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EDITORIALS

Putting It Down in Writing

A great deal could be done to put Farmington on top of the list of up and coming cities in Michigan. It not only could be done but it must be done if we are to keep abreast of the growing tide in this territory. Farmington and the surrounding area is increasing in huge quantities. The City has a fine opportunity to benefit by this new fortune and at the same time perform a service to the community. By doing this it can elevate itself to a place of state if not national prominence.

How can this be done? It is summed up in three simple words—Fresh ideas, Cooperative effort and enthusiasm. Though the words are simple, action is more difficult. It requires a little matter of give-and-take in the interest of a cause which may on the face of it be of greater assistance to the fellow next to you rather than yourself. But if you are interested in helping your city and the fellow next to you, it won't be long before you're helped.

Farmington can gain a reputation that will reach outside of its city limits if it is willing to tackle the problems about to be presented. They can be done here, for Farmington has all the necessities for such an undertaking. But if any project is to be successful here or anywhere else everyone must cooperate to the utmost in presenting fresh ideas. A straight forward interest in your city and an unlimited amount of enthusiasm.

With this preliminary understanding in mind, "The Farmington Enterprise" is going on record and placing in writing the following projects it believes will prove of greatest assistance to the citizens of Farmington and to the immediate territory bounding it. Our sincere hope is that these projects will be taken up by organized groups in the city. "The Enterprise" will go to the extent of its power to forward any of these projects or additional ideas in the best interests of the people of Farmington and Farmington Township.

1. An organized group of merchants whose sole purpose would be to create a better trading area for the people of this territory, and to cooperate in bringing more business to Farmington.
 2. A voluntary committee to work out the details of a program for greater recreational activity in the city. A type of recreational center in which young and old alike could gather to enjoy facilities made possible in their own city. Much could be done by individuals alone providing a cooperative understanding is reached.
 3. A more complete and suitable library. This could be worked in with the recreational center idea.
 4. A larger representation of its citizenry at the City Commission and Township Board meetings.
 5. A private guidance program in connection with the public schools in this area would prove of great service to the youth of Farmington and the Township. Open forums could be held in the City at which time men from various fields and professions could be secured to lecture.
 6. A public lecture series, in which topics of interest would be presented by well known lecturers.
- These are some of the projects this paper is going on record for and plans to support. It is impossible for us to do them alone and that is why we are asking you as an organized force to combine your efforts in behalf of Farmington and its best interests.

Other Editors Say

Too Much Politics

(The Jolla County News)

"The net result of the conflicting testimony before the Senate Committee investigating oil shortages, is to create grave doubts concerning the necessity of continuing the oil conservation program," says the Jolla County News. "If shipment of oil is to be conserved, it is to be conserved by the use of the surplus cars located by the Association of American Railroads, there will be little reason to fear oil shortages in this area in the near future. If they are not, the public waste can be known whether anything can be done by the petroleum coordinator's office to bring about more efficient use of the existing supply of cars."

It has been widely stated in the press and elsewhere that the Secretary of the Interior botched the handling of the so-called "oil shortage" problem. There was too much name-calling—and too little consideration of facts. There was too much hysteria-creating publicity—and too little deliberation before official statements were made. And there was too much politics by far. The oil industry can produce oil in any needed quantity. The railroads can carry tremendous amounts of that oil. All in all, it looks as if the oil shortages were word without justification at the time they were made and that the public was needlessly inconvenienced.

That "Bottleneck"

(The Plymouth Mail)

We haven't the slightest idea what can happen to change it, but we'd like to see some one break the neck of that over-worked expression, "bottleneck." It seems that every time anybody gets up to do a bit of orating, these days, he has found a half dozen places where that "bottleneck" makes it easy for him to convey the impression that he is right up to the minute in the use of timely expressions.

Over at a meeting in Ann Arbor a week or so ago, three different professors of history, by one afternoon's session at some time during their talks used that over-worked word. Here's hoping that someone will TODAY, not tomorrow, break the neck of that bottleneck in a million places and then maybe we will not have to hear it every time we turn on the radio or listen to a public address. Frankly, the word "gets on our nerves."

