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## EDITORIALS

### The Price Of Liberty

There is a price on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The price is in lives and dollars. It costs money to wage a war to protect our right as a nation to continue to live, have our liberty, and the right to the pursuit of happiness.

At this time we are in the midst of the most gigantic war financing program that has ever been undertaken in history by any nation. The United States Treasury Department is asking the citizens of these United States to subscribe to \$13,000,000,000 worth of Government securities during this month.

The campaign has been designated The Second War Loan Drive, and each and everyone of us, man, woman and child, is being asked to do their full share toward assuring the success of the campaign so that Michigan can give a ringing answer to the Axis nations that we are behind our Government with all that we possess.

An army of volunteers, known as "The Gallant 60,000 of Michigan" has been recruited by Frank N. Isbey, Chairman of the Michigan War Savings Committee, to sell \$60,000,000 worth of Series "E" War Savings Bonds in the state during April.

If you have not already given one of the members of the "Gallant 60,000" your order for your War Bonds, do it as soon as you can. Be sure to buy War Bonds to your limit.

### The Sound of An American Spring

Spring is almost here. One can see it by the pink buds of a maple tree down the street, or one can hear it by the chirp of a robin hopping over the grass, fast becoming a blanket of green.

But most of all one can hear it by the shout of boys playing baseball on an empty lot. Wars may come and wars may go, but there are always boys to play baseball. It's a positive sign that summer is really on the way.

It's a pleasant, peaceful sound, isn't it—those shouts of the younger generation at play? And just think—the very same kind of sound is coming from a million or more other such lots all over the United States the very same evening that you hear it. It seems to be as natural to American boys to play baseball as it is to eat or sleep.

And when they get past the age of playing it, they go to watch it or at least they read about it regularly.

I wonder why it's only here in this country that this game is so popular. Other countries know about baseball, but they don't take to it the way we do. Maybe it's because it requires an unusual combination of individual resourcefulness and cooperation with a group, that it just fits us. It's every man for himself up to a certain point, yet the team must work together.

The successful baseball player dramatizes one of our fundamental national virtues. His ability is the kind every American boy just naturally admires and tries to emulate.

Say what you will, we're still a nation of individualists. We're having to work more closely together than ever right now and to give up a lot of our freedoms for the sake of the war. But by and large we're the descendants of men and women who went out to conquer the wilderness practically alone. And we don't want to be taken care of by anybody, even by our government—or to be told what to do.

What we want is freedom and a chance to work out our own destinies. And as long as the interest in baseball runs high all over this country and in those parts of the world where our young men are fighting, this traditional American spirit is likely to endure.

## Churches

### FIRST METHODIST

Rev. Howard C. Buschling, Pastor

Church School, 9:30.  
Morning Worship, 10:30.  
Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:30 grade through High school age, meeting in two groups, Sundays, at 6:00 p. m.  
Choir Rehearsal, Thursday at 7:30, at the church.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.  
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

15000 Lahser Road

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.

### CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH

(Formerly Methodist)

Meets at the Maccabee Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Rd.  
Rev. W. J. Frisk, Pastor  
Mrs. Norma Riddell, 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

Cambridge and Grand River

Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Marian P. O'Connell, Music and Religious Education Director

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Morning Worship, 11:15 a. m.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:15 p. m.

Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.

### FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:30 a. m.

The pastor will deliver the third in a course of sermons from the book of Mark, "Cure For Two Kinds of Fear."

Bible School at 11:45 a. m.

Junior and Senior B.Y.P.U. groups at 6:30 p. m. Special visiting speaker for the Senior group will be Don Hamilton.

Evening prayer circle at 7:00 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

The pastor's message from the book of Mark will be, "A Good Man and A Good God."

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Sandcock, Pastor

Evangeline B. Farnum,

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).

1:20-3:00 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 Rd. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

New High School Auditorium

Farmington

"Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, April 11.

The Golden Text (Psalm 67: 1, 2): "God be merciful to us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

Among the Bible citations is this passage (Matt. 16:30): "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health, with Key to Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 335): "When divine Science overcomes faith in a carnal mind, and faith in God destroys all faith in sin and in material methods of healing, then sin, disease, and death will disappear."

