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Editorials

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A Tool The Devil Wants To Keep

(Journal, Hominy, Okla.)
It was announced that the Devil was going out of business, and would offer all of his tools for sale to anyone who would pay the price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad looking lot they were.
Malice, hatred, envy jealousy, sensuality, deceit and all other implements of evil were attractively spread out, each one marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless looking wedge shaped tool—much worn—and priced much higher than any of the others.
Someone asked the Devil what it was.
"That's Discouragement," was the reply.
"Why have you priced it so high?"
"Because," replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open any get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others—and when once inside I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is much worn because I've used it on nearly everyone and very few know it belongs to me."
It hardly need be added that the devil's price for discouragement was so high it was never sold.
He still owns it—and is still using it. Is he using it in your business now that summer is over and most of all of us have our day? Let's forget this tool and get to work. The business is here if we work for it. Will you get yours or will you let the people of some other city get all the trade. If you are wise you will trade at home and you will prosper. Trade away from home and you will go down.

Government and Governing

(Leslie Local Republican)
A good foundation for any political platform, municipal, state or national, would be: "Restrict government to the business of governing, and thus allow the fear of heavy tax increase and the kill industrial development and employment."
Officeholders give their constituents assurance of tax reduction and economy in government—during their campaigns. Once they are safely established in office they customarily forget their pledge. The result is a constant increase in the number of government bureaus and employees, more paternalism, higher taxes.
We face a gigantic federal tax deficit that cannot be made up by prayer. Only the most stringent economy, the most rigid restriction of governmental activities, can prevent taxes from rising to intolerably high levels in some next few years. The public must demand that officeholders stand for tax reduction and fulfill their pledges when they are given their offices.

Champion Of Peace

Dr. David Starr Jordan, noted peace advocate and 80-year-old chancellor-emeritus of Leland Stanford University passed on to his eternal reward recently in California. Dr. Jordan endured much for the cause of peace, and is deserving of the gratitude of all who strive to remove the war god from the thoughts of men.—Birmingham Eclectic.

Farm vs. City

On a farm a man has a chance to think things out.—Country Home.

Negligence On The Highways

(Ionia County News)
Sixteen persons were killed and over 100 injured in automobile accidents over the week end, according to figures compiled by investigating agencies. All this in Michigan where we are supposed to have at least ordinary caution and intelligence. Such a toll on an ordinary week end leads us to believe that life is being held pretty cheap by some folks who use the highways to go places and do things. And I don't know as very much can be done about it—you can warn people, urge them to drive with care at all times, yet within this short period of time over two score human beings have gone to their graves in addition to scores of injured and an appalling loss in automobile equipment. Not much that can be done about it in advance. When the torch murders took place the authorities lost no time in seeing that a repetition from that source would never recur, but what about the potential murderer—no, not a murderer, because he never intends to kill, but the fellow who settles comfortably back in the front seat of a high-powered automobile and prides himself on how fast he can make the thing go, regardless of the fact that death and misery may be at the other end of the road. There are a few simple rules of the road which if observed would eliminate almost all of our automobile fatalities. Driving fast through congested districts, running like the wind past intersections, speeding down graded roads, failure to see if your driving equipment is safe for highway driving, crossing railroad crossings without the usual precaution, these are just a few of the things that would cut down this toll in human life, and all of them so easy. But why mention it—as the radio entertainers have said—you no more than get the words written when somebody goes out and adds their score to that which has gone before. About all we can do is to sit back and hope for the best.

Job Insurance

(Ionia County News)
Recently there has been a great deal of talking by people who don't know what they are talking about, in the matter of the industrial depression and the plight of the worker.
Once in a while, however, someone says something sensible. It strikes us that Senator Couzens, of Michigan is in that class when he proposes to set up in America a scheme of job insurance which will protect the unemployed in future depression periods, if any.
Senator Couzens would have the Federal government, the state government, all industrial employers and all workers in industry contribute to a fund which would be used in hard times to pay the workers who were thrown out. He figures that if \$1.75 out of every \$100 of industry's payroll were thus put into a fund, it would take care of all unemployment.
Something must be done to change our present system. We don't know whether Senator Couzens has the right answer or not. We only feel sure that in some way American ingenuity will find a way to meet the next industrial crisis which will be better than the way in which the present one has been handled.
Apply Golden Rule
We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life.—Edwin Markham.

