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## EDITORIALS

### An Ancient Music

(Exchange)

Bird notes are like a silver chain long as the Spring are long. Every Spring is like a Spring for the eyes, except, of course, when the crocuses wake memories buried with them in another Spring. The trees are old friends, true; but their bark is new. The lilacs' plumes are as new as an Easter bonnet. The buds are innocent of all our yesterdays.

But the song of birds is sweet with an ancient sound, as of a sweetened Chinese crystal touching one another lightly, in a soft breeze. The song of birds is old with wisdom breathed into antique fignures; older still, even with the blithe ignorance puffed into Panpipes. And Spring comes in bearing a silver chain, an endless chain that catches the bright sparkles of sound as little children catch sunlight and toss it carelessly back on the air.

Spring is a bright new stranger with the voice of an old, loved friend.

### Poetic Argument

(Exchange)

Britain's so-called "highbrow" poets have been cast into a notable condition of excitement by the statement recently made in the public press that since they began writing poetry about ten or fifteen years ago the popularity of poetry has considerably declined. Their counter-attack lacks nothing in vigor or enthusiasm, though on the score of the coordination, it is not perhaps quite as good as it might be.

Geoffrey Faber roundly declares that the sale of poetry, far from falling off, has increased, is increasing, and implies that it will continue to increase. He instances the success of Michael Roberts' "Faber Book of Modern Verse," now in its fifth impression.

Mr. Roberts himself, however, says that 10,000 copies of this work have been sold, which, as only 13,000 copies were printed, is a record. This restriction was met by keeping sales constant and reducing size. Then came a further cut of one-third, which was met in the same way. Now, however, a cut of one-sixth has been imposed.

In other departments of activity the Government has not merely reacted; it has reduced the actual number of producers. This is a salutary thing, for it is thought, in connection with newspapers, informed press criticism is generally valued, and any step against free expression of all varieties of honest thought in Britain would meet with severe opposition.

### Golden Bells

(Exchange)

When William Forsyth, English horticulturist and director of the Royal Gardens at Kew, brought back one of England's clipper ships China's Golden Bells, he gave both to his native land and the colonists across the seas flowers that were to transform the barren landscape with the magic of the spring. Flowers of sunshine that were to rise as a glowing memorial to a man of vision and faith.

Forsyth, glorifying gardens of rich and poor alike, spilling over the greenways like fountains, spraying gold. Vying with yellow daffodils to reflect the early sun. Along the roadsides and in the public parks. Clumps of old-fashioned gardens. Brightening homes with radiant cheer. Holding trust with hope.

China's gift to the good earth. Golden Bells of the Orient announcing the time of buds and birds to the distant Occident. The East heralding the West with promised bright renewal. Putting on the ageless roster of those who have loved their fellow men, William Forsyth, man of pea p.

### Still Exempt?

(Exchange)

Will American income tax rates still leave citizens untouched who have incomes up to \$2,000 if married or up to \$800 if single? Preliminary reports of the Treasury Department to the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee leaves the impression that these exemptions will not be changed, although the Government is seeking a host of other means to increase the revenue for defense.

The public would be better served if the proposed schedule of revisions were officially disclosed.

for discussion and if a reduction of exemptions should prove to be included. In Britain the income tax applies to anything above the equivalent of \$400 for a single person or \$850 for married persons.

It is taken for granted that still increases will be made in the not too comfortable taxes and surtaxes on personal incomes in the medium brackets and up, and on corporate taxes. There should at the same time be a broadening of the tax base so that millions now unaffected by direct taxation will be aware of their contribution and responsibility to the Federal Government.

Possibly the Treasury figures that these persons will be reached through some of the excise taxes which are slated for increase, as cigarettes, intoxicating liquors, chewing gum, candy, soft drinks, motor fuel, and so forth, besides the present theater taxes. There is reason for some of these; the tax on distilled spirits now is only \$3 a gallon as compared to \$6.40 a gallon in 1918.