CHURCH OF CHRIST

33200 Seven Mile Road

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Prereading, 11 a. m.

Sunday Evening, 7:45 p. m.

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON

A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY SERVICES

AT 11:00 A. M.

And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 20 at 11:00 a. m.

Wednesday Evening Testimonies at 8 p. m.

33300 Grand River Avenue

Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings

ALL ARE WELCOME

## V'S FOR VICTORY



Whether the state legislature accomplished anything or not during its scheduled 90-day session depends on a number of things.

For instance: If you are an avowed dry, the session was all "wet" to use the vernacular. Sale of beer and wines and liquors is still legal, and millions of dollars in profit are still going into the state treasury—no doubt, some of them for the schools, a very outrageous situation to be sure.

And if, for example, you haven't had a good cup of coffee for weeks, and the icebox is still bare of a good steak, and the country is going through a slump of the why, the legislative session was an outright disgrace—to 2100 per cent Americans. If you get what we mean.

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NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

Earl Cook, Minister

Morning worship, 10:30.

Bible School, 11:45. Classes for all ages.

Baptist Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m.

"Everbody's Gospel Service," 8:00 p. m.

SALEM EVANGELICAL

Rev. Carl Schultz, Pastor

Morning worship service, 10:00 a. m.

Sunday School, 11:15 a. m.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

23400 Warner Avenue

Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.

Sunday evening services, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday evening, 7:45—Bible Study.

Thursday evening, 7:45—Young People's Meeting.

Friday evening, 7:45—Prayer meeting.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

### TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (April 12, 1918)

#### Over The Top In Two Days

Last Saturday being the opening day of the third Liberty Loan drive, the patriotic meeting at the Town Hall was accorded with a fairly good sized crowd, mostly village people, and after listening to a fine program, including a strong and impressive address by our former townsmen, Attorney Clinton McGee of Pontiac, the response to the Liberty Loan subscriptions was beyond the expectations of the most sanguine workers, there being \$10,000 worth of Bonds taken in less than an hour and our quota (\$5,000) was reached before four o'clock Monday afternoon.

#### New Draft Quota

On April 25th Oakland County will furnish 144 men for the new draft call, 80 from the first and 64 from the second district of the county. The state's quota is 6,590.

#### Bids Wanted

Contracts will be let for the building of the new school house in school district No. 5, township of Farmington, On Monday, April 22nd, the School Board will receive bids for the general contract, heating contract, plumbing contract and electric wiring contract.

### TEEN YEARS AGO (April 13, 1933)

#### Bards Wrestle School Finances

Trustees of eight school districts sending pupils to Farmington High School met with the Farmington Board of Education Wednesday evening to iron out problems of finance made acute by closing of Detroit banks. The meeting was at the request of Farmington Board, and was held in Farmington High School.

#### Comstock's Car Wrecked On Cut-Off

The Grand River Cut-Off, scene of numerous accidents in its short existence, provided the most spectacular crash thus far and created a stir that spread from Detroit to Lansing Thursday morning, when the Governor's office car was overturned and wrecked at 4 a. m.

#### Six Beer License Bids Filed

Beer may never flow in Michigan what with the way our legislators are playing about up at the capitol, but there are at least six optimists in Farmington.

Despite the muddled beer situation, six applications for licenses to sell have been received by N. H. Power, City Clerk.

### FIVE YEARS AGO (April 7, 1938)

#### Farmington Mourns Death of Ida Steele

The entire Farmington community is keenly feeling the loss of one of its most beloved personalities, Miss Ida A. Steele, for 50 years teacher to many, and friend and jolly companion to most of the residents of this section.

#### Commission Plans More W.P.A. Work

More work for WPA employees in Farmington is probable pending the planning and approving by the Federal Government of six new projects in the City which were sanctioned by the City Commission at the meeting Tuesday night. The Commission authorized Mr. Buchanan to prepare plans and WPA project proposals for six of the jobs and gave the Mayor and City Treasurer authority to sign the proposals for the City.

