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## EDITORIALS

### The Sign Went Up . . .

two weeks ago seeking new and larger quarters for the Farmington Post Office. Up to last week end, at least, there were no offers.

Let's face the facts — your Post Office is not large enough to properly or efficiently handle the ever-increasing flow of mail. That means your letters, cards, and packages. We believe that every possible effort is being made by the Post Office to do the job, but the problems are tremendous, even during normal mail periods. It becomes next to impossible during the peak mail seasons.

Nor is there any indication that it will get better. More and more people are moving into the area, which means more and more mail. The Farmington Post Office already has eight rural and mounted routes in addition to two city delivery routes. This is more than almost any other community in this area, particularly with the size of the office that Farmington has. The Post Office Department is asking for 3,500 square feet to meet present and future needs of this growing community.

What are we going to do about it? This isn't so easy, but it is not unobtainable. A great deal of effort has been made to bring this matter to the attention of representatives in Congress, but no action has been indicated. It appears that if Farmington is to have proper postal service we must do it ourselves. Property, particularly property with a suitable building, is not available. We then must provide a building. But it isn't that easy, it requires community action and overcoming the trials of securing building materials in times of national defense.

But it can be done, and has been done. It appears to be the only answer to the problem of bringing adequate mail service to Farmington. No single project would benefit the community more than this. We as a community must find the answer and make it a reality.

### It Will Be Fun . . .

this date you have this week end with the Farmington area merchants. You won't want to miss it!

On Saturday and Sunday, your Farmington merchants will be looking for you at the American Legion Memorial Home. Through the cooperation of the American Legion, they are holding their second Annual Mid-Winter Festival. Your merchants will be looking for you, because they are anxious to meet you and show you just what you can buy right here in your home community.

The whole idea is to promote the growing Farmington trading area. This is important to you as a citizen, because the more business your hometown merchants can do the greater the benefits to you and the community. It adds up . . . better business places, better homes, better schools, better government, and a better place to live.

So make it a date at the Legion Memorial Home this week end. You will be pleased and maybe surprised. You'll find plenty of good reason for getting out and boosting your home town after a trip around the merchants' booths.

Remember, everybody gains when Farmington gains — the merchants, the schools, the governments and yes, you — the individual citizen of this community.

### The Great Debate . . .

is on this week in the Michigan Senate, a debate that has been waged for many months and years in this and other communities throughout the state.

The debate has to do with better and more reliable roads. This subject has been one of the most frequent at the Township Board meetings. The final answer came through cooperation with various governmental units. But the state problem is more difficult. A wide number of solutions are being proposed. Which one, if any, will be selected is not known yet, but an answer must be found.

A quick trip down Grand River from the main intersection of town to the east will prove the point. It is rough, to put it mildly, and spring is yet to come. This situation is duplicated throughout the area on main-traveled roads.

We can't say what the Senate will do, or how the great debate will end, but we hope the results will bring better, safer roads to Farmington.

## Churches

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2500 Grand River Avenue  
Corner of Grand River & 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 9:45 a.m., nursery to senior departments.  
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Midweek Lenten Service 8 p.m. Wednesday.  
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over WKLB and at 5:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

**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.  
Vespers 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 Probst, Pastor  
8:30 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**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Worship at 11:30 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cambridge and Grand River  
Farmington, Michigan  
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor  
Wilma A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education.  
8:30 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**  
"The Friendly Church"  
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**  
24101 Cate Avenue  
Rev. A. Boltz, Mos. Dir. & Organist  
Mr. G. C. Gleditsier, Bd. Pres.  
Mr. E. R. Tyler, Bd. Sec.  
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Church School, 11:25 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
13 Mile Road at Greening  
Rev. Leroy Lord, Pastor  
10:30 a.m., Church Service.  
11:45 a.m., Sunday School.  
6:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship.  
Sunday, 8:00 p.m., Service.  
Nursery department in care of Sally Pfeiffer and Sally Groux.  
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursday each month, 8 p.m.

**GAYLORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
19185 Gaylord Road  
Rev. Chester Coates, Minister  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.  
B. Y. F., 6 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
24101 Cate Avenue  
11:00 a.m., Morning Services and Sunday School.  
8:00 p.m., Wednesday Evening, Testimony Meeting.  
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
"Mind" will be the subject of the Lesson - Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, February 25.  
The Golden Text (Psalm 33:11) is "The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations."

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. Scott Greese, 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.

**UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
Warner and Thomas Streets  
Farmington  
Rev. Frank D. Adams, Pastor  
Sunday morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
Junior church, also at 11, Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.

**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 Prayer.  
February, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.  
Four Youth Clubs weekly.

### Nice Trick if You Can Do It!



### Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

**FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**  
I went up to the little Pennsylvania town where I spent most of my boyhood, to help dedicate the beginning of a new town hall a few weeks ago. It brought back a lot of memories. It also set me thinking about what forms the real foundation of government in this country—namely, the small towns of America.

Swathmore boasted about 2,000 people when I grew up there, and it still isn't much bigger now. The houses are of that early tentative, mansard-roof type; solid, a little ugly, but both the hearts and the brains of the people inside are warm.

A few things about my town have changed in the 30-odd years since I moved away—but not many. There's a new movie house—unhappy of its day. And an underpass has replaced the old railroad grade crossing where watchman Mike McCarthy, friend of every kid in town, used to fret and fume until school was out and all the children had been herded across the tracks.

Some swank new houses have been built in the cow pastures and woods where I once trapped skunks; but Frank Getz, now the town tax assessor, greeted me with the observation: "The skunk-catchin' isn't so good up here any more, but I see you're still catchin' them in 'Washington'."

**PEARSON'S POLICE RECORD**  
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A certain senator has been eagerly digging into my past of late, and last week an attorney close to the McCarthyites stood up in court and indicated by his cross examination of me that they were even trying to track down an incident in Reidsville, N. C., where, after taking down a Chautauqua tent, I was arrested at 3 a.m., for taking a sponge bath in the murky Southern railroad yards.

This is a story which I tell every time I go to North Carolina, the last time having been in the North Carolina press association in Chapel Hill about a year ago. I also get humorous letters from Judge Ira Humphries who presided over the court, and Rev. William A. Leibel, then Methodist minister in Reidsville, reminding me of my wicked past.

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So unpopular and often persecuted was the new faith that it would seem that only the most sincere and devout could cling to a faith "blackballed" by a major portion of the society.

Yet there were many who called themselves Christians in the hope of "getting something for nothing." This is proved by Paul's denunciation against those who would not work, the sort of converts who in our time have been called "rice Christians."

It was because Paul was so determined to check any abuse of the basic Christian principle of mutual love and mutual aid that he pointedly stated, "Every man shall carry his own burden."

Paul had to be careful for some of the converts had formerly been pagans in cities of licentiousness. The fact that they had been washed of their sins did not prevent Jesus into the evils of a tempting environment, and some apparently did not accept, or realize, the true nature of the Christian way.

Like certain elements of society existing today, there were also those always ready to corrupt the purity of Christian faith and substitute their own philosophies of ease and indulgence.

Then, as now, the man who "put on the Lord Jesus" required a strength that could not easily be corrupted.

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INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Michigan's loss stunned yet over its tremendous loss in the fire which licked through the state office building in Lansing. Cause of the blaze was easy to dig up — now comes the task of scraping up money to rebuild the structure.

As a result of the loss of office space, plans for the new office building, scheduled to be built behind the capitol building, have been stepped up. Plans now are arranged to exceed not over 4 1/2 million dollars. A. N. Langius, head of the state building department, says it can't be built for that amount.

From whence is to come the money? That is the question state legislators in the face in the next four years. In the meantime, it will cost 2 1/2 millions (and 6-8 months) to get the old water south of the state building back into operation. Top two floors will be looted off, of course, since both are total losses.

