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And Now - - - MORE Confidence

Confident now of ultimate and decisive victory over those who would have destroyed our national heritage and institutions, we should in this very hour begin work to create an equal confidence in our ability to build a better America in the years to come.

As a basis we have the certainty that every man and woman in America sees these as major objectives: (1) To win the war as quickly as a complete victory can be achieved; (2) Productive jobs for all who want to work; (3) Rapid transition from wartime production to peacetime production with the least possible confusion and unemployment; (4) A postwar America in which freedom, opportunity, and a high standard of living can be attained; (5) That the children of today, or their children, will not have to fight in a Third World War.

The better America which would in some measure reward the sacrifices of our gallant men in battle can and must be achieved, and confidence is needed in our ability to achieve it. An America in which plentiful earnings will flow into productive enterprise, in which industry can expand, in which jobs will be created and liberties can be preserved—an America in which free men can move forward in the proven way of its founders, the leaders of and the inspiration to a weary world.

Help Save A Life

The circus fire tragedy at Hartford, Connecticut, is unusual in only one respect—it caused the death of an unusual number of people in one fire. And yet death was no more definite for each of those victims than it is for the individual who perishes in a farmhouse, or for one or two or three children who meet death in home fires almost every day.

Because some 150 people meet death from a single fire in Hartford, the tragedy is given page headlines across the nation. But when 10,000 people burn up annually by ones and twos, you never see the fact blazoned to the world in large type.

Circus or night club tragedies, and most other fires could be prevented if each individual appointed himself a committee of one to see that every time he lit a match, smoked a cigarette or had anything to do with any appliance that caused heat, it was out or properly safeguarded, when he left it.

In addition to the number of lives it takes, fire is responsible for property damage in unbelievably huge sums. This year fire will destroy a good deal of household furnishings, implements and machinery—all material that can not easily be replaced, due to the fact that new equipment is not available, with industry turning toward war production, rather than civilian goods.

Our 10,000-a-year fire death toll, and unnecessary material waste, could be largely eliminated if we would all learn a lesson from the Hartford disaster and be individually careful.

Churches

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, for fourth grade and above.
12:00 a.m. Sunday School, for nursery through third grade.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m. Sunday.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Message by Miss Mary Murray, Teller, Camp Missionary in the Detroit area.
Bible School at 11:45 a.m. Junior and Senior B.Y.P.U. Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer Circle at 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Message by Mr. Don Smith, Christian worker at the Norway Housing Project. Everyone is invited to these services.

CLARENCEVILLE

METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River, Farmington, Michigan
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Interest is fine and attendance is growing.
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m. the pastor preaching.
Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m. Midweek prayer service on Thursday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Sandbrook, 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).
1:30-3:00 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.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
23508 Warner Avenue
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening services, 7:25 p.m.
Wednesday evening, 7:45 — Young People's Meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
33200 Seven Mile Road

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Preaching, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 7:45 p.m.

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

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor
Rev. Joseph M. Lemire, Asst. Pastor

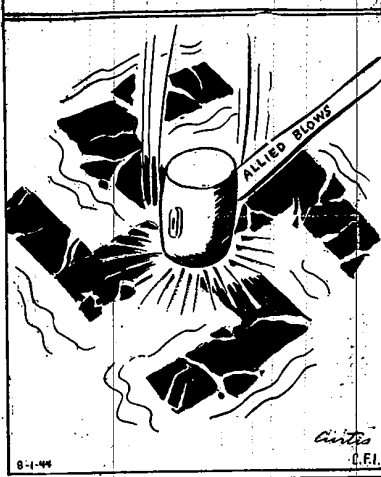
Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
Masses on Holy Days at 8:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses at 6:15 and 5:30 a.m.

SALEM EVANGELICAL
Rev. Carl Schultz, Pastor

Morning worship service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

Artificial Eyes
Germany, through her "Reichsverband," controlled the export of artificial eyes and the glass for making them. Her monopoly was comparable to that of the Venetians who kept their glass-making art as a secret. In the 16th and 17th centuries, until the war, practically all artificial eyes were blown from a that could be made only in one place in the world — the little town of Lauscha in Thuringen, Germany.

CRACKING UP/



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
New High School Auditorium
Farmington

"Spirit" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in All Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, August 6. The Golden Text (I Corinthians 2:12) is: "We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."
Among the Bible citations is this passage (John 4:24): "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

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: (24): "Spirit being God, there is but one Spirit, for there can be but one infinite and therefore one God."