Every duty brings its peculiar demand, every demand its appropriate compensation, every thought its recompense, every cross its crown; every success with performance as effect with cause.—Mildmay.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
 New High School Auditorium
 Farmington

"Mortals and Immortals" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, November 16.

The Golden Text (1 Corinthians 15:48) is: "As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly." Among the Bible citations is this passage (Col. 3:2): "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following: (p. 236): "Progress is born of experience. It is the ripening of mortal man, through which the mortal is dropped for the immortal. Either here or hereafter, suffering or science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self. 'The old man with his deeds must be put off. Nothing sensual or sinful is immortal.'"

CHURCHES

FIRST METHODIST
 Rev. Howard C. Busching, Pastor

Morning Worship, 10:30.
 Church School, 12 noon.
 High School youth group 6 p. m. p. m. at church.
 Young Peoples League, 7:30 Sunday, at the Church.
 Choir rehearsal Thursday, 7:30 at church.

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 Lahar 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 Macabees Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Road.
 Rev. W. J. Prisk, Pastor
 Mr. Leon Newman, 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

10 a. m.—Morning Worship, the pastor preaching.
 11 a. m.—Sunday School for everyone.
 7:30 p. m.—Evening Worship Service in charge of Young People's Devotion Team, on "The Voice of Christian Youth."

West Point Bible Church
 Evangelists B. Farum, Founder and Evangelist
 Rev. H. J. 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 will be 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
 23608 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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 32300 Seven Mile Road
 Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
 Preaching, 11 a. m.
 Sunday Evening, 7:45 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
 NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON
 A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts
 SUNDAY SERVICE
 AT 11:00 A. M.
 And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 20 at 11:00 a. m.
 Wednesday Evening Testimonial at 8 p. m. in Universalist Church, 22008 Warner Ave.
 Current Christian Science literature on sale Wednesday evenings.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Knight Safety

By JAYCEE



KNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHT NO. 3
HARTFORD, CONN., SAVED \$100,000 AND 26 LIVES IN 3 YEARS. HOW? BY SAFETY LIGHTING 10 MILES OF DANGEROUS CITY STREETS.
 AMER. AND ENGLAND

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

The Supplies Priorities and Allocations Board last week ordered the development of a new system to route vital steel to the places where it will do the most good. With the announcement that priority ratings do not adequately check hoarding or provide a single means of assuring that the proper types will be produced, SPAB asked the Office of Production Management to work out a plan of allocations.

Meanwhile, in the over-extended effort to give essential industries first call on resources, OPM took three steps affecting civilian life: A drastic program in the South-east restricting the use of electricity to some industrial consumers as much as 30 per cent, was ordered effective November 10—unless rains come, to replenish the reservoirs which assure power for the region's aluminum industry and other important plants. Immediate discontinuance of such uses as sign lighting was ordered.

Production of washers and irons for American homes is to be reduced 17.3 per cent in a program which, if continued for a year, will release 32,000 tons of steel. "The action of saving steel for defense work, some of which already has been awarded."

Steel for "ice refrigerators" cut. Makers of domestic nonmechanical refrigerators were told to cut their consumption of steel by 35 per cent, a saving of 5,000 tons a year. The restriction was applied to raw material rather than finished product in this case because "ice refrigerator" plants are equipped to substitute wood for steel in many of their requirements.

All three of these actions were taken through the Priorities Division. While seeking to cut nonessential use of scarce materials, OPM also continued its work to increase supply. Steel mills producing at record speed, were given a preference rating of A-3 for essential repair, maintenance and operating material, and when plants break down a rating of A-1-a is available. Further Action Taken on Metals OPM also recommended to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the building of the Nation's first plant, designed throughout to produce electric alloy steel.

