together.

Take a minute and jot down that note "Vote January 2!"

Christmas Baskets . . .

are going out to our less fortunate neighbors this week end — thanks to you and the Farmington Goodfellows.

Your pennies, dimes and dollars, as well as cans of food have once again brought new hope and gladness to Farmington's needy families. As a result, you too will have a merrier Christmas. It is the spirit of giving and helping others that is Christmas.

Once again we have taken care of our own. This is the real purpose of friends and neighbors — the real purpose of a community. Sincere thanks are going out from these grateful people in our community. Though you may not be able to hear them, the thanks are there. The Enterprise wants to add its thanks to all those who worked and to all those who gave. We're proud to be a part of this community.

Churches

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2500 Grand River Avenue
Corner of Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halbroth, Pastor
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
Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:40 a.m., nursery to senior departments.
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutherna Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over WKLV.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. Stanley, 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.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH

W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
Rev. Cadman Prout, Pastor
9:30 a.m., Church School.
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship.
10:45 a.m., Nursery, kindergarten and primary Sunday School.
W. S. C. S. on second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Grand River at Middlebelt
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:40 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
Rev. A. J. Foster, Pastor
Wilmie 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., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"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.
Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:15 p.m.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Mr. A. J. Johnson, Music Dir. & Organist
Mr. G. C. Gildemeister, Bd. Pres.
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.
A warm and interesting service is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH

13 Mile Road at Greening
Rev. Leroy Lord, Pastor
10:30 a.m., Church School.
11:45 a.m., Sunday School.
6:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship. A. Barney Spenser, Jr., Nursery department in care of Sally Pfister and Sally Gironz. Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursday each month, 8 p.m.

Gaylord Baptist Church

19188 Gaylord Road
Rev. Chester Cones, Minister
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
E. Y. F. 8 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

23701 Cass Avenue
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimony Meeting.
Reading Room, Thurs. Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
"Christ Jesus" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 24.
Golden Text (Isaiah 53:5): "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder."

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

21122 Indian Road
Rev. H. Raymond Bayne
Southfield 5372
10:00 a.m., Bible School.
Free transportation.
11:15 a.m., Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m., Evening Praise.
Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
Four Youth Clubs weekly.

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.

King Solomon



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

BOUQUET FOR VAUGHAN

Some people will hardly believe it, but herewith is a bouquet of the hospitality shown them during World War II. For the nation's capital—like a lot of other cities—has not realized that with the cold war now on, we civilians ought to shift our hospitality from cold to warm.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. Thomas P. Szaban, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lenore and Curtis Aves., Detroit (Five Minutes from Bus Station)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
December 24 — 10 a.m. Christmas Family Service, Kindergarten classes. 11:30 p.m., Choral Holy Communion and sermon.
December 25 — 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Warner and Thomas Streets
Farmington
Rev. Frank D. Adams, Pastor
Sunday morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Guest speaker, Dr. Katherine M. Chamberlain, professor of physics at Wayne University. Her topic: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."
Junior church, also at 11, Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Charles G. Morris, Pastor
Mary Flint, Pianist
Mrs. Jack Eby, Sunday School Sp.
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.

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By GENE ALLEMAN

Politics has come to a grinding halt for the average Michigan voter — except for the numerous state appointments still unfilled. Two-thirds of the way through the re-count Governor Williams was rubbing his hands with glee. His was an opportunity seldom afforded a Democrat in the midwest. Many of the top appointive jobs are open. He promised he would be ready for them.

Williams' luck has been poor in the past. When the dust settled over the embattled liquor control commission, Gen. Kungis retained his \$10,250 job, John Kotaren (Williams' appointee) was no longer chairman. David Martin (Democrat) was outtraced for voting Republican Harry Henderson the chairmanship; Martin then was approved by a Republican senate. Confusing, isn't it?

Says Williams: "I can't help but remember how the same two men (Martin and Henderson) were prime movers in issuing 500 S. D. D. (Union take-out) licenses immediately before I took office." But Williams reapportioned Martin. The legislature promises to take steps to halt the "sloppy operation" of the L. C. C.

But war and Christmas now crowd our front pages. With most commentators weeping because "United States has lost its first war," Yuletide shopping has continued unabated. Stores all over the state have been cleaned out despite a substantial price rise since 1949.

The Belasco theatre enjoys one of the most central locations in Washington. Diagonally across Lafayette square from the White House, it is adjacent to the old Dolly Madison house where the wife of the fourth president of the United States entertained in the early days of the republic. But because lofty state theatres have long been closed here, the nation's capital, the Belasco — believe it or not — is filled with old.

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Thirty thousand more soldiers will cost some \$240,000,000 per year to keep. Average cost of the G. I. today is \$5,100 yearly. Before the war the cost was \$3,200.

The V. F. W. has scorned the proposed merger of all state veterans' agencies. G. Edwin Slater, state commander, says it would lead to chaos and build "the finest political machine in the country."

