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EDITORIALS

The Latest Word . . .

from Lansing on the State tax program is more! More confusion, more talk and above all, more taxes. The consensus of opinion among the legislators is "State services must be continued." On this point no honest thinking person can argue. But is it necessary to maintain them at a level above normal? Many will say these are not normal times. But why aren't these normal times? It is because people are still saddled to a war-time economy program. We are trying to pay for a war. We are trying to maintain emergency services. Every agency of the government, whether it is local, State or National, is demanding revenue.

Everyone needs money and there is only one source, the people of Michigan.

A veterans' bonus has been duly approved by the voters. State services must continue. The sales tax diversion program is awaiting a clarification by the State Supreme Court. These obligations must be met.

Are new taxes the only answer to the present State financial dilemma? Is it impossible for the various State agencies to operate efficiently on less? It is absolutely necessary to maintain all the present State agencies in order to properly carry out the State's required obligations?

It would seem logical that if the State has specific duties to perform, if they have specific obligations to meet, if they have only specific funds to use, that they must adjust their financial program accordingly. Agencies should be reduced, both as to consolidation and size of personnel. If money is to be diverted to local units they must expect to assume greater responsibilities from the State.

A slow, deliberate and well organized tax program should be adopted, calling for reduced State expenditures, greater efficiency through fewer and more skilled personnel, and diversion of funds to agencies now most urgently in need of them. Home town taxpayers and lower units of government must of necessity assume more responsibility for the financing of their schools, streets, parks, traffic and other services.

It's bringing the government back to the people. It will cost the taxpayer less and he can supervise it more. Most important of all, he can see his money bring direct results!

Big Brother . . .

yesterday is just a bully today. So it goes as far as the United States and its relations with foreign nations is concerned.

Every nation, large and small, five or six years ago looked to us for aid in fighting the Axis. But that was yesterday; today — well, that's a different story. We didn't give them assistance because we want or expect anything in return. But we did hope for friendship and harmony, at least.

We apparently hoped for too much. Our guns, our money, our food, our troops were cheered as a salvation to a crumbling world. Our spirit, our productive capacity, the ability of our fighting men, was an inspiration to our allies. But that was yesterday.

Today the United States stands almost alone, unshielded from the blasts leveled at her by yesterday's friends. All of a sudden we have taken on sinister ways, we are domineering, capitalistic, selfish and unreliable in the eyes of our friends. How come?

Could it be that these nations have been ordered to forget what the United States has done for them? Is it their true voice that speaks out against us? The answer is obvious. Where democracy led in, Communism and Socialism has taken over. Not by the majority but by a few who, like parasites, drag down the rest.

Only by a continuation of a strong foreign policy will we lend courage to the majorities in these countries, who wish to be free and independent. They will not forget nor will they forget!

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Scubilla, Pastor
Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist
Morning Worship service, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

OUR INVITATION
I love to come to this still place,
To kneel as though on holy ground,
And feel my Master's face to face,
I do not know how I could live
If there were not this refuge sweet.
Where I could linger at His feet
And He to me sweet healing give.
WELCOME.

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Handwerker, Pastor
Evangeline B. Farum

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 Services.

FRIDAY
10:41 a.m. Radio Glee Club (high school girls and boys)
1:30-3:00 p.m. Missionary meeting.

Services are held in the Church Building, 32211 W. Seven Mile Road.

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for third grade and above
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
William Grace School
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Dine Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour over OHLIV at 12:30 p.m.

Mid-week Lenten services on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
E. A. Johns, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
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 Wednesday evenings 7:15. Gospel service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remick, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour, Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Gospel Service); and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

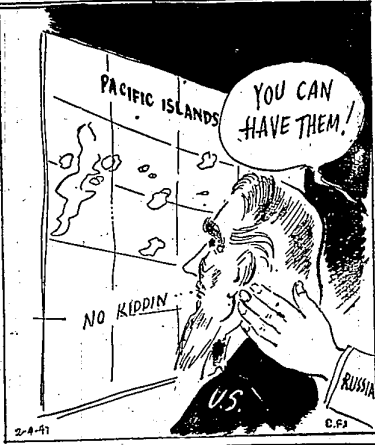
FIRST BAPTIST "The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred E. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Junior, Senior and Adult Union at 12:30 p.m.

Evening Services at 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 3:15 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 36 at 7:00 p.m.
World Wide Guilds at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 3:15 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop 7 at 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.

BIG CONCESSION!



