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## EDITORIALS

### A Light In The Dark . . .

is usually a comforting sign, particularly when it has been dark so long.

The same as a smooth, wide road is comforting after bouncing along on a rough, hazardous one. Farmington Township roads are not smooth and wide yet, but there is a faint light of hope. No single complaint has been repeated as often or denounced as loud as the road situation.

Unfortunately the drivers who have had to struggle back and forth along these roads have gotten little satisfaction except to blow off some pent up steam. The situation in the Farmington area, as in other areas throughout Oakland County, has become progressively worse in the past few years. It reached a climax this spring when the frost came out, cutting practically all the roads to ribbons.

In spite of the seriousness of the situation apparently little could be done. The townships have no jurisdiction over these roads, the county does not have sufficient funds to adequately repair and maintain the roads, and the State Highway Department is in much the same condition as the county. So the driver that has to bounce and dodge his way to and from work is still bouncing.

The light in the dark is that the Oakland County Board of Supervisors has decided that something must be done. They have ordered a survey of all county roads to determine how much it is going to cost to put them in condition and maintain them. The results will serve as a basis for recommendations for increased taxes at Township levels.

Because of the increased revenues to townships under the Sales Tax Diversion Amendment, only a few townships have levied township taxes this year. Good roads are vital to the convenience of the people and the prosperity of the community. If they are to be established and maintained, money must be secured where available and at the level closest to the people affected.

If the Farmington area is to have the type of roads it needs and deserves this appears to be the logical approach. Certainly, if the past is any measuring stick, it is the only way they are going to be secured.

At least Farmington area residents can see a light in the dark — a light that may prove to be the answer to an extremely trying and hazardous situation.

### A Little Inconsistent . . .

but money in the pocket. And that is really all that matters, or is it?

A proposal to levy a payroll tax on all employees working in the City of Detroit is the latest angle to raise funds for the metropolis. Of course the point is to include persons living in suburban areas who enjoy the services of Detroit without cost. This all looks very logical on paper, and best of all, very profitable for Detroit.

But, and there are some buts, what about the people who live in Detroit and work in the suburbs? What about the many Detroit charities that are continually seeking and getting support from suburban areas? What about the taxes paid by these people to maintain the communities they live in? They must be supported, too, if they are to grow.

Detroit's production, progress and wealth depend to a large extent on workers, employees and employers living in suburban areas. Many are living in these areas from choice, other because of necessity. Detroit housing is far from adequate to take care of its present population, let alone those living in the suburban areas. Many of the residents of these areas contribute most to the maintenance of the D.S.R. Many of these residents use their cars, from which Detroit receives a portion of the gasoline tax.

Considerable has been written about the decentralization of large areas, both from a military and social standpoint. Such a proposal would only serve to reverse this trend.

It would be money in Detroit's coffers all right, and then again, maybe not.

## Churches

### SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. Schatz, Pastor  
Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist

Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 4:30 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 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. 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.

### STARK GOSPEL MISSION

2955 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 2:00.  
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.

### NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. J. 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.

### LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Douglas Tector, Pastor  
Services held in Livonia Township Hall

The Community Methodist Church are holding their services in the Flannery School located at Seven Mile Road east of Farmington Road. Church services and Sunday School classes will be held simultaneously from 10:30 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.  
Special Mother's Day Music by the Youth Choir. Mother's Day message by the Pastor.  
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Message by the Pastor, "Is Spiritism Spiritual?"

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. Social meeting of the Berea Class at 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Midweek services at 8 p.m.  
Thursday, Mother-and-Daughter Banquet at 7 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Wilbur Bloom of Detroit.  
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 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.

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midland at Eight Mile Rd.  
E. L. Stuenkel, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
Divine services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour over OKLW at 12:30 Sunday noon.  
"Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;  
Come to the Mercy-seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts,  
Here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

## GETTING DANGEROUS!



## Washington Digest

By BAUKHAUSE  
News Analyst and Commentator

### Is This Where We Came In? War Department Thinks Not

"Just now Washington isn't as warlike as it once was. The emphasis is on defense, not offense. However, there are conflicting views on what we ought to do . . ."

That sentence just about reflects sentiment here as I write these lines — a sentiment that has changed rapidly in the past few weeks, days, hours, and may change still more before these lines are printed.

That sentence also reflected the sentiment in Washington eight years ago. (I found it among my clippings of the column which appeared early in October of 1940). I had just come back from the war department which then was located on Constitution avenue. There wasn't any Pentagon building then. I had been interviewing an officer on the subject of "our new citizen army."

