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## EDITORIALS

### The Middle Class

For your spare-time reading we should like to recommend "What America Thinks" by William A. Lydgate, editor of the American Institute of Public Opinion, and we're sure you'll find it most interesting.

The comment that set us thinking was the fact that when asked to what social class they belong, 88 per cent of Americans reply "middle class."

Mr. Lydgate remarks that "the difference between class outlook here and abroad is typified by the fact that when Americans sing the old hymn, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful,' transported from England, they omit the verse that reads:

"The rich man at his castle,  
 The poor man at his gate,  
 God made them high, and lowly,  
 And ordered their estate."

No, we don't feel that way. You may live in a 10-room house on the hill, and I in a four-room cottage below, but I certainly have no feeling that fate decreed it so. Maybe you worked harder to get your house, or maybe big houses are just more important in your life. I say more power to you, and never for a moment do I admit that I couldn't have a bigger house, too, if I really set about it!

As a matter of fact, your standard of living and mine are about the same, regardless. We probably both have toast and coffee, and prunes or fruit juice for breakfast. The younger members of our households both go to the same school, and the boy from the big house and the boy from the little house go off to war together.

In America, Mr. Lydgate says, "there is no self-conscious class of any size which feels itself so inferior or so circumscribed as to have no opportunity to better itself. . . . If America is class conscious, it is only 'middle class conscious.'"

### Last Long Mile

Headlines of the last day or two should have a sobering effect on those whose hopes had soared to dizzy heights after the naval victory in Philippine waters. Japanese defenders on Leyte are reinforced to the extent that units, at least, of five divisions are now in action. The enemy shows signs of striking back in the Palau Islands, small as the sign may be, in the retaking of Ngerengong from a small Marine patrol.

Stiffened resistance to Allied arms is reported from the Burma theater. And, most serious of all, following reports that the Japanese have entered Kweilin, the American 14th Air Force announces the destruction and abandonment of its advance base at Liuchow.

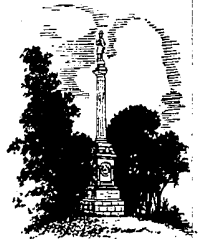
As we see it, however, except, perhaps, for the reverses in China, these events do not mean that the war against Japan is going counter to the calculations of the Allied command; much of it is probably ahead of schedule.

But it is another reminder that the last mile is still the long one.

### BONDS OVER AMERICA

#### Unknown Soldier

When Spring trips north and scents the budding apple trees of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley the folk of Winchester bring flowers to Stonewall cemetery where stands the figure dedicated to the "unknown and unrecorded dead," of the Civil War.



Buy 'Em and Keep 'Em

Our "unknown" dead are being buried today on many battlefields but the "unknown" who are honored in the "unknown" are the rolls of "— buyers.

## Churches

### FIRST METHODIST

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, for fourth grade and above.  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, for nursery through third grade.  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.  
 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. The pastor will bring a message on Matthew 7 entitled, "Manifestation of the Christ, Part III." Bible School at 11:45 a.m. There is a class for you.  
 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. Congregational singing, special music by the choir, informal message by the Pastor.

### CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River Farmington, Michigan

Elsie A. Johnson, Pastor

Music by E. J. P. Music and Religious Education Director

Sunday School at 10:00 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. Mid-Week prayer service on Thursday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH  
 Rev. J. H. Sandercock, 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. F. A. building, back of Pleron school. Seven Mile, near Farmington Rd. Watch for information under "News of West Point Park" each week.

### FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

2308 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.

Young People's meeting Friday evening.

### CLARENCEVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Meets at the Maccabee 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. M.H.M. Prayer and Praise Meeting.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. Thomas P. Deahan, Pastor

Rev. Joseph M. Leinre, Asst. Pastor

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

### REDFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1670 Lahser 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.

### Egg Protein

Eat eggs every day because eggs have protein in the top class with such foods as meat and milk for building and repairing body tissues. They also carry three of the B vitamins—thiamine, riboflavin, niacin—plus vitamins A and D, to help protect health. The egg yolk holds a rich store of iron for red blood cells and has phosphorus and other minerals needed by the body.

### Set Colors

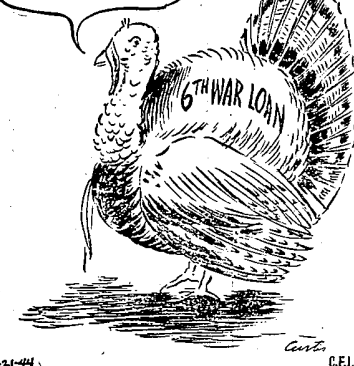
To set the color in blue fabric that is washable, soak material in one cup of vinegar added to a gallon of water. For green, use a tablespoonful of alum in a gallon of water. If fabric is brown, ink, red or gray, use one cup of salt and one tablespoonful of alum in a gallon of water. Epsom salts will set most other colors—use one tablespoonful to a gallon of water.

### Obsterate Hernias

Small umbilical hernias in sow pigs can often be obsterated by painting the hernial sac with nitric acid.

## THANKSGIVING '44

SERVE THE BOYS OVER-SEAS FIRST!



### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

New High School Auditorium Farmington

"Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon, in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, November 26.

The Golden Text (Ecclesiastes 5:7) is: "In the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities; but fear thou God."

Among the Bible citations in this passage (Romans 12:12): "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

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 (305): "The parent of all human discord was the Adam-dream; the deep sleep, in which originated the delusion that life and intelligence proceeded from and passed into matter."

Whether the American people exercised good or bad judgment on November 7 is invariably a matter of personal opinion. It depends on what side of the fence you happened to be—assuming that for example, Michigan voters rejected three of the four state proposals. Home rule for Wayne county again went down in defeat, along with an increase of compensation for state legislators and a constitutional change permitting legislators to run for state office.

