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EDITORIALS

Your Child's Safety . . .

is as much a part of spring as the green leaves and the warm sun.

They want to live to see summer and many summers to come, and Farmington wants to help them. It's a plain serious fact! One that we as Farmington citizens can't turn our backs on. It can happen here if every citizen of our community doesn't think.

This safety business is serious business any time, but especially with children. And spring is one of the critical seasons. From now on more and more Farmington children will be on our streets. Keep them alive — keep them playing, should be our goal.

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce is ready to help. They will be out in force this Saturday, helping Farmington boys and girls to make their bikes safer. The "Scotch-Lite A Bike" program of applying reflecting tape to bikes so that they can be seen easier by night motorists is one important way of attacking this serious business of keeping our children alive. Every parent should see to it their boys' and girls' bikes are Jaycee "safety-proofed".

But keeping our children alive doesn't stop there. Every motorist, every parent and yes, every child, must become aware of the increased dangers. You don't want to kill or injure a child — you don't want your boy or girl struck down — you don't want to lie in a hospital bed all spring or summer.

Then it ought to be easy — but is it? Look at the ever increasing toll of accidents involving children. We just forget — we get careless and then it happens. Motorists, drive carefully — think. Parents, educate your children to the dangers of traffic. Boys and girls, remember what you are told — a car can injure or even kill you.

Let's play this game smart. Let's be sure that all of our children live to see summer, to laugh and to play like children were meant to do.

Relief In Sight . . .

the cold wave is broken, the heat is on and the whole atmosphere is moving.

Finally action is being taken to bring not only relief to citizens of foreign nations but also to citizens of our nation. Congress, with swift determination, has overridden President Truman's veto of the tax out.

Congress, if not the President, at last caught a faint glimmer of the sound that citizens of this nation have been uttering for some time now. In spite of concentrated objection on the part of a great many citizens, the cost of government has continued to increase even above the unprecedented high war level.

This procedure hardly seemed necessary to the average American. He didn't object to paying for victory, he doesn't object to paying for peace, but he does object to paying for increasing bureaucracy. Congress took the time to find this fact out. Not just Republicans, not just Democrats — but Congress.

Foreign aid to freedom loving nations shall and must continue. Our search for peace and understanding must be maintained and accelerated. Sound, efficient, business-like handling of our nation's domestic affairs must be created. It is not inconceivable that this reduction in tax revenue may, of necessity, establish these principles of good government.

Money in itself doesn't insure sound government any more than wealth insures happiness. Efficiency and service often are born out of a need to conserve money. As a nation, have a debt obligation to meet — we have tremendous responsibilities to ourselves and to others. These can best be met by greater efficiency, more systematic management and down to earth economy.

Government should be no different than a non-profit making business. It should budget its funds just as carefully, assume its responsibilities just as earnestly, serve its people just as efficiently and manage its organization just as economically.

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
The Church on the Park
Rev. Carl H. Schmitt, 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.
Where I could linger at His feet
And He to me sweet healing give.
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. Nursing.
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 Service 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, 7 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.
E. L. Stumpff, Pastor
Divine services are held at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. for children of all ages at 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Day School building.
Lutheran Hour over CKLW at 12:30 every Sunday noon.
Membership classes Tuesday at 8 p.m. for adults and Saturday at 8 a.m. for children.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 8 p.m.
A motion picture, "Reaching From Heaven" will be shown in our church on Friday, April 16, at 8 p.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, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Remick, Pastor
Sunday Church Services at the Church House, 10:30 a.m. Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 8:30.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Toepel, Pastor
Services held in Livonia Township Hall

The Community Methodist Church are holding their services in the Pierson School located at Boyen and 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.
The Pastor begins a series of three morning messages of "The Home".
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Messages from Romans will continue on the theme, "The Life of Holiness".
Monday, Browne Troop 15 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.
Social meeting and election of officers of the Berean class, at the church, at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Midweek services for juniors, young people, and adults at 8 p.m.
Friday, senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

JUST WHEN HE SHOULD LOOK TOUGH



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

Jan Masaryk Took His Life In Protest Against 'Robots'

WASHINGTON — For some time after I heard the tragic news of Jan Masaryk's suicide, a strange memory haunted me. . . I saw — A man and woman alone in a dark, empty room. They are two of the lost three human beings on earth. The rest have been destroyed by the machine. . .