"Other important action on metals: The Office of Price Administration and other Government agencies asked railroads to reduce their rates for iron and steel products on all-rail routes to the Pacific Coast. OPA followed up the previous week's priority restriction of copper with a program to stabilize the price of all products made of that metal.

The Priorities Division began a Nation-wide scrutiny of steel plants' operation under the priority system. OPA officials replied to a labor leader's criticism with figures and facts designed to show that both the national aluminum collection and the iron and steel scrap campaign of the Michigan Council of Defense grew out of a pressing need for the exact materials asked.

New Officers Created In administrative changes, the creation of the Office of Facts and Figures within the Office for Emergency Management was followed by the President's establishment, also within OEM, of the Office of Lend-Lease Administration. E. R. Stettinius, Jr., will remain Lend-Lease Administrator under the new arrangement. President Roosevelt ordered the Secretary of War to take over and operate the Bendix, N. J., plants of (Continued on Page Six)



By Gene Allaman

Petitions to initiate an anti-bracket banking law are being circulated this week throughout Michigan.

It portends a renewal of the legislative battle climaxed in 1941 when Governor Van Wageningen vetoed the branch bank bill and legislators retaliated with a 90-day recess.

According to the state law on initiative legislation, the voters themselves will have an opportunity to end the bill. If the legislators fail to act, the referendum is automatically invoked by negative action of the legislature, and thus the people themselves would have the last word in this controversy. In this up-of-war the battle lines are between urban and rural banks. Earl W. Delano, of Allegan, president of the Michigan Bankers' association, explains that the proposed law would prohibit branch banks outside the county in which the parent bank is located. This provision would prevent expansion of branch banking, such as through the Michigan National Bank with branches in large cities such as Lansing and Battle Creek.

Reapportionment Another issue between upstate and metropolitan interests apparently to be headed for a showdown in the 1943 legislature in the revived demand for reapportionment. Here is a case where the state constitution, stipulating how the members of the legislature shall serve, each area according to its population, is being conveniently ignored due to rural fears of urban domination. George R. Averill, Birmingham newspaper editor, points out that 27 per cent of Michigan's population actually elect a majority of the 100 state representatives and 32 state senators. Averill heads a steering committee to seek constitutional enforcement.

Ben Probe of Detroit, representing the Michigan Council of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, is being apprehensive over organized labor. He said that "labor has learned its lesson" from the Lansing labor holiday, sit-down strikes and other events, and that the farmer need not fear labor. From Patrick McManamy, representing the Detroit and Wayne county A.F. of L., came a flat assertion that labor would get "tough" if necessary. "If it requires more men to see that repositioning isn't let's give them more men," he is quoted by the Associated Press. From present signs, the reapportionment issue is already involved in labor vs. farm prejudices, overshadowing the basic issue of constitutional representation.

Special Session As financial worries begin to multiply at Lansing's suggestions are being made again that the state legislature be summoned to meet in special session early in 1942. Three state agencies are over-running their budgets: 1. Labor mediation board upon which is being placed the burden of peaceful settlement of numerous disagreements between labor and management. When the load is light the mediation board easily lives within its budgeted appropriation. However Michigan's labor troubles continue to be numerous, and the board is due to incur a deficit, according to word from Leo (Continued on Page Six)

Looking Back Through

The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Friday, November 17, 1916)

Novi Suffers \$8,000 Fire Wednesday morning about 4:30 a fire started in the store of Claude Walters at Novi, which was used as a general store and post office. Mr. Walters being postmaster. The fire gained rapid headway before being discovered, and soon spread to Mr. Walters' residence next door, and also to the building formerly used as a blacksmith shop, burning all to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$8,000 and the fire supposedly started from defective wires.

Rededicate Their Church The pretty church edifice of the German Evangelical Church in this village has had in the last few weeks a thorough interior renovation and redecoration, and will be the scene of appropriate services next Sunday, November 19th, when Rev. Alber, of Detroit, will be present to help the pastor, Rev. A. C. Stange. The former clergyman will deliver an address at 11 a. m. and the latter at 2:30 p. m. eastern standard time.