But citizens are much more conscious of taxes which they pay directly to the Collector of Internal Revenue after having made out an income tax return than they are of taxes which are included in the price they pay for some luxury or indulgence. There is value in that tax-awareness.

### Customers Not Wanted

(Exchange)

Ever since the beginning of the war, British newspapers have discouraged the acquisition of new customers. The Times and the Daily Telegraph are even trying to get rid of some of their old ones, suggesting a partial return to the days of the eleventh century when one paper would be handed round an entire village.

This is due to the shortage of newsprint in Britain, which is steadily growing more acute. At the outbreak of hostilities every publication was rationed to 60 per cent of its normal allowance of paper. This restriction was met by keeping sales constant and reducing size. Then came a further cut of one-third, which was met in the same way. Now, however, a cut of one-sixth has been imposed.

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### Henry Bergh's Monument

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Celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on April 10 reminded us of Henry Bergh, whose achievements were recently depicted by a short movie exhibited by the newsreel theaters. He is deserving of recognition.

When Henry Bergh came back from St. Petersburg in 1865, he almost immediately launched a campaign for minimizing brutality to dumb creatures. On April 13, 1866, the New York State Legislature gave the A.S.P.C.A. its charter.

Once Henry Bergh asked a policeman to arrest a woman for beating a child. The policeman refused. A mother had a right to whip her own child, he declared. But Mr. Bergh thought differently. So he had the woman arrested for "cruelty to animals." Into court the reformer brought his evidence wrapped up in a blanket. The court knew it had no legal right to interfere between a mother and offspring, but courageously ruled that the child was an animal within the meaning of the law, and held the mother guilty. This led directly to the formation of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Some of the newspapers of Henry Bergh's day called him "The Great Meddler." But they later honored him. He led the organization he founded did much to awaken the conscience of the American people to evils in their midst.

On the first beautiful Sunday of this year, Eastern American cities reported themselves deserted by thousands of motorists, all of whom tried to get back home for supper at exactly the same hour.

## CHURCHES

All notices for this column must be in the Enterprise office not later than Tuesday at noon.

**SALEM EVANGELICAL**  
Rev. Carl Schultz, Pastor

Church at 10:30.  
Sunday School at 11:00.

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED**  
Rev. W. J. Prisk, Pastor

Church service, 10 a. m.  
Sunday School, 11 a. m.

Young People's Meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 10:30 a. m., and at 12 noon.

Masses on Holy Days at 6:00, 7:30, and 9:00 a. m.

Daily Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 a. m.

**REFORD GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
18000 Lahser Road

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
"The Friendly Church"

Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor

Morning prayer meeting, 10:15

Morning worship, 10:30.

Bible School, 11:45. We have a good class for every age, group and all who are not attending some other school are invited to come.

B. Y. P. U., 6:30.

Evening evangelistic meeting at 7:30.

**West Point Bible Church**  
Seven Mile W. & Farmington Rd.

West Point Park, Michigan

Rev. J. H. Sandbrook, pastor

19920 Wandering avenue

Phone 58-11

Mr. P. Amatuz, assistant pastor

Rev. E. B. Farnum, superintendent

**WINTER SCHEDULE**

Sunday School, 10 to 11 a. m.

Morning Worship, 11:15 to 12:30.

Junior Church, 3 to 4 p. m.

Evangelistic Service, 7:45 p. m.

**Tuesdays**

Prayer Meeting and Divine Healing Instruction (we pray for the sick), 8 p. m.

**Fridays**

Missionary Meeting, 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.

**Saturdays**

Child Evangelism, 4 to 5 p. m.

Bible Institute, 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. (accredited Moody Bible Institute courses).

**OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

**Monday**

Mexican Missionary Work (Detroit).

**Tuesdays**

Evangelistic Team (at missions and churches anywhere scheduled. If you are interested come with us.)

**Saturdays**

Tract Distribution (local and outside).

