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EDITORIALS

Mark This Day . . .

Saturday, December 6. Mark it well, underline it, and encircle it in black. Why? If you are a registered voter of the Farmington Township School District, you have a date at the polls.

Saturday, December 6, was chosen by the Board of Education for the convenience of the voters. More residents will be home and time will be freer. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. so that voters will have greater opportunity to get to the polls. Every effort is being made to make this a record vote.

Saturday, December 6, is probably the most important election in many years in Farmington. It should hardly be necessary to urge residents to vote. Your children, your schools, even the future of your community hangs in the balance. All the elements of desire, responsibility and progressive community spirit are wrapped up in this vote.

Saturday, December 6, will tell whether the citizens of the Farmington area are interested enough in their children, their schools, their community, to get out and say so. This is more than just another election — it's a show of strength. Your schools are your responsibility — no one else's. If the Farmington Township School District has modern school facilities, it will be you who make them, and they will be yours.

Saturday, December 6, will show the degree of importance Farmington citizens attach to community betterment. Farmington's schools, like any other community's schools, reflect more than any other single factor, the progressive spirit. Good schools help a community grow. They help to raise the entire standard of a community. They make it a better place to live.

Saturday, December 6, vote. Vote Yes on both the bond issue and the millage increase. A vote for better schools, for a better community, is an investment, not an expense. It's up to you — the voter!

New Fangled Thanksgiving . . .

1947 style, was demonstrated in all its detail last Thursday. Americans gave thanks by outstripping last year's highway death toll far beyond the most pessimistic estimates.

Here in Michigan, one thing helped — ice and snow. At least we can give thanks for that. Again carelessness, indifference stepped in to mar an American holiday.

Is this slaughter necessary on holidays, or any other time? Do we take human life so lightly that we can go out every day and smash up a few of our countrymen? Are we so sure that it will always be the other fellow? The answer to all three of these questions is "of course not". But yet look at the headlines, facts are facts.

None of us want to kill or be killed, but sometimes we're careless. We get behind the wheel and we forget. The "it can't happen to me" attitude takes over. Ask the fellow in the hospital bed — he will tell you.

What will we do about this whole tragic mess? Go right on — unless you and every driver of an automobile takes on the responsibility of driving as though your life depended on it.

Ice, snow, poor visibility, aren't going to make driving a bit easier the next four or five months. Observe the rules of the highway, cut your speed down, respect the other fellow, watch out for pedestrians. In other words, be careful. Let's all work together to save lives.

Let's be sure of a real old fashioned Christmas — alive and together.

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, 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,
Where deeper peace is always found.
To kneel as though on holy ground,
And feel my Master face to face
I do not know how I could live
If there were not this refuge, sweet
Where I could linger at His foot
And He to me sweet healing give.
WELCOME

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Third Grade
11:00 a.m. Sunday School, Below Third Grade
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Nursery
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Sunday
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Cambridge and Grand River Farmington, Michigan

Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
The pastor preaches
Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Service on Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study, 8:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Middebet at Eight Mile Rd.

E. L. Stuenkel, Pastor

Sunday School and Christmas program practice at 9:30 a.m.
Divine worship at 10:45 a.m.
Lutheban Hour over CKLW at 12:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Advent services at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday.
P.T.A. Bazaar at the school on Friday, opening at 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

2370 E. Cass Avenue Farmington

11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. Rameis, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
Communion offering for the American Bible Society. Local observance of Universal Bible Sunday.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
International Lesson, "Christian Fellowship"
Youth choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
Message by Miss Margaret Wallace, returned missionary from Zululand, South Africa.
Monday, Browne Troop 13 at 3 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Browne Troop 4 at 3 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 3:30 p.m. Berean Class social at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, midweek services at 8 p.m.
Thursday, adult choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

STARK GOSPEL MISSION

9958 Laurel Road

Corner of Laurel and Pine Tree Rd.

1 Block South of Plymouth Road

1 Block West of Stark

Sunday service and Sunday school at 1:00.
Church service at 2:30.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m.
This is a cottage prayer meeting. Ladies prayer meeting Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30.
Pastor: Rev. Orville J. Windell.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

William Grace School

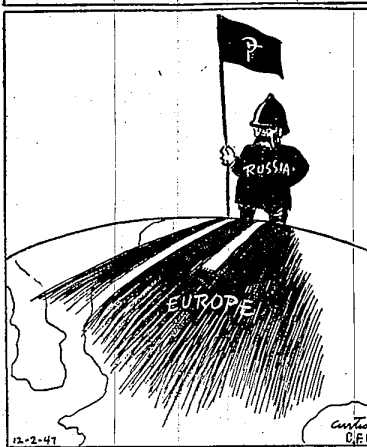
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service, 7 p.m.

SHADOW OVER EUROPE



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Millions Will See And Hear National Conventions In '48

WASHINGTON.—Reporting of federal Washington entered a new era with the opening of congressional committee hearings on the aid-to-Europe program.

The caucus room of the senate was crowded; a dozen members of the senate for a long time were seated at one side of a long table, facing the spectators. Chairman Vandenberg was in the middle, at a small table opposite his seat. The witness, Secretary of State Marshall and U. S. Senator Arthur H. Clegg, were seated at the other end of the table.

The room was a place of light. Powerful bulbs had been substituted for the ordinary ones in the crystal chandeliers. In addition there were great lights glancing down, and before the hearings were over, more than one pair of sunglasses appeared.

Secretary Marshall was tossing off the billions as he stated the amounts needed for the long-range and short-range recovery, interim emergency relief and medium-range rehabilitation. "Two billion, six hundred and fifty-seven million, five hundred and ninety-eight thousand and fifty millions."