Additional monies will be dug up when legislators begin considering the state of the capitol building itself. Long labeled a fire trap, it is expected that measures will be taken to make the old building more fireproof. Currently it is listed as "slow burning." The state office building was "fireproof."

This fire, costly as it was and will be, however, has served as an object lesson to every state in the union. Most observers expect to see a modernization program soon in every state where buildings still sit as fair game to any good blaze. And county governments are awakening too. Most of the county courthouses were constructed near the turn of the century and are veritable firetraps in that they are lacking in sprinkler systems, are overcrowded and are poorly arranged for escape exits.

Side-light to the fire: The state office building was insured out of the state insurance fund which has assets of only \$1,000,000. The state's liquor supply is insured by private firms, assets unlimited.

Air force officials predict that one out of three air force reservists will be back in uniform by the end of the current mobilization.

But for the time being, news from Korea is encouraging. That means domestic news worsens. The psychological letdown is apparent. Once again, people are primarily concerned with getting their jobs done, laying in inventories to get a big profit if prices rise, buying now to avoid scarcities later.

Manufacturers' inventories have been rising fast and are at a record high. The proposal to boost the manufacturers' excess tax on autos from seven to 20 per cent along with similar jumps in taxes of other "non-essentials" has helped set off a buying rush.

Michigan pays \$475 of every \$100 the federal government spends. And (Continued on Page Eight)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 25, 1926)

The Passing of the Village Government  
Thursday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m., a session of the village common council was held in the council chambers. It marked the close of that form of government for this community, and the beginning of the city commission form of government.

Citizens of the various sections of Farmington Township are getting busy in the readjustment of their political affairs to meet a changed condition caused by the action of the voters in making Farmington Village into a city, thereby cutting it off from the Township. A mass meeting has been called for tonight, Friday, at the Grace School House on the old Farmington Road near Switzer Road for the purpose of getting facts on the present township government and to plan for the coming year.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 20, 1941)

**Township Adopts Water Ordinance**  
A Farmington Township ordinance for the management of the Township's new water system will go into effect next month. The ordinance was approved Tuesday evening by the Township Board.

**City To Hold Election April 7**  
The terms of Mayor Leo Gleditsier, Clerk Harry Moore, and City Commissioners Emory Hutton, Harold Oldenburg, and Howard Olla will expire this April. Date of the election is Monday, April 7, and other offices to be filled are: Assessor; two members of the Board of Review; Justice of the Peace and two Constables.

**Exceed Red Cross Quota**  
Farmington exceeded its Red Cross quota in the 24th annual Red Cross Roll Call recently completed. With a membership of 10 people, 313 were secured and a sum of \$691.4 contributed.

FIVE YEARS AGO (February 21, 1946)

**New Fire Equipment**  
The Farmington Township Board approved a motion at its regular meeting Tuesday to authorize Ward Eagle and Fire Chief Leo Hendryx to purchase new equipment for the fire department. Hendryx explained that new hose was needed as well as a folding attic ladder and new extinguishers. He also spoke of a lift pump which could be secured on a 30-day trial basis.

*Little stories about Great Hymns*

**Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
We hear thy voice, O Son of man!

This "Prayer for the City" (author's title) is the direct outpouring of Dr. Frank Mason North's own compassion for the great city and its greater needs. From a lifetime of ministering in New York City, he knew its "hordes of wretchedness," its "shattered thresholds dark with fears," its "faded souls," its "rueful throngs," its "lure of greed." Knowing all these needs, his heart, like that of the Master's, was saddened so he prayed.

**Thayer Funeral Home**

**Things Are Just Daisy With Her!**

She is furnishing plenty of rich wholesome milk and cream these days for delicious FARMINGTON DAIRY Lenten treats.

Daisy is doing her job and so is the FARMINGTON DAIRY. Together they are supplying vitamin-rich, tasty milk and dairy products to an ever-increasing number of Farmington people. When you think of quality dairy products, think of FARMINGTON DAIRY.

**Farm Fresh COTTAGE CHEESE**

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