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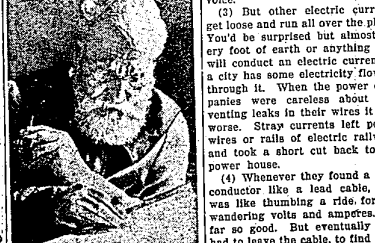
Bell's Varied Achievements Revealed During Centenary

By BAUKHA
News Analyst and Commentator

WASHINGTON. — Everybody has been talking telephones because of the well-publicized Alexander Graham Bell centenary. Reading the pounds of publicity, I learned more about Alexander Graham Bell than I ever knew before. I had read of how he dreamed of "talking" and how and why his dream came true. I didn't know about his father's deep study of phonetics and his own interest in "making speech visible," in teaching the deaf to talk, or that he was an accomplished musician or many other facets of this remarkable man's remarkable history.

I already knew a little about the telephone business from first hand observation.

It was just about 20 years before I ever used a telephone that Bell, thanks to his hamonically trained ear, found on that day in 1875 that what he thought could be done, had been achieved in his own laboratory on Court Street, Boston. From that time on it was just a question of removing the "bugs". The next year he was demonstrating his instrument before audiences with conversations over several miles of wire. Before long he was talking over an underwater cable from United States to Cuba.



A study of Alexander Graham Bell in later life shows how he spent many hundred "man-hours" of his time — tabulating statistics concerning the deaf. At one time he produced a "Manual Upon the Formulation of a Draf Variety of the Human Race."

I doubt if the great inventor were to return to earth today he would be greatly surprised at the strides in telephony which have been made since his death, great as they have been. He may not have considered, however, one of the temporary problems (electrolysis) which created many a headache for the telephone companies and which helped, indirectly, to provide the writer of this column (who was to be a future executive user of telephone facilities) with a part of his education.

To explain the above remark: (1) 150,000 miles of program transmission circuits are now provided by the Bell system for use of radio networks. (It's "wireless" to your home from your radio station, but it's "wired" between stations.)

(2) The writer has been using a lot of these circuits five days a week for most of the last 14 years. (3) He worked two college vacations as "electrolytic inspector" for the telephone company.

To explain further: (1) You know how electroplating is done? The object—say it's a bathtub—is placed in a solution with which the spoon is to be plated. An electric current is passed through the substance in the bath into the spoon. The substance follows the current as far as it can, which is the surface of the spoon. Anyhow it moves.

(2) You've seen the lead-sheathed cables containing telephones wires as they've been pushed through the manhole into conduits that lie under the pavement. The sheath of the cable protects the insulated wires that carry the current which rings your phone bell and carries your voice.

(3) But other electric currents get loose and run all over the place. You'd be surprised but almost every foot of earth or anything that will conduct an electric current in a city has some electricity flowing through it. While the power companies were careless about preventing leaks in their wires it was worse. Street currents laid power wires or rails of electric railways and took a short cut back to the power house.

(4) Whenever they found a good conductor like a lead cable, that was like thumbing a ride for the wandering volts and amperes. So had to leave the cable, to find their way to a better conductor or just to say "so long" and struggle back to the power house.

(5) When they did that, "electrolytic action" set in. The lead in the cable sheath followed the current as far as it could follow the sheath in the hole and left the sheath porous. Dampness and destruction came in and soon your telephone line was out of order.

My job consisted of sitting by the hole watching the face of an ammeter (which registers the direction and flow of electric current) and discovering where the current was escaping. Then I had to get the power company to do what it could power company to do what it could.

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By GENE ALLEMAN

How Michigan is to finance its \$270,000,000 veterans' bonus is still an unsolved problem of the state legislature, now beginning its third month of deliberation.

Approximately 620,000 men and women will receive cash payments as evidence of the state's deep gratitude for their patriotic service and personal sacrifice. These benefits will be in addition to the annual allowance of the \$50,000,000 veterans' trust fund, proceeds of which are to be administered by local units of veterans' organizations.

A touchy topic is whether the veterans of World War II and their relatives should be taxed with the rest of the people in the state to pay off the bonus bond issues and interest on the bonds. Nothing was said about taxes last November when the bond issue came before the voters. But the problem is still on the books, and money must be raised somehow to foot the bill. Like an infected tooth, it must come out of somebody's pocket book.

The bonus matter, of course, is involved closely with the overall exigencies of state finances. Governor Kim Sigler sought to induce the legislature to put the controversial sales tax amendment on the April election ballot. Lack of two-thirds majority in the Senate balked this move.