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 18, 1925)

Bandit Robs Farmington Resident

William H. Walters, who owns and operates an oil station at the intersection of Auburn and Dodge Roads, was held up and robbed Saturday evening by a lone bandit. Mr. Walters was leaving the station earlier than usual and was crossing the road to get his car when a man on foot called to him. Not paying attention at first, he finally turned around to find himself looking into the point of a gun with orders to "stick 'em up." He was relieved of from \$25 to \$30.

Local Items

Howard C. Otis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Otis of Grand River Avenue, who is a student at the Kalamazoo College, has been admitted to membership in the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. A basketball team to be known as the Independent Girls of Farmington was formed, and played their first game Tuesday night with Keego Harbor, winning by a score of 32 - 20. The team comprises Helen Boorman, Trenna Banks, Isabelle Pauline, Edna Vivier, Marguerite Moore, and Ora Goers.

TEEN YEARS AGO (December 19, 1940)

Goodfellowed Raise \$800

A total of more than \$500 raised to date by the Farmington Goodfellows for their needy family fund will be increased by further activities next week. Members of the cooperating organizations, the Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Farmington Township Civic Association, and the Civic Theatre, are confident they will be able to provide food, clothing and other necessities for all the families on the Goodfellow list.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 21, 1945)

Consumers Power Reduces December Bills

Consumers Power Company will comply with the Michigan Public Service Commission's order that December bills be reduced 50 per cent, Dan E. Karn, vice president and general manager, announced this week. The Commission's order diverts to the company's electric, gas, and steam heating customers \$1,000,000, the major portion of which would otherwise go to the Federal Treasury in "Excess Profits" taxes.

For God so loved the world
That He gave His only begotten Son
That whosoever believeth in Him
Should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Southfield Presbyterian Church

Little Stories

about Great Hymns

Awake in a Manger

Away in a Manger, no crib for his bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Marvin Luther has been called the "father of angelical hymnody." It was thru the efforts of this great man that the last act of congregational singing was restored, and the Christmas hymn again was given a place in public worship. This militant man, who wrote "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and also the tender man who wrote "Away in a Manger".

Thayer Funeral Home

The Christmas Story

Holds Out Hope to a War-Troubled World

IN contrast to the first Christmas, when the wise men "rejoiced with exceeding great joy" as the Eastern Star led them to Bethlehem and the new-born babe Jesus, Christmas, 1950, is smothered by the realization that another war threatens to displace a precarious "peace on earth."

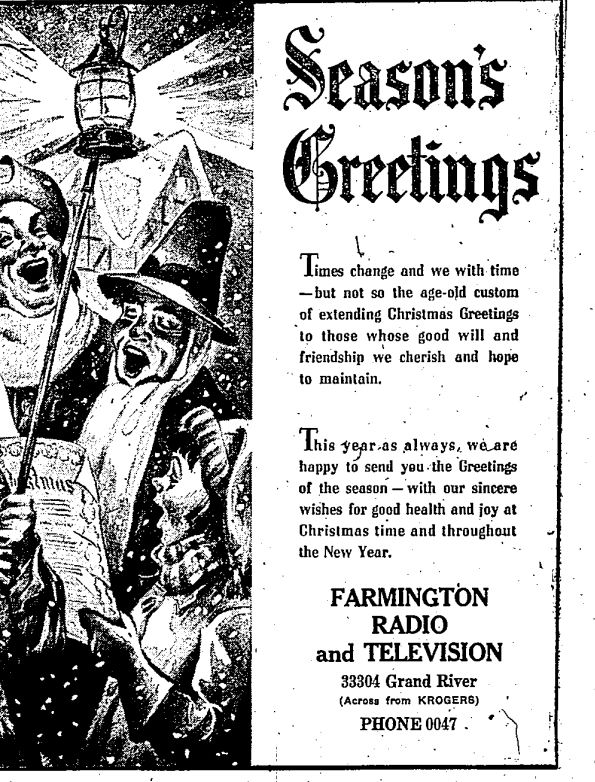
Just as many, who had seen the Eastern Star, troubled King Herod with the question, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" so have people of every peace-loving nation observed new portents of war and, asked their leaders, "Where shall peace and good will toward man be born?"

King Herod answered the question asked of him by gathering "all the chief priests and scribes of the people together." After a consultation with these wise men, Herod sent his people to Bethlehem, where they found the Christ child and "fell down and worshipped him."

Similarly, the United Nations has been the banding together of modern-day wise men in an attempt to find a guiding light by which the world may again live in harmony, and in the spirit of Christ.

The analogy goes even further. An angel of the Lord warned Joseph, "Take the young child . . . and flee into Egypt . . . for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

Like Herod, certain representatives of mighty nations in the UN, openly clamoring for peace, bear false colors and seek only to crush any newly-emerging peace plan not compatible with their ruthless plans for further power.



Season's Greetings

Times change and we with time — but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greetings of the season — with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

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