#### Vote On Liquor Sale Is Asked

A petition asking that a special election be called on the question of sales of liquor by the glass in Farmington is before the City Commission, having been presented at the monthly meeting of that body, held Tuesday evening. The petition is signed by about 140 people.

## YOUR STAKE IN THE COST OF WAR

"Re-regulation of war contracts" is a heavy-sounding term, and newspaper readers in the sections of America where public interests are localized and largely agricultural may wonder how such a subject can concern them.

But since every taxpayer has a personal stake in any measure that increases government expense and adds to the public payroll, especially at a time when every dollar is needed for the war effort, then this question of contracts for equipment and supplies becomes vital to all.

#### "Renegotiation"

In the early days of lend-lease and of the huge task of mustering an armed force of millions of men, a few contractors receiving fat orders saw in these government contracts only a new gold mine. To meet the relatively small number of abuses which were brought to light, the last Congress passed a law requiring that all new and old Army, Navy and Maritime Commission contracts be written with a "renegotiation" clause, so that they could be reduced in the search for cases where contractors were making too large a profit.

This law requires that the Army, Navy and Maritime Commission each employ an appropriate force of men to re-estimate all contracts for buildings, machinery, tanks, airplanes, guns, clothing, and the thousand items industry must turn out for war use.

The law seemed wise and harmless at first, but evidently it was not realized how large an "army" of employees would be needed to enforce it.

It is estimated that there are some three million such contracts, over 20,000 contractors, and an unknown number of sub-contractors. If the original law were carried out, it might easily require 300,000 new public payrollers, and 300,000 new employees to check out the contractors to prepare the data for the federal authorities, and this at a time when manpower is scarce and every service in uniform or production work at home. The job would take years even with the best.

Amendments to the law are short of machinery and manpower, and these men are too badly needed in producing arms and equipment for ourselves and our allies to be wasted in checking out contractors, especially when there is already an efficient means of doing that work.

#### Alaskan Islanders Placed

The Aleutian Islanders are neither Indian nor Eskimo, though related to both. According to one theory, the Aleuts are basically Eskimos who spread into Alaska a few hundred years ago.

True, the original bill has been amended; but the amendments still authorize each department concerned to refigure contract prices. This means the employment of a vast number of special auditors and accountants.

Congressman Disney points out that there should be an automatic method of screening out contractors from those whose profits are not excessive, so that we will not have to use, in renegotiation, all of the accountants in the country.

A proposed amendment whittles at the original law and limits renegotiation to contracts which show more than 2 per cent profit. But this is no time for half-way measures. That sort of plan would require a lot of unnecessary employees on both government and contractors' payrolls.

#### The Solution

The Internal Revenue department has a yearly check on all profits. It figures the taxes paid in all industries, including those with Army, Navy and Maritime Commission contracts. If the Internal Revenue authorities discover an abnormal profit from any war work in any business, after payment of taxes, it could so certify to the department concerned so that renegotiation could be started. The ones that are within the fair and reasonable limit of 2 per cent profit after taxes would require no attention, and in that way millions of man-hours would be saved and duplication of effort, and delays caused by extra forces of employees refiguring contracts, would be avoided.

The Disney amendment which seems simple and effective, has not yet been adopted. Yet it amply guards against excess profits with a minimum of interference with wartime production and at the same time providing escape from the load of unnecessary payrollers, which the original law threatened.

The ordinary man therefore concludes: Why not let the Internal Revenue tax man do the whole job at one sitting? Why not save the time of industrial management and employees for vital work? Why not use the established check on costs, and at the same time save the expense of extra payrollers?

Most of those payrollers could well be used in the armed service, or on farms, or in factories, or in some other productive kind of work, instead of occupying desks in Washington. They would then be doing something to help win the war.

#### Greater

August 1 indications pointed to increases over the year of 22 per cent in the cottonized crop, of 33 per cent in flaxseed, of 74 per cent in soybeans, and 50 per cent in peanuts.