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EDITORIALS

All Dressed Up, But . . .

no place to go. The once stylish and popular Miss Civil Service has run into an awful let-down. She's run out of new friends.

In fact, she is about reconciled to her easy chair next to the fireplace. But it wasn't always that way. Back a few years, she was it. Every student of government called her the new find.

Something has happened. Her personality has changed. It isn't that she is just being left alone, but there is talk of other pin-up girls. Her picture may come down and another take its place.

There seems to be reasons, too. It's not just prejudice, or political maneuvering. No one wants to tack up the old gray nineties beauty. No one wants to go back to the old spoils system days. But men in the business of government have learned that civil service is far from what it should be.

The reams of red tape, costly testing and drawn out hearings, only delay the employment of qualified personnel and the releasing of unnecessary, inefficient employees of the state. It has done much to turn away men and women who might otherwise have been public servants.

As one state official recently pointed out, it is a little absurd to require employees who cut the weeds along our highways to qualify under civil service. It not only is expensive, but it also is unnecessary.

Civil service has figured prominently in the ever increasing state payroll. It has stood as a block against the securing of competent employees. It has sheltered the incompetent.

There must be a half way point, a spot where the experienced, efficient employee can find security against the ever changing political upheaval — yet a spot where overloaded government payrolls can be cut. There must be a middle of the road between job security and the pork barrel.

If civil service among state employees could be established and maintained as it has been, then it could be modified to a level of producing job security for the competent and efficiency for the state.

Everyone's Got An Idea . . .

of just what role the United States should take in Foreign Affairs. Some are hard boiled, others soft pedaled a little, but the desired end is the same — peace and aiding others not so fortunate.

However the wide variance of ideas on how this should be accomplished leaves the average citizen in a dither. One good thing about it is that the American people are getting all the angles and if they can keep them straight, there may be a chance for thought on the matter.

Several points seem to rear up often in most of the expert opinions expressed by students of foreign affairs. One is that Europe must be encouraged to help herself. This is of vital importance because confidence, initiative and national pride will do more than anything else to reestablish a healthy Europe.

Before this rebuilding can begin, however, the fuel and tools of construction must be furnished. It is on this point that most of the ideas originate. In spite of the methods, plans and proposals, few question the necessity of the fuel and tools. Food, clothing, shelter, machinery are all necessary before construction can begin.

The United States can do its part, but it can't do it all. The cooperation of all nations, whether they too are givers or receivers, is absolutely essential if peace and production in Europe is to be reestablished. This can't be done as long as suspicion, undermining and treachery prevail. Our course should be made clear — we are not conquering heroes, we are constructive builders. We know the difference, and we don't hide behind one while doing the other.

Food, clothing and money alone will not prevent Communism. Nor should that be our objective. These essentials will aid in the reconstruction of Europe. It will be a start — that's all it should be. The real building must come from the people themselves. Out of this building, with its initiative, courage and determination, will come the best defense against Communism.

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 feel 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 feet
And live in His sweet healing grace.
WELCOME

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Third Grade up. 11:00 a.m., 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

Morning service at 11:15 a.m.
Evening Services at 7:30 p.m.
All music of the church is under the direction of Miss Wilma Hood.

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.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.
E. L. Stumpfig, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Divine Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour over CKLW at 12:30 p.m.
A mid-week Bible Hour is held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Mixed choir meets on Wednesday at 8 p.m.
Children's instruction class on Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

23701 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, 1:40 to 4:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

J. M. Remien, Pastor

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

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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rev. Thomas P. Benhan, Pastor

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST

"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Communion Service, Message from Romans, "Evolution of Man from the Divine Viewpoint".
Sunday School at 11:15.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Message from the Pastor, "Decide! That is the Question!" Special music.

Sunday, Brownie Troop 13 at 3 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m.
World Wide Guilds at 7:30. Board Meetings at 8.

Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 8 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop 7 at 8:30.
Workers' Conference at 8.

Wednesday, Evangelism/ Discussion Groups at 8 p.m.

Friday, Senior Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Churchwide youth banquet at 7 p.m.



Washington Digest

By SAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

America Alone In Struggle To Save Western Ideologies

Washington. — Cartoonists and others have titled 1948 "the year of decision." It is a pretty good title. The only trouble is that America's most important decision has already been made, and no body seems to realize it. We know that the British empire has broken up, but aside from the fact that there is some grumbling about loaning money to the British, it doesn't seem to concern us very much.

In the current issue of the United Nations World Magazine, the British historian and author, D.W. Brogan, has an article entitled "The British Shred, No Tears for Their Lost Empire." In it, he says:

"... in the nineteenth century, the progress of English prosperity was in close association with the spread of a general political and economic religion of all sensible men. The Bank of England, free trade, parliamentary government, all increased their range of influence together. And the English looked on what was largely their work — and found it good. They were satisfied with what they had accomplished."

"It is natural enough, today, when this world situation has changed to take pretty calmly the decline in the favored historical position of England; if the spread of English ideas, practices and profits has ceased, why worry — unless you are English."

"Unless you are English." And yet the people who ought to be doing the worrying are the Americans.