But they have revolted and turned against their creators. They are marching on the last human stronghold. The lights go out, you can hear the rhythmic tramp, tramp, of their iron feet. There is a crash of glass as they push, insensitive to pain, through the windows — two revolver shots ring out in the dark as the human beings commit suicide to save themselves from the horrible wrath of the automaton.

That, you may remember, was the climax of the play RUR — "Rossum's Universal Robots" — written by Karel Capek.

I was reminded of it because of one of the first deeds of Jan Masaryk in 1945 when he returned to his native country after the exile imposed on him when Hitler's robots crushed the first Czech republic. When Masaryk returned, he called for the grave of Karel Capek, the great Czech author who wrote the prophetic play, giving us the word "robot" and the warning behind it. The word comes down from the old Slavic "robota", servitude.

We have accepted the word. We have not heeded the warning.

The robots, like the Golem of the Hebrew myth, and the Adam of the Psalms "yet being imperfect" before a soul was breathed into his substance offer a grim warning to us now. "Unhuman beings released today, may reenact Capek's play on a stage, wide as civilization.

Day after day comes the frightful echoes from Europe of the four of war. And yet no people want it. If you were to write down all the material demands of the diplomats and thoroughbreds of each nation, and put them in the hands of the peoples of the world and tell them: If you want these you must have war, who would pay the price? None. None but a robot.

without sensitivity, without soul.

The martyrdom of Jan Masaryk seems to have but rather than helped the Communist cause. I spent some time with the former Czechoslovak ambassador to the United States, Juri Slavik, on the evening of the day when Masaryk's suicide was announced. . .

Slavik believes that Masaryk felt he could serve his country better dead than as a living prisoner, for the ambassador says he was a prisoner. Masaryk, dying, but with every word and gesture filtered through the censorship of the Communist screen, would become a symbol of the spirit of Czechoslovakia surrendered, enslaved, a noble and historic name and all it has stood for, be-mired and obliterated. Dead, the name, the spirit, live.

The ambassador recalled an episode in that epic episode which he had gone down in military history as one of the marvelous achievements of World War I — the march of the Czechoslovak Legion which fought beside the Allies against the Russians. And after the Bolsheviks had made their place with the Germans, fought its way from the Ukraine to Vladivostok, it took that makes the world's greatest marches pale by comparison.

Many believe that Masaryk had remained on with the new government as foreign minister, not because he accepted as inevitable Communist domination, but because he felt he could serve best within the government, working secretly with democratic elements. He made a cryptic declaration in a speech to the Czech army that the Communist assumption of power, in which he said: "Czech and Slovak brothers, I am with you." This may have been an indication of his true purpose: to direct the underground.

But something changed his mind about the course he was to pursue.

One must take into consideration the attitude toward self-destruction in a country which had a long tradition of martyrdom and underground resistance, and no Catholic background. I do not know how much of a mystic Jan Masaryk may have been. But it has been emphasized that only a few hours before his death, he visited his father's grave with others, to venerate the sacred memory. And he remained there, alone, long after the others had gone.

Perhaps he felt that he had received, in that lonely vigil, some great command, and he remained there, alone, after a similar experience. . . and that commandment alone shall live within the book and volume of my brain, unaltered by baser matter; yes, by heaven!

STAR GOSPEL MISSION
9996 Laurel Road
Corner of Laurel and Pine Trees Rd.
1 Block South of Plymouth Road,
1 Block West of Stark
Sunday service and Sunday school at 1:00.
Church service at 2:00.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m.
This is a cottage prayer meeting. Ladies prayer meeting Thursday afternoon from 8:30 to 4:30.
Pastor: Rev. Orville J. Whidell.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
William Garrod School
Rev. Orville J. Whidell, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning service, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 7 p.m.



By GENE ALLEMAN

Governor Kim Sigler says he will veto any legislation to increase the three-cent gasoline tax.