The Cloister Garth

(Rev. Clyde McGee, Chicago)



Out-door Pulpit in the Cloister Garth

THE CLOISTER GARTH

I love the quiet of this place,
Its cloistered stillness,
Its sense of peace,
With overhanging oaks,
Like priests bestowing benedictions
The strength of quietness is here,
A sense of ancient and enduring things,
With healing for the hidden hurt,
And gifts of wonder, of beauty, and of peace.

Many Farmington residents are familiar with the poetry of Clyde McGee, native of Farmington and now pastor of Bethany Union Church, Chicago.

Expressive of Rev. McGee's work and his personality is the poem above, "The Cloister Garth." The poem and the illustration appear on a folder distributed by the church, and Rev. McGee complied with the request of the Enterprise for permission to publish the poem, and for use of the cut reproduced above. In describing the secluded spot which provided the inspiration for his poem, Rev. McGee writes to the Enterprise:

"Some years ago in carrying out our building plans we arranged for this enclosure between the two buildings—our old Church, which we remodelled, to use as a Church School Building and Community House, and our new stone Church which we use for worship. This enclosure we paved with Hudson River Blue Stone, and it is entered from both buildings. We put a pulpit in one corner and hold services there occasionally. It is most frequently used for weddings—the bridal party coming down the stairs from the old building and crossing the court to the out-door pulpit. The organ in the Church is near enough so it can be used for all these occasions; then the court is used often for receptions following weddings held in the Church."

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

25th Sunday after Trinity.
German Worship, 10.15.
Subject: "Life's Values."
Sunday School, 11.30.
Home mission Rally Sunday evening at the Orphan's home.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graunert, Pastor

9:30 Sunday school.
10:30 Divine service.
The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others in English.
On Thanksgiving Day a special service will be held at 10:30 A. M. with special music by both the mixed and male choir and the school children.
You are heartily welcome.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
Rev. John Adams, Pastor
22338 Grand River, Redford

10:40 Sunday School.
11:30 Morning service.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Sunday at 10:30 A. M. the Rev. J. A. Halmhuber, newly elected district superintendent of the Ann Arbor District, will preach the annual thank offering sermon for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. We cordially invite everyone to attend. Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson, Pastor of the church, will preach at the 7:30 service.
We also invite you to attend our Sunday School which meets every Sunday at noon in the Community Hall.
Our Young People's Club meets every Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Club Room down stairs. Come and enjoy the interesting discussions led by the members of the club. This week Saturday evening the club is sponsoring a Minstrel

Show to be held in the Community Hall.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Junior and senior sermons
The adult message "The Three-fold Apostasy."
11:45 Bible School with classes for all.

6:30 Junior and Senior Young Peoples meetings.

7:30 Evangelistic service. We are enjoying some wonderful evening meetings. This week the pastor speaks on, "God in the Hands of Man."

Thanksgiving Community Service will be held in our building next Thursday morning at 10:30.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington held November 16, 1931.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:40 p. m.

Commissioners present, Gildemeister, Stammann, Hatten, Goers Osmus and Hamlin.
Minutes of the meeting of November 2 read and approved.

Tuesday, November 24 and Wednesday, November 25 were named as clean up days. Citizens are kindly asked to place their tin cans and other rubbish where the City truck can have easy access to the same.

City Clerk was asked to have an itemized statement of money paid to Cole & Thomas for the next meeting of the commissioners.

Commissioner Gildemeister reported that there had been 18,580 square feet of sidewalk exclusive of steps and walls built at an average cost of 12 7-10 cents per foot. Final settlement with the contractors Maas and Seebalt will soon be made.

Adjourned 8:53 p. m.
N. H. Power, City Clerk

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