Aeroplanes Manufactured Aeroplanes manufactured in Detroit are being sent out on trial trips nowadays, so if you see one hovering over Northville don't be scared into thinking it is a threatening visitor from Europe.—Northville Record.

TEN YEARS AGO (Thursday, November 12, 1931)

First 'Good Will' Banquet Success One hundred and fifty Farmington men and women mingled Tuesday evening at an event which it is hoped will prove but the beginning of an era of ever-growing mutual understanding and cooperation. Gathering at the M. E. Community Hall for dinner was a program sponsored by Farmington Exchange Club, the number in attendance and the spirit of friendliness manifest made the first community good-will banquet a distinct success.

Investigation Begun of Clarenceville Fire Sheriff's officers are investigating a fire which caused nearly \$300 damage Monday at 21331 Cambridge street, Clarenceville. The loss was fully covered by insurance. The house, a one-story wooden structure owned by Sylvester Downing and his family. Because of the fact that there were no occupants, electricity or stoves in the building, the cause of the fire is proving a puzzle to officials.

Act to Preserve Trees Along Grand River A committee of three, including representatives of the Highway commission, Detroit Edison Co. and the Farmington Exchange Club, is expected to meet this Friday to discuss means of saving several hard maple and elm trees on Grand River avenue near the City park which may possibly have to come out with the widening of Grand River.

FIVE YEARS AGO (Thursday, November 12, 1936)

Gridlers Meet Brighton Friday Farmington High School's gridlers will end the football season Friday when they play one of their strongest opponents, Brighton, a team which was undefeated and unscathed against until last week. Brighton is reported to have an old-fashioned "power house" attack built around two exceptionally hard-driving backs. This will give the Farmington line, which has improved considerably in recent games, a chance to prove its strength.

Farmington Club to be Guest The Farmington Women's Club will be entertained by the Northville Club at the Presbyterian Church House in Northville on Friday, November 20, at 2:30 p. m. Miss Estelle Downing of the English Department of the Ypsilanti State Normal College will be the speaker.

Eastern Star Elects Officers Mrs. Loretta Cox will serve as Worthy Matron of the Farmington chapter of the Eastern Star, her election having taken place at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening. Other officers elected for the ensuing year are: Herald Cox, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Hazel Lynch, Associate Matron; Charles Perry, Associate Patron; Mrs. C. Ada Bond, secretary; Mrs. Mabel Eckler, Treasurer; Mrs. Robbie Harrison, Conductress; and Mrs. Ida Worstold, Associate Conductress.

COUNTY FARMERS URGED TO REPAIR THEIR MACHINERY

When Oakland County farmers are contacted by AAA farm committees this fall in connection with the 1942 farm defense program canvass they are being urged to repair their farm machinery this fall and winter in order to avoid delays next spring and to release needed metals for other phases of the defense program.

Walter R. Cook Chairman of the Oakland County USDA Defense Board reports that adequate metals have been assured for repair parts but the amount of new farm machinery which will be available is still questionable. He said that farmers will be asked to check over their present machinery for necessary repair work and to order the parts needed as soon as possible. Farmers should notify the county USDA defense board if they cannot obtain needed parts.

Recent word from the Michigan State USDA Defense Board re-

veals that the OPM has assigned a defense priority rating of A-9 to specified steel products and to warehouses hardware stores, dealers and jobbers and that this should be of assistance to farmers in meeting their warehouse needs, Cook said. He emphasized that it is not necessary for individual farmers to obtain priority ratings themselves for repair parts and equipment; that the ratings apply only to handlers of this material. Mr. Cook said that earlier in the phases of the defense program, fall, the OPM had assigned a priority defense rating of A-1 to deliveries of materials necessary for the production of parts for the repair and maintenance of existing farm equipment. At the same time, the nearest civilian rating, B-1, was assigned to materials which appear on the priorities critical list to a manufacturer who needs them for the manufacture of new farm equipment.

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