Announcement was made to newspaper correspondents at Lansing, following delivery by the governor of two supplemental messages to the state legislature. His decision was forecast in this column March 11.

The Michigan Good Roads Federation recently advocated a 15-year \$1,400,000,000 highway construction program which would be financed, in part, by a boost in the gas tax. The weather of the past winter proved to be a strong ally, as state highways were badly damaged. Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler estimates the loss at \$500,000, the worst in 20 years. Detroit's steel damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.

The governor's attitude is based on his belief that Michigan's tax revenues are not being distributed equitably, due to the sales tax version amendment. Seventy-six percent of the state sales revenue is now returned to local governments, including public schools.

Sigler does recommend, however, that present highway funds be distributed more equitably. This covers the motor vehicle weight tax.

A. O. Cuthbert, director of the County Road Association of Michigan, says that an emergency situation now exists on Michigan highways because of post-war inflation.

"In 1940 the county road commissions paid \$3,300,000 in wages," he said. "Last year they paid \$15,200,000. A highway maintenance truck sold for \$550 in 1940 and now costs \$2,200. A motor grader costing \$5,000 in 1940 is listed at \$11,000 today."

Counties now maintain 37,000 miles of Michigan's 107,000-mile highway network.

The tug-of-war continues between state and local governments over whom should be held responsible for enforcement of liquor laws.

Eighty-five per cent of liquor license fees are now returned to local units to help enforcement of such regulations. Yet the state liquor control commission maintains a force of 52 inspectors. Attorney General Eugene Black has ruled that the commission can withhold payment of license fees to any municipality or township which does not utilize such revenue for the use as intended.

The house of representatives has voted to cut the number of inspectors from 52 to 55.

Michigan miscellany: Thirty-four counties and district fairs will have carnivals held racing during their fairs this year. . . The Michigan Education Association is sponsoring a constitutional amendment to permit cutting of the five-mill limit. (Continued on Page Eight)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (April 6, 1923)
Ten Trapped in Pocket of Flames
Two hundred cottages in Dodge Park were threatened with destruction and 10 men trapped in a pocket surrounded by flames were rescued from death in a stubborn forest fire which swept 150 acres of Dodge park Monday afternoon, defying the efforts of 100 volunteer fire fighters from Walled Lake for five hours. The blaze started from sparks from a Pere Marquette engine landing in a dry field. The Walled Lake fire department responded, but was hampered by not having sufficient apparatus. Fire fighters were quickly recruited and rushed to the scene in automobiles.

Fitting Tribute Paid to a Worthy Citizen
The funeral of the late Plimley E. Perkins took place on Tuesday, the service being held at the Methodist Church, and the burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 7, 1938)
Install New Phones In Preparation for Change
Linemen for the Michigan Bell Telephone company are installing new telephones in preparation for the change from the "crank" type phone to the "riff-riff" type. The change will be made about June 1, company officials say, but new phones are being installed now so the service will not be interrupted at the moment of the switch from the old to the new lines. The switch will occur in the central office. Then linemen will remove the old phones. The telephone company is spending approximately \$22,000 on the project. J. H. MacLachlan, manager of this area, says including alteration of the second floor of the Farmington State Bank building to prepare it for central office purposes, installation of equipment, improvements of the outside wire and cable plant and other necessary changes and additions. The work has been under way for several weeks.

FIVE YEARS AGO (April 8, 1943)
Red Cross Drive Nets \$8,594.48 Here
The final figures have been compiled for the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Contributions from Farmington City and Township totaled \$6,748.48 and to this sum may be added two allocations, one from General Motors in the amount of \$1,636.00 and one from Consumers Power of \$8,594.48. Volunteer workers did a splendid job of canvassing in order to reach this figure, and are to be commended for their effort. Co-chairmen of the drive in Farmington City and Township were Mrs. W. V. Slomom and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt.

Sunday School Makes New Record
The Church School Advance continues at the Clarenceville Methodist Church with great enthusiasm, each Sunday seeing a new high attendance record established. One hundred and seven were in attendance last Sunday.

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