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## EDITORIALS

### They Just Weren't There . . .

when the counting time came. That goes for Farmington as well as every other city, village and town in Michigan.

And so once again, in spite of repeated reminders, the majority — yes, the great majority of American voters, didn't get to the polls. They were too busy, they forgot, or it wasn't important enough.

The unfortunate part of it is that Michigan and our democratic system took the beating. Our government, our system of choosing our public officials, is only as strong as we make it, and we didn't gain a bit last Tuesday. If we are going to keep democracy alive, we must practice it.

All around us lie the broken shambles of nations who were too busy to practice freedom. Hardly a day goes by but what discouraged, even fearful exiled leaders plead with you to live democracy. They know now the mistake that cost them freedom and you are their hope.

Why are they in exile? Why are they risking death in an effort to arouse you to activity? Because they, in their country, were too busy to practice democracy, because they forgot, or because they couldn't see the importance of it. The minority now rules and the majority must follow. There is no going back for them, but we still have a chance — IF!

On that IF we stand and on it lies our future. It is just that important. Free elections are a vital part of our democracy. They give every citizen a voice in the affairs of government. To say we are too busy or we forgot or what difference does my vote make, is to tell the world that democracy isn't what it's cracked up to be. It is to serve notice on any minority that they can walk into our government without as much as a short breath.

It is the responsibility of every citizen of the United States to make it strong, to make it live. You are the government — vote and keep it that way.

### A Bullet Has Killed . . .

a man and wounded a world.  
Though it was thousands of miles away, Americans heard it, felt its sting. Counte Folke Bernadotte is dead and world peace has lost one of its greatest champions.

Once again irresponsible gangsters have moved in to take from our midst a man who tirelessly and skillfully has worked for peace and understanding. To most of us he was only a name or a picture on the front pages of our newspapers. To others he was a block in the path of our ruthlessness and hatred.

America and the world have lost a friend. His native country is not ours — he was not a Democrat or a Republican, but he believed in the importance of man and his right to live in peace. He hated irresponsibility — but he was not afraid to face it and call it what it is.

He is gone now but in his place is a monument few of us realized existed — a purpose and a cause to be lifted again and carried on with that same courage and determination that was Count Bernadotte.

### Don't Cross Bridges . . .

until you come to him and not even then. That goes for the U. S. Army, the government or anyone else.

That is the kind of notice Harry Bridges, West coast labor leader, served up to the American people last week. Harry just let 'em know he was it. Nobody gets in his way and stays there.

He got a little bolder than usual last week, calling the Army a bunch of "strike breakers". Of course, the shipping of supplies to Army outposts in the Pacific isn't important. The future security of the country doesn't apparently mean much. The important thing is fatter pay checks for a few and more power for one.

The people, the government, the nation, have all of a sudden become so small and unimportant to Bridges that he can just tell them off without raising an eyebrow. A lot of Americans are beginning to wonder just what is going on anyway.

## Churches

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. St. John, 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 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.

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
2855 Laurel Road  
Thirteen Mile Road at Greening Dr.  
John Martin, Minister  
10:30 a.m. Morning service for everyone.  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.  
Nursery for small children.

**STARK GOSPEL MISSION**  
2855 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. Remain, Pastor  
Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Services).  
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.  
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Enjoy good organized adult classes.  
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop 7 after school.  
Wednesday, Midweek Service at 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Owen E. Wherrett of Aurora, Illinois.  
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.

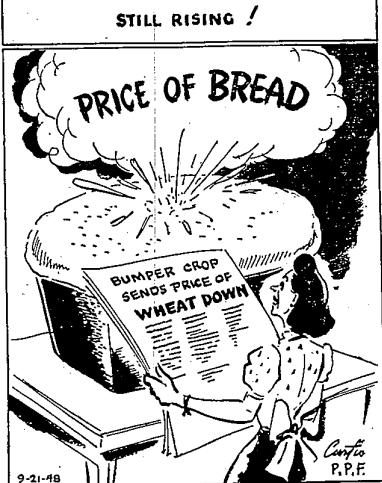
**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., nursery to senior departments.  
Divine services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over CKLW and the Mutual network.

**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 9:00.  
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
23701 Cass Avenue  
Farmington  
11:00 a.m. Morning Services and Sunday School.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting.  
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Douglas Toepel, Pastor  
West Seven Mile Road  
Just East of Farmington Road  
10:30 a.m. — Morning Worship and Sunday School held at the same hour.  
Nursery School for children over three. Everyone welcome.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
25600 Grand River at Imperial Hwy.  
Victor P. Halboch, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Divine Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Saturday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Everyone welcome.



## Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

### Autumn Offers Many Joys For The Faithful Beholder

WASHINGTON, D. C. — You are reading these lines, I think it is just as well to get better acquainted with the phenomena, natural and otherwise, which surround us. There is no reason why, if one rises late in the night to light the cat in (or out) he need crackle a shyness on a chair, once he understands why and in what position his wife has moved it since he last noticed its location — and the stars are just celestial furniture.

**WHAT IS THIS THING "RETROGRADE MOTION?"**  
There is a certain "retrograde motion" from east to west of the equinoctial points, which I won't go into in detail for several reasons, one being that I haven't the slightest idea what the phrase means.

Nevertheless, I will mention that retrograde motion was discovered by a gentleman by the name of Hipparchus in the year (about) 120 before Christ. Experts say this motion accounts for the changes in the position of the Pole star, the North Star as it is usually called.