He penciled scratched, senatorial pencils as well as reportorial.

"Then that would be one million," mused Vandenberg aloud, confused by the avalanche of digits. Everybody laughed. The mere thought of ONE million among all these epherals seemed absurd.

Now Senator Vandenberg is very meticulous about making statements concerning foreign policy. He never will agree to an ad lib interview on the air, won't allow himself to be quoted, except by the Associated Press.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Toepel, Pastor
Services held in Pierson School
Seven Mile, East of Farmington Rd.

The Community Methodist Church are holding their services in the Pierson School located at Seven Mile Road east of Farmington Road. Church services and Sunday School classes will be held simultaneously from 10:00 to 11:00. Nursery school for children under three. Everyone is welcome.

OUR LADY OF BORMOS

Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor

Sunday Masses: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

Farm Tenants Decrease

Farm tenancy declined rapidly during the past five years so that less than one-third of the nation's farms are operated by tenants, according to census figures.

PHILADELPHIA'S ADVANTAGE

As he talked to politicians, Clegg tossed off a few impressive figures himself—more than 65½ million people populate the area to be covered by the convention. That many people add up to some 257 electoral votes, he added.

This is in contrast to the situation in 1946 when the GOP convention in Philadelphia was covered by two video cameras whose pictures reached an audience of less than 10,000 viewers.

Of course, not everybody in every corner where the capital cable stretches its length will be handy to a television set in June and July of '48, but we count four or five to a set ordinarily, and when a show is on, the spectators jump to 30 per cent.

More and more taverns, hotels, and public places are installing television sets. In fact, out in Chicago, (Continued On Page Five)



BY GENE ALLEMAN

In his new crusade to make state commissions and boards more responsible to the voters, Governor Kim Sigler is again in the role of a bold reformer, a knight in shining armor, astride a traditional white horse, slaying battle gallantly to the forces of entrenched vested interests — this time, state bureaucracy itself!

Here is an issue obviously cut to the heart of the Michigan government. There is little doubt that he will try to make the most of the opportunity during 1948, an election year.

The governor's announcement that he will seek to make directors of commissions and boards responsible directly to him, and in turn dependent on the State Senate for appointment, was made the triumphant wake of a successful legislative session. There the governor displayed new and aggressive powers. No longer was he content to submit his recommendations and then leave alone to their own prerogatives, thus keeping the executive branch separate from the legislative branch, as he has done earlier in the year.

With the aid of state GOP chieftains, he applied the pressure convincingly and effectively. A 32-page bill abolishing the corrections commission and replacing it with a non-civil service appointee, was considered briefly by the Senate and approved 25 minutes later. That is speed!

Observers have pointed out that the present position of the governor is a reversal of his earlier stand regarding the commission. Last May he indicated that the corrections commission was one of the best in the land. He asked Austin H. MacCormick, executive director of the Osborne Association, a noted penologist, to appear before a legislative committee that was considering a bill to revise the Michigan setup. MacCormick declared that Michigan's system was a model.

With his November bill approved overwhelmingly by the legislature, Sigler then disclosed that he would let the legislature to vest power in the governor to appoint commission directors, subject to Senate approval.

The governor feels that Michigan has too many commissions and boards. Some should be abolished outright; some should be retained. Those now retaining should be held responsible direct to the governor who now, Sigler says, is little else than a "glorified clerk."

He specifically refers to the state conservation department as being a kingdom unto itself, free from political control. Whereas the director or now holds office at the will of the commission, under the Sigler plan (Continued on Page Eight)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 1, 1922)

Hunters Bring Home Six Fine Buck
Farmington's contingent of the army of hunters who have been enjoying the chase in the wilds of the Northern Peninsula for the past two weeks, returned Wednesday and as trophies of the hunt brought with them six fine buck. The hunters reported poor success during the early part of the season owing to weather conditions, rain falling most of the time. With a clearing up the real sport began, which continued until they left.

Clear of Diphtheria
Farmington and vicinity is now practically clear of that dread disease, diphtheria. Dr. Holcomb reports that all quarantines with the exception of one, have been lifted and no new cases are reported. Of the recent cultures sent to the state department all were found as negative.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 9, 1937)

\$41,000 Error in Township City Road Tax Assessments
A huge governmental error reported annually throughout six years, as a result of which Farmington City taxpayers may have paid as much as \$41,523.08 in Covert Road taxes which should have been assessed against Farmington Township from 1925 through 1932, is apparently indicated by figures which have accidentally come under scrutiny recently. The matter is receiving attention of officials and is expected to come up at the City Commission meeting Monday evening.

Farmington Men At Work To Aid Scouts

Ed Alexander, Supt. Robert Burns, and Arthur Power are planning Farmington's participation in the drive to be held to raise funds for the Oakland area council of Boy Scouts soon after the first of the year.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 3, 1942)

Testimonial Dinner Honors Farmington's Oldest Masons
It was a real night of celebration for members of Farmington's Masonic Lodge last Monday night when they held Past Masters' Night and a testimonial dinner honoring James Hogle, on the occasion of his 50th birthday anniversary, and John Thayer, who is 59 years of age.

Community Christmas Party Set for Tuesday
The Christmas Party planned by the Exchange Club, American Legion, Local Auxiliary and the Parent-Teacher Association will be held on Tuesday, December 15, at 8 p.m., in the School Auditorium. A tentative program is as follows: carol singing and the trimming of the tree, grand march, a few games followed by dancing and refreshments.



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