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**FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**

25608 Warner Avenue

Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

## CITIZENS LEAGUE PLANS MEETING OF TAXPAYERS

Henry S. Booth, President of the Oakland Citizens League, announced a meeting of all residents and taxpayers of the county will be held under the auspices of the League, Wednesday, May 15, at 8:00 p. m., in the Auditorium of the Y.M.C.A., Pontiac.

At this meeting, "Land Use Planning" and "Zoning" are to be discussed by representatives of the Extension Service. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. Louis A. Wolfenbarger, Extension Specialist in Land Use; Herbert A. Berg, Extension Leader; and E. C. Sackrider, State Coordinator for Soil Conservation Service, all from East Lansing.

Mr. Booth states that people of Oakland County could be better informed about the attitude of Government in its approach to these problems. This meeting will provide an opportunity to learn why these movements are all about from those who have first hand information.

A special invitation is extended to all Supervisors.

The Annual Meeting of the Oakland Citizens League and election of Directors will be held at the same time.

## POPULAR CONCERT STARS SCHEDULED FOR MAY FESTIVAL

Eleven of the most popular and glamorous musical celebrities of the day will participate in the Forty-Eighth Annual May Festival in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 7, 8, 9 and 10, according to an announcement just issued by Charles A. Slink, President of the University Musical Society. Eight of these are singers and three are instrumentalists: Jarmila Novotna, soprano; Suzanne Stein, mezzo-soprano; and Enid Szanoh, contralto; were all stellar personalities in the operas at Prague, Budapest, and Salzburg, before coming to America, where they have since continued their triumphs. Dorothy Maynor, Negro soprano, has won high honors through her recitals and orchestral appearances in the metropolitan centers of America and in Europe.

Four men singers, all stars of the Metropolitan Opera, will participate: Lawrence Tibbett, long recognized as America's outstanding baritone; Norman Corson, Metropolitan's distinguished bass; Charles Kullman, tenor; and Charles Harrell, baritone. The last two are both new to Ann Arbor. Mr. Kullman is a graduate of Yale University, who, because of splendid work as a college musician, decided to divert his professional activities from medicine to music. Mr. Harrell is a young Texan who won great acclaim when he walked away with the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air prize.

The three instrumentalists are all great musicians in their respective fields: Jascha Heifetz, though still a young man, has had a long and worthy career. He has won much glory and honor. He began his musical activities when he was but ten years of age. In Russia, Gregor Piatigorsky, outstanding violinist, is recognized far and wide. Jose Turib has triumphed both as piano virtuoso and as conductor. He will appear in the dual capacity of conductor-pianist, when he will conduct Liszt's Concerto No. 1 in E flat major, while he plays.

In addition to these celebrities, the Festival will include the services of Eugene Ormandy and Saul Caston, Conductors of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Thor Johnson, Maestro of the Festival will lead the Choral Union in his performance of Episodes from "Eugene Onegin" by Tchaikovsky; "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson; and Brahms' "Requiem."

The Youth Chorus will contribute a group of attractive songs for young people's voices, and will also present d'Indy's "St. Mary Magdalene," under the direction of Juva Higbee.

## Forest Operations Are Salvaging Fallen Trees

With snow going or gone from northern woods and swamps, the conservation department looks for a stepping up of timber salvage operations in late forest areas. Work has already produced 75,000 board feet of logs, 337 cords of spruce pulpwood, 424 cords of jack pine pulpwood and 265 cords of jack pine cabin logs.

COC workers have taken out another 138,000 feet of logs and 539 cords of fuel wood for use on state forest projects.

Salvaged material consists of trees blown down in the big Armistice day storm. To date the conservation department's forestry division has issued 177 cutting permits to private operators covering 42,000 acres, mostly in Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake, Presque Isle and Au Sable State forests. Nearly \$2,000 has already been paid for materials removed, and most of the permits are still in force.

## ATHLETIC FIELD PLANNED AT FORT CUSTER

An elaborate series of athletic fields and tennis courts has been laid out by the Constructing Quartermaster's Office as part of the huge Fort Custer landscape development plan which was forwarded to Washington for approval this week.