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Suppose you were to approach the 10 men — or twenty or thirty — who have spent the most time studying this particular subject, gathering all the facts, checking all the records available, as long as authentic records have existed. If you asked them if it is true that there are especially bad storms at this time of year, they would answer (in carefully worded and virtually understandable sentences) "That is the bunk!"

At the equinox the sun is in the process of crossing the celestial equator. That is the circle parallel to our equator which, if expanded, would touch the sun. The sun does this in the spring (vernal equinox) and in the fall (autumnal equinox).

At this season, if you live in my neighborhood (within several hundred miles thereof) you will hear this piece of advice in the Hagerstown (Md.) Almanac which says:

"The ravages of the tent caterpillars go unnoticed by many persons until the leaves are eaten from the tree. Naturally it makes extra work for the tree to produce another set of new leaves, which weakens the tree, and after a few years of this extra work, the tree is in danger of dying."

"The greatest natural enemy of the tent caterpillar is the common house wren. These are valuable birds to have in your gardens during the growing season."

And now after that piece of advice, which is not seasonal for my friends "down under" where the autumnal equinox heralds the coming of summer and not fall and winter, let us return to our meteorological mutation.

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There's no "Guess Who" when you use the telephone directory Yellow Pages.

## MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Inflation is fast catching up with Michigan public utilities.

The impact will soon reach the consumer's pocketbook.

Utility rates are going up, if they haven't done so already.

How much? That depends on the judgment of three men, members of the Michigan Public Service Commission, who serve as referees in behalf of the people to see that consumer and investor alike get a fair deal.

We chatted recently with Stuart B. White, of Niles, chairman, and his two commissioners: Schuyler L. Marshall of St. Johns and Henry L. Wolfenden of Detroit.

It was a late summer day, quite hot and humid. All three men had foregone summer vacations, and they were not any too happy about it. The pressure of work was heavy.

"Post-war inflation, added to wartime inflation, has increased expenses of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company 17.5 per cent, the Detroit Edison Company 63.3 per cent, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company 70.6 per cent, and the Consumers Power Company 67.2 per cent," said White, referring to a notebook. (Figures covered 1931 to 1947).

"You can see why these companies are before the state commission with requests for rate increases. As a result, our workload has tripled in 12 months."

"Utilities have a monopoly by state franchise and hence are not self-regulated by competition, as is the case of private business. Because of this fact, they are permitted to earn only enough to pay a reasonable return to investors."

They cannot set aside profits to meet the cost of needed improvements and expansion of their plants as private industry does. Utilities are regulated by the legislature, and the commission acts as a court. It's our job to look after the public's interest — good service at fair rates."

The Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over five general classes of utilities: Electric power, telephone, gas distribution, railroads and motor transportation, such as buses and trucks.

What the commission does is highly important to the people of Michigan. These utilities touch the lives and reach into the pockets books of every citizen. Invested capital of Michigan utilities amounts to more than \$2,000,000,000. The people pay more than \$200,000,000 each year in fees — just about twice what the State of Michigan collects in all forms of taxes.

Nineteen major utility companies filed applications in 1948 for rate adjustments, as inflation kicked up their costs of operation. Collect (Continued on Page Eight)

## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (September 21, 1923)

History of our Public Schools

The first school in this township was taught by Nathan Power in 1826. Its sessions were held in a small building that stood at a point nearly opposite of the house now owned and occupied by David Ross and his wife on Shilawasse Street. As late as the winter of 1828-29 it was still under the charge of its first teacher. The first female teacher was Parley Ann Mead, who taught a school in the summer of 1830 in the same building. Salaries, which were far from being munificent, were paid by subscription, the public school law not then being in effect. In 1835 Nathan Power built what was known as the "Red School House" which stood on the hill north of the creek on the property now owned by the McGee estate. He received for this work the sum of \$375.00. School was held here for 17 years, or until 1852 when Nathan Power again was hired to build another school house.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 22, 1938)

Enrollment of 375 Pupils Predicted

School officials this week predicted that the annual school enrollment would reach 375 this week. Last week's estimate of 360 was fulfilled by Monday of this week. A glance at the figures indicates that there are 79 Seniors, 101 Juniors, 31 Sophomores, and 99 Freshmen enrolled.

Commission Will Meet Friday Night

City Commissioners will hold a special meeting Friday, September 23, at 8 o'clock in the Farmington State Bank to discuss the various phases of the proposed Zoning and Building ordinances, which have been prepared by Paul Schreiber and Bayard Tipper, respectively. The preparation of these codes is a long and difficult task, because those people drafting them must have a constant eye to the future, when the ordinances will be more of a necessity even than they are now, it has been explained.

FIVE YEARS AGO (September 23, 1943)

Rationing Is Topic at Kiwanis Club

Vic Blakeslee spoke to fellow Kiwanians at the weekly meeting of the club on Wednesday evening. His topic was gasoline rationing, and since Vic has a wealth of knowledge on the subject, his listeners paid close attention to what he had to say. He pointed out that gasoline rationing is extremely important, and that there is a serious shortage brought about by the huge demand needed by war operations. Likewise, the rubber situation is serious, though it is as good as could be expected. Car repairs are hard to get now, and that situation will not be bettered. Rationing is a necessity, whether some want to believe it or not.



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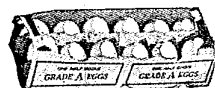
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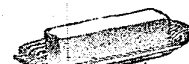


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