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## EDITORIALS

### Two Years of Fire

This month commemorates the second complete year of war in Europe. It was on September 1, 1919 that Adolf Hitler signaled his army into Poland, and two days afterward Great Britain and France stood up against the aggressive tactics of Germany. Many things have happened in the two years since. Nations have fallen, men have been slaughtered and magnificent buildings have been shaken to ruins. Yet man still stands defying to the world that it can stop the forces that spread evil, destruction and fear.

Today only a nation of those original countries that declared war on Germany in September, 1914, still remains free. Only democracy has stood the test against the terrorism of a dictatorship. Even Russia, founded on the principles of Communism has been forced to order to many of the political followed by the democratic nations in order to combat the forces of Hitler. She has been forced to give greater freedom to her capitalist groups and a more promising future for her peasant classes.

What the end of the third year will show is not for any of us to say, but one thing is certain, democracy will prevail if the people who experience it will do nothing to endanger its security. The United States has no place in this war, active participation would only mean a breakdown of the principles of democracy. Even though temporary, democracy as such would lose much of its real goal. If it comes to a direct defense of these principles, then our course is plainly marked.

The United States' job is tomorrow. After the smoke has cleared away and the roar has turned to silence, then democracy must be taught not forced, taught, the way it was taught to us. There is a big job ahead, a bigger job than mopping up a battle field, and this United States can give to the world its greatest contribution if it brings democratic thought to countries who know nothing but the sword. Our job is ahead, let's save ourselves for it.

### Library Conscious

Both the city of Farmington and Farmington township have set aside equal funds for the support and maintenance of a library for the benefit of its citizens. Yet the question is often raised, particularly by newer residents in this area, does Farmington have a library? There is a lack of interest by the community in its library, as a result it falls short of the service it is designed to render.

Regardless of the amount of money appropriated for this service, the Enterprise feels that much could be done if the people in this area would take it upon themselves to learn all they can about the library and to use it as often as possible. Only through this process will the community get a library representative of the progress reached by other services here.

A fine library is an asset to any community and Farmington can and should do something towards getting one. Much can be done with what is now here if the people will get behind the movement. More people should know about the library and the services it offers. It should be more prominently displayed, so that visitors to the town might get the same benefits offered residents. If possible it should be open longer hours so as to service more people. Most of these things could be done at little cost and would do much toward making it of real benefit.

Let's make our library a place worthy of the notice of visitors, and of service to our citizens. It can be done if you become conscious of the problem. Your suggestions and interest will make the difference.

## Other Editors Say

### Traffic and the Golden Rule

(Christian Science Monitor)

A motorist, complimented for slowing or stopping, twice to permit pedestrians, or waiting drivers, to cross in front of him, remarked that he believed most of the traffic accidents were the result of failing to observe common politeness.

If drivers generally would adopt the Golden Rule, the traffic problem of the United States might be on the way to solution. The Nation will need new roads, readjustments of existing facilities, and better engineering to know just how many of the 34,000 traffic fatalities of the first six months of 1931 were due to violations of the Great Precept of conduct.

The present emergency in relation to gasoline may help teach many that less speed means more enjoyable travel. It could teach us that kindness and consideration for others is always a way of solving traffic problems.

### Poor Religion

(Ionia County News)

According to authorities, the farmer is getting the worst of it during this war boom.

Farm income has not risen to anywhere near the extent of labor's income. Farmers are forced to pay far higher wages. The costs of all manufactured goods the farmer must buy are also rising. And the farmer will bear his full share of higher taxes.

That situation will not continue indefinitely. Agriculture, after all, is the most vital of a country must have food in war or peace. Agriculture cannot be treated as a poor relation. The nation's task now is to make an equitable adjustment between the interests of agriculture, labor, and industry.

## CHURCHES

**SALEM EVANGELICAL**  
Rev. Carl Schultz, Pastor  
Church at 10:00.  
Sunday School at 11:00.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor  
Sunday Masses at 7:00; 8:30; 9:30; 10:30 a. m., and at 12 noon. Masses on Holy Days at 5:30; 7:30; and 9:00 a. m.  
Daily Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 a. m.

**REDFORD 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.

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
(Formerly Methodist)  
Meets at the Maccabee Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Road.