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.
E. L. Stuenkel, Pastor

Divine Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all classes at 9:30 a.m.
The pastor will be absent Sunday and a guest preacher will supply our pulpit.

Lutheran Hour at 1:30 p.m. Tuna in C.K.L.W.

The Sunday School staff will meet on Tuesday evening, 8:00 p.m.

REDFOOT ASSEMBLY OF GOD
16760 Lahar Ave.
James A. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Radio Broadcast WEXL 6:15 p.m.
Evening Service 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Meets at the Macabee Hall at Grand River and Eight Mile Road.
Rev. W. J. Prisk, Pastor
Mrs. Norma Riddell, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Midweek Prayer and Praise Meeting.

Disastrous Fires
Forest and grass fires in the United States in the past five years have burned over an area as large as the entire New England states. The timber burned in one of these years would have built 20,000 Liberty ships.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
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.
Subject: "LOVE"

And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 20 at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonies at 8 p.m. at 33336 Grand River Avenue

Reading Room Hours: Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 9 to 9:30 Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evening.

ALL ARE WELCOME



GAYLORD— "Holy MacKinn!" So you think this 1944 summer is hot and dry? Hmp!

"Old Eagle Eye" Jim Bunyon, the same old spindleg-legged tobacco-chewing printer of yore, squinted through his spectacles as he snorted. The tone of his voice was enough to indicate an old-timer's scorn.

We hadn't encountered Jim since we visited Gladstone last August, were surprised to find him, busy at his printer's trade, at the office of Paul MacDonald's Osage County Herald-Times here. En route to a publishers' meeting at Sault Ste. Marie, from whence next week's Mirror will be written, we paused a minute while Jim unfolded the story.

"I was just a youngster, that summer in 1871. Pappy was working in a sawmill at Alpena, and I was being weaned on a plug of Kentucky. There's never been a town in Michigan so burned out as Alpena. Back in 1868 the slash in the cut-over land caught on fire, flames raced along Thunder Bay river, wiping out the big sawmill of Lockwood and Minor. Alpena was left a smoking ruin.

"Alpena folks built her up again, but forest fires returned in 1853, and 1867, and 1869. By the year 1871, Alpena lumberjacks were kinda getting lonesome. The town hadn't burned down for two years, and life was almost in a rut.

"The big fire of 1871 came after a long, dry summer. The sun shone day after day, and many a cloud appeared in the sky. Crops were parched, and by the time of Sunday, Oct. 8, the whole northern country was crisp as tinder.

"Holland was the first town to be hit by forest fire, fanned by a high wind. The Hope College town was pretty near raised to the ground. College buildings were in smoldering ruins, and 73 business houses were cleaned out. At Manistee, some 150 miles north of Holland, the fire jumped out of the woods Sunday afternoon and destroyed 205 homes.

"At Lansing the Michigan Aggie students turned out and saved the state capitol. Yes sirree! And in Midland county the shingle mills of George Rockwell, Collier & Garber, and Reason & Anderson, and Dowlers, all at Midland, were laid waste. Grafton county, too, was badly hit, while flames raced

Clarenceville - United Church
Macabee Hall at 8 Mile Rd. and St. Francis Avenue

SUNDAY SERVICES
Church School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m.

A real community Church with a community program. Come and help make this a better community in which to live.

A WELCOME TO ALL

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (August 8, 1919)

Boulevard Lighting

With the paving of our main street and the changing of the D.U.R. tracks, so that Grand River through the business section is a clear, wide street, it has been thought worth while to complete the job and make a street that we may all be proud of. At a special meeting of the village council Wednesday night it was voted to ask the D.U.R. to pave between their tracks, and a proposition from the Detroit Edison Company for the installation of a boulevard system of street lighting was presented and accepted.

Drug Store Sold

The latter part of last week a deal was closed whereby Stanley F. Smith became the owner of the McGee drug store in this village. Mr. Smith comes here from Ypsilanti, where he has been for the past 10 years, and has had 21 years' experience in the drug business.

Taxes Slow Coming in

Treasurer John Lapham tells us that village taxes are coming in rather slow, and as he will be at the village office only until August 15th, we would advise everybody to "get busy."

TEN YEARS AGO (August 16, 1934)

America's Finest Winery Is Ready

Farmington's newest industry is open for business. LaSalle Wines and Champagne, Inc., has practically completed a new plant at Grand River and Orchard Lake Road, most of the year's crop of grapes to be America's finest winery and one of the largest producers in the United States.