"According to many letters I get" (I wrote) "what a lot of people want to know is why we need a citizen army in peacetime?"

A lot of people are asking that question again today. The answer which I reported to you in this column eight years ago was this:

"Speed is what counts in an army today. We aren't calling out these boys to fight anybody. We are calling them out to train them so they'll be ready if we ever need them. The United States can always raise a big army if war is declared. But neither we nor any other country can raise a trained army overnight. And a lot can happen in the night these days. What we want to do is

train these men for a reserve . . ."

It was a year or three months after I wrote those words that something did happen. Not in the night, but in the early morning, over Pearl Harbor. We didn't start the Japs did the deciding. They decided that we had to go to war.

THE LESSON OVER.  
NO TIME FOR RECESS.  
Today we have more to say. We have learned a great deal since December 7, 1941. We have learned how to fight a global war and win it. The question is will we do the things which will prevent a global war?

That will be something if we do. Meanwhile the whist seems to have made the circle and some of the boys who were learning squads right in 1940 are wondering if this is where they came in. I had a chance to think about that on another trip back from the war department recently, or I should say the department of national defense. It's a longer journey now than it was to the old "temporarily" World War I building on Constitution avenue. The Pentagon sprawls geometrically over 310 acres across the Potomac in Virginia. The message I brought back was very much like the one I reported eight years ago.

It was a reassurance that the request for three billion more dollars for national defense is what the military men say is the minimum peacetime expenditure to prevent war. In other words, defense, not offense. It was pointed out that if it were necessary now to prepare for actual conflict, the cost would run closer to \$9 billion than three.

I was most heartily assured that the United States did not want war, that no encouragement whatever was being given those few persons who urged "preventive" action. With less certainty, but advanced as an honest opinion, was the statement that Russia did not want war, either.

"There is no reason, as far as we know now," one official told me, "why war cannot be avoided, provided a reasonable balance is established between the military forces of the two countries. Now we are in imbalance."

It was noted that Russia and her satellites now have under arms nearly twice the number of persons who country and anti-Communist countries of western Europe could put in the field.

It is well to remember that the cost would run closer to \$9 billion than three.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

Twenty Five Years Ago (May 4, 1923)

Governor Grosbeck, in designating Sunday, May 13, as Mother's Day, says: "The American home is at once the cradle and the bulwark of all that is finest and best in our present day civilization, and the American mother is the heart of the home. If the home spirit is what it should be, the major portion of the credit belongs to her. It is impossible for us to compute the debt we owe our mothers, and it is only fitting that in this way we should pay our tribute of respect and devotion to the mothers of the nation, living and dead. Let sons and daughters take this occasion to visit the mother in the home, or where such a visit is impossible, let them send a message of cheer and greeting."

## Ten Years Ago (May 5, 1938)

Barn Destroyed By Fire Was Built in 1835 as a Church  
The barn that burned on the John Palacky farm Tuesday night was built as a church in 1835 and was one of Farmington's oldest landmarks. The barn was struck by lightning during the storm about 7:30 p.m. but, although the rain was heavy, in the City at that time, the flames enveloped the building before firemen could arrive. The best they could do was to use chemical equipment to save nearby buildings. With the help of the neighbors, Mr. Palacky saved his livestock, but lost all his tools, hay and grain. Insurance covered most of the loss, estimated at about \$4,000. Built as a Baptist Church in 1835, the building occupied a spot in the cemetery at the corner of Twelve Mile and Halsted Road where it stood until 1937 when it was moved about a quarter of a mile to its present site on the Alonzo Sprague farm, now occupied by Mr. Palacky.

## Five Years Ago (May 5, 1943)

Blackout Friday Night Will Test Alarm System  
Farmington and Oakland County will take part in a test blackout Friday evening, May 7, covering Detroit and seven counties, using the State's new air raid warning system for the first time. War plants will not be asked to take part in this blackout, which will be the seventh air raid alert. Included in the blackout test will be the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, St. Clair and Genesee. The Windsor area of Canada also will participate.

## Boy Scouts Plan Many New Activities

The Boy Scouts of Troop 45 of Farmington have again registered with the National organization of Boy Scouts of America for another year. This year the troop is under the sponsorship of a group of citizens who are especially interested in providing an active, worthwhile program for the boys of Scout age.

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