Rev. W. J. Frisk, Pastor  
Mr. Leon Newgas, Sunday School Superintendent.  
Morning worship, 10:00 a. m.  
Sunday School, 11:00 a. m.  
Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., Mid-Week Prayer and Praise Meeting.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
8 Mile and Grand River  
Clarenceville, Michigan  
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Morning worship, 10:00 a. m.  
"You Can Win."  
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.  
"Our Great Heritage."

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**West Point Bible Church**  
Brangeline B. Farnum, Founder and Evangelist  
Rev. J. H. Sandercock, Pastor

**SUNDAY**  
10 a. m., Bible School, all ages.  
11:15 a. m., Morning Worship.  
A series of messages on the present world conditions as seen in how God is working out his plan in this world.

**WEDNESDAY**  
8 p. m., Prayer and Praise Service.

**FRIDAY**  
10-11 a. m., Radio Glee Club (high school girls and boys).  
1:30-3 p. m., Missionary meeting.

Due to the fact that plans are being made for a new building, Sunday services are held in P.T.A. building, back of Pierson school, Seven Mile, near Farmington Road. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

**FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**  
23508 Warner Avenue  
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.  
Teaching, preaching and singing the gospel of Christ.  
Everybody welcome.

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. Howard C. Busching, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:30.  
The subject of the sermon by the pastor will be "Religion and Education."  
Church School, 12 noon.  
Choir rehearsal Thursday, 7:30 p. m. at church.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
33300 Seven Mile Road  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching, 11 a. m.  
Sunday Evening, 7:45 p. m.

**Trojan Horse**  
The origin of the saying, "Trojan Horse" was in classical mythology, a wooden horse received by the Trojans into their city and not knowing it was filled with Greek warriors. At night the warriors stole out and admitted the Greek army into the city. Hence the fatal gift presented under the guise of friendship, is called a "Trojan Horse."

## NOT TO BE NEGLECTED



## THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Two major OEM agencies were reorganized last week by Executive order of the President to facilitate the fixing of priorities and the allocation of materials and supplies to both defense and civilian industries.

Created was the Supply Priorities and Allocation Board. Vice President Wallace, who previously had been appointed head of the Economic Defense Board, was appointed chairman. Donald Nelson, formerly OPM Purchases Director, became executive director as well as Priorities Director in OPM.

Coordinating civilian and defense priority allocations, the order created a Civilian Supply Division within OPM and placed its director, Leon Henderson, on the new board. The lend-lease program was brought more closely into each citizen's ideas about personal liberty, personal health, national security and the like.

It must tighten our belts and deprive ourselves of "non-essentials," then the problem of beer, wine and liquor is bound to bob up. Whether these commodities are "non-essentials" depends upon each citizen's ideas about personal liberty, personal health, national security and the like.

**OPM Reorganized**  
OPM Director General Knudsen a day later announced that OPM will function hereafter through six divisions—civilian supply, labor, materials, priorities, production, and purchases—and predicted the OEM reorganization will expedite defense production.

OPES became OPA as its functions were restricted to price administration. The consumer division was retained and all price schedules were continued in effect. The common interests of British and American labor became the basis of a radio program on Labor Day when the President, the British Minister of Labor, Ernest Bevin, OPM Associate Director Hillman, and spokesmen for the AFL and CIO spoke.

**Great Lakes Ship Stabilization**  
Meanwhile, the Great Lakes area was brought into the Nation-wide wage-hour stabilization program of the OPM Labor Division. An emergency national committee on automobile employment was set up to tackle the problem of re-employment and retraining of auto workers forced out by curtailed production.

Chairman William H. Davis, of the National Defense Mediation Board, stated at a press conference that "the emergency should not be used either to build up or tear down agreements as the board obtained two agreements and recommendations in terms of settling two other cases. Back to work went 3,000 employees of U. S. Gypsum Co. in 17 plants at the board's request.

**Steps to Save Metal**  
As the shortage of materials intensified the need for conservation, substitution, and simplification, the newly created OPM Conservation Bureau asked bicycle manufacturers to reduce the number of models.

The OPM-sponsored campaign to obtain more scrap metal from automobiles, started in Ohio, prepared to move this week into Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City, Mo. Price Administrator Henderson released a table of "fair maximum" retail prices for regular gasoline, advised motorists to pay no more, and asked cooperation of mayors in keeping prices at those levels.

