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EDITORIALS

Better Look Again . . .

because the calendar doesn't fool. In less than two weeks the people of Farmington, as well as the nation, will be flocking to the polls.

Are you ready to vote? It isn't easy if you are interested in making an intelligent decision on Tuesday, November 2. Your government is your business and it's worth your study and serious thought.

You still have time to think it over, but it had better be now. November 2 is too late. What you put on that ballot may not only affect your way of life but the lives of your friends and neighbors.

Between now and election day The Farmington Enterprise will try to inform its readers of the candidates and questions to be voted on. The Enterprise doesn't intend to tell you how to vote. But it does intend to encourage you to vote and to vote intelligently. If the American people will do that seriously and conscientiously, we, as a nation, have little to fear.

In addition to the long slate of candidates running for public office, Michigan voters must make crosses on a full list of proposals. They deserve your study. Proposal No. 1 concerns the order of succession in the performance of the powers and duties of the governor. Proposal No. 2 concerns the repeal of the Sales Tax Diversion Amendment. Proposal No. 3 concerns the setting of the salaries of elected state officials by law. Proposal No. 4 concerns the setting of salaries and expenses of members of the legislature by law. Proposal No. 5 concerns the modifying of the 15 mill limitation to permit increase of the limitation for a period not to exceed twenty years instead of five years, and to require a majority vote instead of two-thirds to increase the limitation. Proposal 6 concerns the regulation and control of the operations of foreign agencies acting within the state. Another question to be voted is whether or not a Constitutional Convention shall be held.

Watch for discussions of these proposals on the radio and in your newspapers. Learn about them — think about them. Know your candidates and know your proposals. Vote intelligently November 2.

Clouds Don't Mean Rain . . .

always. And even though the world atmosphere is anything but sunny, there is one bright spot.

The United Nations organization still stands. This coming week is United Nations Week. It is a rededication of our determination to find peace. It is a chance for every American to reaffirm his belief in united efforts among nations as well as peoples.

To many Americans and believers in democracy, the trend of world events has been discouraging. At times progress in any direction has seemed insignificant. But as long as nations are willing to meet and talk, peace is possible.

The United States played one of the most important, if not the most important role in the formation of the United Nations. Since that time we have steadfastly stuck by every point which would strengthen that organization.

In the current political campaign both major political parties have pledged their support to the continuance of the United Nations organization. In spite of differences between member nations, in spite of harsh words, the U. N. still holds the hope of the world for peace. Even Russia, who has continually thrown blocks in the path of progress toward peace believes in the organization — believes in it to the extent, at least, of sticking.

October 24 is United Nations Day around the world. On this third anniversary tempers are strained, heated words come easy. But the peoples of every nation must calmly, objectively, optimistically support and encourage the United Nations. We must believe in it for only through cooperation and united effort will we find lasting peace.

We, as a nation, have set our sights — there is no turning back and on this anniversary the people of the United States are more determined than ever to see it through to success. Because peace is the reward.

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 feet
And He to me sweet healing give.
WELCOME

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, all grades.
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship.
11:15 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
Elna A. Johnson, Pastor
Wilma A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

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

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. 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.

FIRST BAPTIST "Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred E. Fisher, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. The pastor will continue his refresher series of messages based on the book of Romans.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Special music. Popular message by the pastor.
Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 8:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m. Lois Greenman Mission Circle for working women at 8.
Tuesday, Brownie Troop 4 at 8:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 after school.
Wednesday, Midweek Prayer services at 8 p.m.
Thursday, Alice A. McDonald Mission Circle at 10:30 a.m. Brownie Scout Fly-Up at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening Service, 7:30 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 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.**



Washington Digest

Parapsychology Could Do Just Fine On Election Bets

WASHINGTON. — It won't be long now before you'll be able to settle those election bets.

A few days after the release of the official record of the negotiations with the Russians over the Berlin situation, I was sitting in the club with a couple of members of the Democratic Administration. Talk had grown pretty tall in Paris and that morning, every other person I met, it seemed, asked me: are we going to have war?

But Washington was as calm as a sleeping baby. The club dining room window was open, and a lazy autumn sun seeped down through the trees of the park. The squirrels looked a little bored, loafing about the clubhouse.

Little or no interest in preparing for the winter, and when I requested the question I heard that morning to my two Democratic friends, it aroused very little interest. Said they: "The Russians want Dewey? So we won't have war now. The Soviets know if they started a war at this time, it would clinch Truman's election." Naturally my friends didn't indicate that they had any doubts as to the outcome of the election, but when we started talking odds, I noticed the conversation was confined largely to the race for the senate. After all, said my friends, even when the Republicans concede that Dewey might face a Democratic upset house.

It wouldn't take much of a push either way. The Democrats have 45 seats now, and the Republicans only 51. The Democrats are confident that only one or two of their candidates are in danger.

On the other hand, there are a number of stiff state fights in progress in which the Republicans are being pushed pretty hard. The Democrats feel that if they can get out a large vote in these uncertain states, they have a chance of winning the four seats that would give them the edge.

In other words the count then would be: Democrats 49; Republicans 47. That two-vote margin wouldn't assure Democratic dominance on all senate policy matters, of course, because too many senators are given to looting out of the party corral these days. On the other hand, many issues are bound to be settled along purely partisan lines.

But far more important, the party of the majority gains control of the senate committees.

The pre-election battles in which the Democrats seem to have the edge are in Oklahoma, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Kentucky. About in that order. Also Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Idaho.