The one surviving proposal was the constitutional plan whereby a municipality may supply and sell water to houses outside the city limits. If all four proposals had been defeated, proponents might have concluded that an uniformed public had blindly voted "no."

Apparently the people did THINK about these constitutional changes. Whether their thinking was good or bad is another matter—and your answer will be governed by your own opinions.

Consider for a minute the problem of old age pensions. You may pay 1 per cent more on your earnings in 1945. It's a social problem that affects your pocketbook as well as your future.

It is a subject close to the heart of the Townsendites. Public opinion polls have repeatedly indicated a majority of the people favor extension of social security benefits.

Five states voted on age-pension proposals Nov. 7. Washington, Oregon, Arizona and California rejected plans contemplating monthly payments between \$45 and \$60 to persons over 60 or 65 years of age, these to be payable in some cases from specific sales taxes and in one case from general revenues. The fifth state, Colorado, adopted a modified age-pension act.

Your guess is as good as your neighbor's as to why the majority in the above states voted as they did. Was it to protect the state finances? Did they believe that responsibility for larger age-pension payments rested on the federal government at Washington?

Inevitably when you try to venture an answer to either one of these questions, you come up against the immediate issue which now confronts the Congress of the United States: Shall the old age pension tax be doubled on Jan. 1, 1945?

Senator Arthur Vandenberg has announced that he will oppose the tax increase when the measure reaches the Senate from the House where, constitutionally, it must originate.

An additional 1 per cent tax on both employee and employer would result in \$2,500,000, annually. This sum would be added to the social security reserve fund—which exists actually on paper, since the money has been loaned to other funds through "government I. O. U.s."

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one of the social security benefits from the others. That brings up the inevitable consideration of the general problem—do you favor an extension of present benefits, as both party nominees recommended during the fall campaign? What are you going to do about suggested public health insurance, for example?

The government of Canada, through a house of commons special committee, has proposed a

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### NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clarence K. Graham, Pastor

10:30 a.m. Unified Service: Morning Worship and Bible School combined.

7 p.m. Youth Fellowship Hour. 8 p.m. Evangelistic Service. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Prayer and Bible study.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. The Senior B.Y.F. will meet for their "Fun Night."

A warm and cordial welcome awaits all who attend our services.

### SALEM EVANGELICAL

Rev. Carl Schuch, Pastor

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

33200 Seven Mile Road

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



## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (November 28, 1919)

### New Church in Farmington

Farmington is to have a new Methodist church if the decision of the quarterly conference, which is a governing body of the church, is carried out. At a meeting on Tuesday evening with Dr. E. J. Warren presiding, the quarterly conference authorized the erection of a new church, the work to begin as soon as a new site is secured and plans are drawn.

### Tax Time

Next month is tax time again, and it is going to cost you "some money" this year to get that little receipt telling that you are square with the state, county and township. Like everything else, you pay more than double this year for running the state, county, township and the schools of our township. Smile and say nothing.

### School Benefits

A box social, given by Myrtle E. Graham, teacher of the Plain school, District No. 1, Township of Commerce, was held last Friday night at the home of Ray Riley. The house was well filled, and a general good time was reported by all present. The proceeds netted \$54.20, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 6, 1934)

### Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

Many years ago Shawwassee Street was the main street of Farmington, and last Saturday No. 33209 Shawwassee again seemed to be the center of town, for Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Andrews were celebrating the 65th anniversary of their marriage, and their home was undoubtedly the busiest place in town, with scores of friends and townspeople coming and going, bringing congratulations and good wishes.

### New City Treasurer Begins Duties

In taking up his duties as Farmington City Treasurer, George C. Gidemeister, appointed by the City Commission Monday evening, returns to duties that are thoroughly familiar to him. He was the first Treasurer of the City after the adoption of the Charter, and served another term from 1929 to 1931.

### Winter Sport Center To Be Completed

Indications are that Farmington boys and girls, of all ages, will have a skating pond this winter at the athletic field, although \$2,000 expended by the CWA last summer did not complete the job. The work has been left unfinished and would remain so but for the fact that the Board of Education and City Commission are uniting to do the remaining essential work. That is, providing it is within the limit of expense set up.

FIVE YEARS AGO (November 23, 1939)

### Town Hall is Up For Sale

The Town Hall is up for sale. Farmington Township will offer it for sale to the City of Farmington at a price of \$30,000. The city has six months to decide whether they want to buy the hall, and at the end of that time if the city does not buy it, three months' option to buy it will be held by the Masonic Lodge.

Greater safety for children in Farmington is being offered again this year through the services of the boys' patrol. This group, under the direction of Robert Stewart, eighth grade teacher, is composed of grade school boys who are assigned, positions in dangerous traffic corners or crossings to guide children across when traffic permits.

### Welfare Office Opens This Week

Oakland County emergency welfare cases are being taken care of at the Pontiac relief office, following the reopening of the department Tuesday. The offices had been closed since November 10, when they were forced to discontinue orders because of lack of cash. Farmington Township has paid up to date its share of welfare money collected.

total of 6 per cent) by January 1, 1945. It has been the senate finance committee's contention that present reserves were adequate and that any increase would only doubly assess the country for the cost of old age pensions.

The Michigan Retail Institute, representing tens of thousands of retailers throughout Michigan, is again opposing the tax increase. Organized labor is friendly to the proposal. Lines are being drawn for a showdown.

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where rises ever higher.

On Thanksgiving Day this year our feet are more than halfway on the road to Peace and Victory.

We give thanks for the quality of our fighting men and for the skill and determination of our leaders. We acknowledge with humility our indebtedness to Divine guidance.

We have much to be thankful for—with the best to come.

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