**Adequate Medical Service**  
The task of assuring adequate medical services for civilian defense was tackled by the Office of Civilian Defense and the Office of the Coordinator of Health, Welfare, and Related Activities.

Keeping Out of War  
The W.C.T.U., like about everybody else in Michigan, finds itself concerned in the present national crisis of whether we can stay out of war.

The white-ribboned mothers do not want their sons to drink. They also don't want them to go to war. There is probably no church group in Michigan so devoted to the cause of peace as the W.C.T.U. House or elsewhere in Washington. His opponent was Wendell L. Willkie, but that is beside the point.

At the Grand Rapids convention last week, the temperance ladies heard Charles P. Taft, assistant federal coordinator of health, welfare, and related defense activities, declare: "We can be added and will be avoided." Then he added by postscript: "Surely we don't want to fight, but we have been thinking too much about how unpleasant it is to fight and not enough about the priceless heritage for which our forefathers for 300 years did fight and sometimes

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Friday, September 15, 1916)**  
Harvey Halsted, who is nearly 70 years of age and lives west of this village, started for Walled Lake Thursday morning, when his horse became frightened at an auto attached to a buzz saw in a yard a short distance from his home, and ran away throwing the old gentleman out of his buggy and cutting a bad gash in his head, besides breaking his collar bone.

At the last council meeting sewer extensions were ordered from the town hall on Grand River to Gill street; on Oakland Road from Grand River to Gill street, and from Grand River to Oakland Road on Wilmarth avenue. They also ordered 1388 feet of sewer pipe laid from the river to Powers avenue in the Brookdale subdivision.

The members of the High School have organized an athletic and literary society. The following officers have been elected: Norman Lee, president; Carl Goers, vice president; Walter Lee, treasurer; and Helen Gravin, secretary.

With \$2 potatoes and \$5 beans farmers ought to get rich this fall—if they had any of the stuff to sell.—Holly Advertiser.

**TEN YEARS AGO (Thursday, September 10, 1921)**  
Farmington Public Schools will not open before September 21 at least, it was announced Wednesday night by J. A. Dalrymple, superintendent of schools. Although there are no cases of infantile paralysis in or near Farmington, it was thought advisable by Dr. James A. Miller, city health officer, to take this step as a precautionary measure.

With practically all exhibits placed and all details completed, flower growers in Farmington and vicinity are awaiting the opening of the Annual Flower show which is to be held at the Farmington Methodist Church Friday, September 11. Mrs. Thomas Armstrong has acted as general chairman for the show, assisted by J. L. VanVolkenburg.

Installation of officers for the Groves-Walker Post No. 346 of the American Legion will be held at the Legion home next Thursday, September 17. Officers to be installed include Fred Schaeper, commander; Norman Lee, first vice-commander; Charles O. Lucke, second vice-commander; Guy Morrell, Alfred Smith, adjutant.

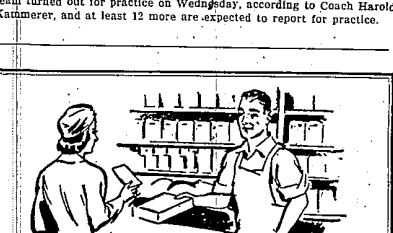
Steps were taken Tuesday night by the City Commission to provide for the safety of school children going to and from school. A proposition was offered to lay sidewalks on the north side of Grand River.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (Thursday, September 10, 1926)**  
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, newly appointed pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church of Farmington, will take charge of the services, commencing on Sunday, September 12. It will be his first charge.

City of Farmington will furnish water to the residents of the Parker Subdivision if the home owners, who signed the petition for water service, meet the requirements specified by the City Commission at its meeting Tuesday night. Thirty-five residents signed the petition for water service from the City.

One of the largest votes in the history of Farmington is expected at the primary election which will be held on Tuesday, September 15. City Clerk Harry Moore reports an unusually heavy registration of voters. Farmington will vote for both state and county officials.

Twenty-five candidates for the Farmington High School football team turned out for practice on Wednesday, according to Coach Harold Kammerer, and at least 12 more are expected to report for practice.



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