The Democrats admit their weakest points are in Montana and Colorado. The Republicans by no means concede New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Tennessee, but the Democrats don't seem too worried about those states.

At this writing, it is useless to make predictions, for even between these calm moments and the time these lines are in print, skies may roll or some individual may stub his toe. Bets are collected after, not before, elections.

It is fortunate, of course, that all writers as well as all bettors are not equipped with extra-sensory powers. If and when the day comes when we are, the fun will be taken out of reading, writing, and betting.

And that day may come, believe it or not. I feel quite positive from the scientific proof offered, that most of the various forms of the supernatural are untestable. But after attending a couple of lectures and reading considerable material on "parapsychology," I have become convinced that certain things MAY exist which are at present considered impossible.

I refer to extra-sensory perception, clairvoyance, and psychokinesis. And I see no reason why more scientists shouldn't give these subjects a more thorough looking-into than they have deigned to indulge in up to now. Some have.

Dr. J. B. Rhine, director of the parapsychological laboratory at Duke University, has been conducting experiments along these eerie lines for nearly two decades. He is a very modest man, and he leans over backward to avoid offering any conclusions or making any flat statements concerning these experiments.

I have read his book, heard him speak in an intimate group, take part in a forum and later answer questions at a private gathering under the auspices of the Washington Society for Parapsychology.

For almost two decades, as I said, Dr. Rhine and his assistants have been trying to determine whether or not there is a scientific basis for telepathy (the transfer of thought



Ho, hum! That old sales tax amendment is back on the ballot. School teachers, city employees and township officials want to keep the diversion amendment in the constitution. They are campaigning vigorously to roll up a big "No" vote. Teachers and city employees have a direct pocketbook interest in the outcome, for the amendment would keep a steady flow of sales tax dollars coming back to school and city treasuries.

Contrasted to this, the taxpayer is yet to be convinced that school, city and state government needs cannot be adequately financed out of present taxes. Price inflation is collecting of taxes. The last cry of state officials that the "wolf" was at the door (a deficit in the Lansing kitty) has been repeatedly contradicted by new all-time highs in collection of taxes. The last estimate puts the 1945 sales tax aggregate in the neighborhood of \$200 million—just \$5 million more than state experts thought the state could possibly collect.

Early in 1947 Governor Sigler asked the state legislature to place the issue of amendment repeal on the 1948 general ballot. Later the governor changed his mind, convinced that only a whopping deficit in the state treasury could turn the tide of public opinion. He then advocated the calling of a constitutional convention plus other reforms designed to "streamline" state government. While the legislature did not remove the repeal proposal from the 1948 ballot, it did add the substitute call for revision of the entire state constitution.

The situation thereby has developed where state officials do not expect a majority of voters to vote "Yes" on the repeal amendment—No. 2 on the special ballot. Three groups are campaigning for a "No": School teachers, city employees and township officials. No organized drive is in sight to get out a "Yes" vote.

Even former Lieutenant Governor Vernon J. Brown concedes that an "overwhelming negative vote can be expected."

Brown feels that the "cities of the state have suffered long at the hands of a legislature made up largely of members from rural sections." He continues: "Year after year and session after session city mayors, councilmen and managers; public works engineers and superintendents; controllers and treasurers; and citizens of cities where adequate city services were impossible to provide from the property tax alone, sought help in Lansing. Consistently they were turned aside and sent home empty-handed. They were even denied the authority to levy excise taxes to help out in meeting the costs of essential services within the cities. Note can complain too bitterly that

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (October 19, 1923)

Memorial Erected To Our Soldiers

The monument contracted for some time ago by the Farmington Board of Commerce was delivered here Tuesday and Wednesday and placed on the foundation prepared for it last year on the lawn in front of the Farmington Town Hall. The monument is a solid block of granite weighing about six tons. The stone is in the rough and on three of its sides smooth places have been chiseled out into which will be inserted bronze tablets, the first of which bears the inscription: "This Memorial is erected as a Tribute to the Men of Farmington Township Who Responded to the Call of Their Country When the Unity and the Honor of the Nation were Assailed and Democracy Imperiled — Civil War 1861-1865 — Spanish - American War 1898 — World War 1917 - 1918 — Erected by Board of Commerce, Farmington, Michigan."

TEN YEARS AGO (October 20, 1938)

Hitler's Fall Is Predicted by Speaker

Hitler rules Germany by reprisal, and therefore dissemination elsewhere of true reports of conditions in Germany is almost impossible because relatives left behind by those coming out of the country might face persecution. Rev. John J. Larkin of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, told members of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. The speaker returned from Germany some time ago from a European trip which included Germany and what was formerly Austria. So thoroughly organized in the United States is the German spy system, said Rev. Larkin, that any resident of Germany who might come to the United States and openly tell of things as they really are, would have to do so knowing that whatever relatives or other close associates he had left behind in Germany would face the wrath of the present rulers of the German people.

FIVE YEARS AGO (October 21, 1943)

A World All Dressed in White

A world all dressed in white was quite a surprise to those who arose Sunday morning without knowing that it had been snowing all night.

Drain Project May Go Through

All members of the Township Board were present at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening. Considerable discussion was held on the prospects of putting in a drain on Orchard Lake Road, north of Twelve Mile. The present drain does not extend that far, and the land there is low enough to form ponds on either side of the road. The Oakland County Drainage Commission has secured two bids on the project, the lowest being made by Ray D. Baker. The Road Commission would stand part of the expense, part to be borne by the Township, and property owners at the site of the project would be assessed for the rest. The board voted to carry out the project, providing a satisfactory arrangement is reached among the interested parties.

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