Gala Day Plans Near Completion

There are only two weeks remaining before Gala Day, Farmington's big annual Labor Day celebration. As in past years, members of Groves-Walker Park American Legion, under the direction of Al Smith, commander, are preparing an extensive day's program with a pet and doll parade sports for old and young, a baseball game, dance, free attractions and music throughout the day by two bands.

Schools To Open At Clarenceville

Clarenceville Public Schools will open Tuesday, September 4. Superintendent M. J. Belser announced this week. New courses, text books to be used and the faculty for the school year were made known by Mr. Belser at the same time. Children living north of Grand River and east of Inkster Road who are in grades one to six will attend Edgewood School, he said. The remainder will attend at Clarenceville.

FIVE YEARS AGO (August 3, 1939)

R. H. Taylor Establishes Residence

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor are new Farmington residents. They have purchased the home of R. C. Burns, on Shilawasse Avenue, where they moved Saturday. Mr. Taylor is head of the franchise department of Detroit Edison Company.

Brookdale Parkway Planned

A city improvement project, for which provisions were made many years ago, will become a reality with the building of a parkway on Brookdale Avenue at the Grand River intersection.

150 Attend Grooming Wedding Party

Guests to the number of 150 were present at the Botsford Tavern Monday, July 31, to greet a bride and groom of fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierce. It was a day of golden sunshine, and the spacious rooms of the 100-year-old tavern were made beautiful with the wealth of flowers sent by the many friends of the couple who had reached the 50th milestone of their journey together.

through the entire Saginaw valley from St. Charles to Birch Run.

"And up in the Thumb! Why the forest fire on that same Sunday, Oct. 8, back in 1871, destroyed a lot of bustling towns, such as Sand Beach, Huron City, Elm Creek, Richmondville, Forestville and White Rock. Most likely you never heard of White Rock, except on a bottle. White Rock was a booming town, on paper anyway, and when Douglas Houghton, state geologist, visited it on his way to northern Michigan, it was just a naked rock, plastered with seagulls' droppings, where White Rock creek emptied into Lake Huron.

"Other towns in the fires' path were Uby, Bad Axe, Port Huron, Tawas City and Cass City. The big lumber town of Saginaw was spared, somehow, although five buildings were destroyed over in East Saginaw.
"All in all, about two million acres of land were blackened by the great fire of Oct. 8 in the Lower Peninsula alone. And up in the U. P.—well, maybe you've heard of the big Peshtigo disaster seven miles south of Marinette in Wisconsin. This story was reported by Luther B. Noyes in his Marquette and Peshtigo Eagle which he had started in June of that year. More than 600 persons died

in a raging inferno that swept Peshtigo.
"My pappy often told me that this Oct. 8, 1871 fire was the greatest forest fire in the history of the United States. They estimate the total dead at 1,150 of whom more than 600 were lost at the town of Peshtigo.

"But strangely enough, this 1871 disaster up in the north country and across the lower peninsula of Michigan wasn't reported in the newspapers for several weeks. Not that the journals in those days weren't on the job. They were. Their headlines for many days were all about another news story you've heard about on Sunday, Oct. 8, and was weeks before Harpers' Weekly printed anything about Michigan and Peshtigo. Can you beat that?"

Gaylord, with its altitude of 1,350 feet, has had its fires too. Paul MacDonald, who owns the local newspaper, told of the time when the smoke of forest fires could be seen on all sides of the town.

To old-timers such as Jim Bunyon and his tribe, forest fires have been a familiar part of the life of Michigan's north country. In the fall of 1923 a fire sprung up near Silver City, in the Porcupines, and swept over at least 50,000 acres.

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* * BONDS OVER AMERICA * *

The U. S. Treasury

The Fifth American War Loan Drive, open to all for voluntary Bond buying, begins June 12th, with full confidence of the Treasury in our Democracy, and of our people in its Treasury.



In Holland, Nazis are starting a fifth forced loan while "looking after" Dutch finances. Banks failing to subscribe will be forced to accept a double quota at a lower interest rate.

Back the Attack! Buy More Than Before

BANKING WITHOUT GAS



It is patriotic as well as economical and convenient these days to bank by mail. Instead of banking in person and wasting time, gas, and rubber, you can get all the service and protection of personal banking—by mail. Our suggestion is—when you can't drop in, drop us a line.

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