This plan, if approved, will insure every soldier on the post ample facilities for outdoor recreation this summer and should bring organized sports to a high peak.

Anticipating the erection of these outdoor sports fields, Post and 5th Division officers have sent in an order for nearly \$7,000 worth of athletic equipment. The funds were provided by the American Red Cross. This order includes baseball and softball equipment, volleyball and soccer equipment, boxing equipment, football, basketball and table tennis equipment. The equipment is expected to be available for distribution by May.

The landscaping plan provides for 31 tennis courts, a baseball and softball diamonds and five large athletic fields. Also proposed is an additional bathroom at the Eagle Lake bathing beach.

Most elaborate of the five athletic fields is the big amphitheater planned for the area on Dickman Road, the main road through the post. Extensive automobile parking facilities are planned for this amphitheater.

## OWNERS MUST APPLY NOW TO BUY TAX LANDS

To insure themselves an opportunity to repurchase tax delinquent property reverting to state ownership next month, former owners must apply this year in May rather than November for its resale, according to the state department of conservation administration of these lands in 47 northern counties.

Because the 1939 Legislature shortened the redemption period from 1 to 12 months, sale of lands bid in by the state at the May, 1940, tax sale must be applied for by former owners within 30 days after May 5, 1941. If they are to recover full title at special sales in advance of general sales, Senate bill 55, before the Legislature, would again extend this application period to 90 days.

Of the 1939 northern reversions exceeding 2,000,000 acres, former owners asked for special sales of 245,000 acres. In these special sales, which are being conducted this week, 55 per cent of the acreage and 75 per cent of the platted property offered has been sold for more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The 1939 reversions were much less, being listed in 1,732 tracts—861 of them to upper peninsula properties—where more than 7,000 deeds, each containing many more descriptions, were required a year earlier. Reversions in 1941 are expected to decline still further.

## NEW AREAS NOW PROTECTED BY WILDLIFE LAW

Establishment of three more Pittman-Robertson wildlife restoration areas by the conservation department brings to 10 the number of these areas approved for development as game lands convenient to southern Michigan hunters.

The new areas are one of 8,000 acres near Minden City in Sanilac county, one of 12,000 acres near Belding in Ionia and Montcalm counties, and one of 2,000 acres in Kalamazoo county. Land already has been acquired in Tuscola, Rose Lake, Barry county, Gratiot-Saginaw, and Cassville project areas, and projects are planned at Crane Pond in Cass county and Oak Grove in Livingston county. The conservation commission recently approved purchases expanding the Danville and Gratiot-Saginaw areas and approved applications to the State Land Office Board for jurisdiction over tax delinquent lands within the Belding and Gratiot-Saginaw areas.

With deer license revenues the commission bought 880 acres in

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### CITIES PUT TAX REVERTED LAND TO PUBLIC USE

More economical administration and greater control over their own development has been obtained by 15 more northern municipalities through tax-reverted land deals with the state department of conservation.

The fifteen municipalities are Boyne Falls, Ellsworth, Harrietta, Pentwater, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Baraga, Hesperia, Menominee, Iron River, Houghton, Petoskey, Kingsford, Lake City and Crystal Falls. Earlier more than 50 other northern cities made arrangements for disposition of tax-reverted lands in or near their boundaries administered by the conservation department.

For such public uses as parks, parking lots, cemeteries, community forests, docks, municipal gardens, building sites, church parsonages, streets, waterworks, sewers, river beautification, flood control and snow dumps these municipalities acquired reverted parcels for nominal fees. The department is arranging to sell, withhold from sale, or exchange the remaining reverted parcels, according to local recommendations.

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seven Mile Road, one block east of Farmington Road

Beginning Sunday, May 4, there will be Sunday School at 10 a. m. and Praying of the Gospel at 11 a. m. Evening services will be held at 7:45 p. m. throughout the entire week.

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