When a British official in London said "every means short of war would be used" by the British and American governments to keep Greece within their own strategic and ideological orbit." It didn't make much of a ripple outside of Washington. But it was a statement of tremendous import, for it means that the Truman doctrine was not just a phrase, that its implications

are far-reaching. It means that the United States is committed to the defense of Greece, and that it is willing to use force to achieve this end.

It is a statement of the kind that has been made by other great powers in the past. It is a statement of the kind that has been made by the United States in the past. It is a statement of the kind that has been made by the United States in the past.

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"American security is YOUR security!"

That's the theme of a sure way to beat inflation. It's also the best protection known against a severe shock of deflation.

The other day we received an urgent invitation from the United States Treasury department. A conference was held in Chicago. Newspapers were being called upon for a resumption of war-time patriotic service. The stakes were high. Survival of the American system of free enterprise itself.

What is it all about? Well, here's the story.

The cost of most war is tremendous. It skyrocketed our national debt to 275 billions at the close of World War II. Today, it is 257 billions. The interest load alone is 5 billions each year, \$5,000 every minute of the day and night, every day in the year.

Rising price of foodstuffs and clothing has tempted many bondholders — those families in the low income earning group — to turn in their bonds for cash.

During the war those families couldn't buy radios, washing machines, and other things for their homes. Credit was restricted by government. You couldn't buy diamonds rings on credit. You had to pay cash.

And so Americans bought war bonds and, after the war, savings bonds. We waited until the post-war day when this bright new merchandise would be available. And, if you have been in department stores recently, you will agree that Americans have been spending our money pretty freely. Christmas sales were the highest yet, and retail inventories are fairly low.

And yet, despite our rush to buy goods, we — the Americans — hold a nest egg of 46 billion dollars in Uncle Sam's bonds. That's a lot of money. It is the best bulwark available to cushion us against the shock of depression.

And so the Treasury Department, in cooperation with retailer and industrial leaders and farmers, is going to ask us to return to war-time saving of a way to live the inflation. Instead of buying things we could get along without, we are asked to invest in Security Bonds of the United States government.

Yes, that's the new name for them. The Security bond campaign is to open February 15 in Michigan. It will close June 15.

A recent public opinion survey disclosed that 18 per cent of indus-

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Twenty five years ago (January 26, 1923)
Grinnell Bros. Open Here
Grinnell Bros., probably the best known and largest concern in Michigan dealing in pianos and musical instruments, will open a branch store in Farmington on Saturday, occupying a store on the Grand River Avenue front of the Farmington Improvement Co. building. The opening will be marked by a sensational sale of pianos and player pianos.

Farmers' Week Plans Completed
Preparations have been made to receive the largest crowd of farmers and their families which ever gathered for the annual conference. More than 5,000 registered in 1922, and an even larger attendance is expected next week. Farmers' Week has grown steadily for the past half dozen years, each crowd exceeding the previous one by a margin, until the occasion has come to be by far the largest gathering of its kind held in the state.

Ten Years Ago (January 27, 1938)
New Sons of Legion Post
The second largest post in the State of the Sons of the American Legion has been organized recently under the sponsorship of Homer Blumford. The group has 38 members and is under Squadron number 35 of the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion.

Start New Oddfellow Lodge
If present plans go through Farmington will have an Oddfellow Lodge in the near future. Active work has been going on, since the Oddfellow Lodge moved to Detroit, by Oddfellows from the City of Farmington and Farmington Township as well as some parts of Wayne County. The Grand Lodge of Michigan has given their approval to over 30 active members to start a new lodge in Farmington.

Five Years Ago (January 28, 1943)
No Township Primary is Necessary
For the first time in a number of years, there will be no Primary Election in Farmington Township this year. With the deadline for filing petitions already passed, it appears that there is no contest for nomination in any of the Township offices. Ernest V. Blanchard filed for reelection to the office of Township Supervisor, as did Harry McCracken for Township Clerk and Clayton Goers for Township Treasurer.

Tin Can Collection Begins Monday
Arrangements have been completed for resuming the collection of tin cans, which are sorely needed by the government. Next Monday, February 1, residents of Farmington are asked to place their containers of tin cans at the curb by 8:00 o'clock in the morning when city trucks, under the supervision of Harvey Blough, will begin a city-wide pick-up. The public is again reminded that there exists a critical need for waste fats. Save all you can.

Uncle Sam Says
How many of your New Year's resolutions are unbroken? Some you made in jest. Others represent a serious effort, such as a thrift plan. You may have resolved to step up your savings bonds allotment through the Payroll Savings Plan, or you may have resolved to ask your bank to buy a savings bond for you every month out of your deposited funds. You can't afford not to keep this resolution for your own good. Even an \$18.75 investment once a month in a \$25 savings bond will provide you with a \$2,000 nestegg in ten years.

Unknown Heroes
The United States Army reports that there are now 17,000 unknown dead from World War II. The navy, which lost about 50 to 60 per cent of its total combat dead at sea, has been able to ascertain the number of its unknown dead. The "Unknown Soldier of World War II" will be brought home from overseas late in 1949 to lie in honor in Arlington national cemetery alongside the "Unknown Soldier of World War I."

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