Now a test suit is being filed to find out whether the amendment is constitutional. The Michigan Education Association, spokesman for school teachers, has filed a suit mandating the State treasurer and State Auditor General. These officials decline to fork over additional school funds until the court decides.

Another law suit is pending to test the validity of the \$7.50 per day allowance for legislator's living costs (room and board) while away from home on state business. Senator Otto Bishop, Alpena, chairman of the state finance committee,

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 3, 1922)
Milk Prices Drop

Joe Himmelspach, proprietor of the Farmington Dairy, has announced that milk will be dropped to 12 cents a quart, 6 cents a pint or sixteen pint tickets for 95 cents. This is another step in the trend of low prices and Mr. Himmelspach will continue to keep the price as low as possible. Whether or not the lower price of milk will affect any of the other milk products he did not say, but we can be sure that any drop in anything in the home will be doubly welcome.

Superintendent James Address
Supt. A. G. Leonard of the public school, delivered an address at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening entitled "These Wild Young People," speaking from the standpoint of one closely allied to the interests of youth. The speaker brought a hopeful word to the parents and a commendable and challenging message to the young people.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 11, 1937)
8:15 p.m. Closing Wednesdays
Plans are under way for the closing of Farmington business houses on Wednesday afternoons from April 14 on. An agreement circulated Wednesday afternoon, has been signed by a number of merchants who subscribe to the plan to close on all Wednesday afternoons after one o'clock, beginning on April 14. Sponsors of the plan explain that Wednesday afternoons will give business men a chance for mid-week relaxation before the busy days of Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Farmington Residents Feel Quake
Homes in the Farmington area "rattled" with the rest of the Detroit area Tuesday morning when minor earth tremors were felt by a number of residents. The earthquake occurred at 12:44 a.m. awakening many but doing no damage to homes.

FIVE YEARS AGO (March 5, 1942)
Local Squad Wins Contest Friday
Farmington High School's basketball team will enter the district tournament this week end with a record of 13 wins against 2 losses. This constitutes the best season a Farmington team has had in eight years. They had a string of eight consecutive wins which carried them to the first championship since 1934.

John Thayer Honored on Anniversary
Eighty nine years is a long time — a mighty long time, and yet it doesn't seem a long time either. Ask John "Grandpa" Thayer — he well knows Farmington's history. Mr. Thayer has spent his entire life in or near Farmington, having held public office here. For fourteen years he was located with the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office at Pontiac.

sponsored this bill which the house and Senate adopted and which Governor Sigler signed.
Phillip C. Kelly, attorney in Jackson, has filed a suit challenging the law's constitutionality.
It is recalled that four attorney generals, prior to Attorney General Eugene C. Black, ruled that legislative expense accounts were illegal under our state constitution.

Attorney General Black was frustrated in efforts to collect \$2,500 a year living expenses by Auditor General Muri Aiken who declined to honor his claims. Black retaliated by commuting daily between Lansing and Port Huron, his home town, via a state automobile and state-paid gasoline.

Mr. Black's Deputy, Leo Brennan, who also sought to collect living expenses, has returned to the Upper Peninsula to accept a governor's appointment.
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VOICE OF PROPHECY

MUTUAL SYSTEM AND 250 OTHER STATIONS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Dinner was late that night



Dinner was late that night for little Linda. A swollen Susquehanna River had washed away her home—and everything in it.

But the Red Cross was there to help her and all the homeless families . . .

... to supply food, clothing, shelter for the night;
... to extend comfort, emergency medical aid, care for the injured;

... to help a stricken couple restore their homes.
Every week, disaster strikes somewhere in our nation. Always in catastrophe—flood, fire, explosion, tornado or hurricane—your Red Cross is on the job.

You want to do your share to help your American Red Cross carry on in 1947.
Give—give generously and gladly to this "greatest mother of them all!"

GIVE—so your RED CROSS can carry on!
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK
Farmington, Michigan

WHERE WEARY TRAVELLERS RESTED



"Finest Inland Hotel in the State", Farmington's "Owen House" in 1898. Here is the way it looked 49 years ago. The Owen House now Grand River, at Farmington Road, approximately where the Farmington State Bank now stands. This fine Hotel was an important stopping place for coach travelers. Today, the "Owen House" serves as a apartment house. It stands on the East side of the Kroger Super Market and to the rear. It represents one of the oldest standing landmarks in Farmington's history.