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EDITORIALS

Sitting On Our Hands . . .

is a good way to get no place. That goes for government as well as anything else. But especially local government and the progressive building of a community.

Farmington cannot afford to sit on its hands on December 9 because its voters have a job to do. If we fail to recognize our responsibilities on vital local questions we can hardly expect to protect our democratic system of living. It starts at the grass roots and that's where the life is.

On December 9 the qualified electors of the City of Farmington and of the general Floral Park area are to vote on the question of annexation, that is the joining of that area to the City of Farmington. It is important if any election is important.

Some opposition has been registered to the plan on the theory of expense. Yet the City of Farmington would be adding considerable to its population, which means additional revenue for an unlimited amount of time. Some may object just on the basis of reluctance to a change. Yet nothing is going to stop the growth of this area. Controlled, systematic growth will insure Farmington of a sound community. Hindering that growth will only add to confusion.

This area is as well developed as most areas already in the City. The people of that area have requested that the annexation be voted upon. What expenses may be incurred in the annexation in service to the residents of that area will soon be offset by ever increasing revenue over a period of time, and as it develops.

It is rare indeed that any city has an opportunity to annex a territory as well developed as this. It is a plan that incorporates vast advantages for all concerned. It's progress — it's going ahead. And that's just plain, good government.

Stop And Listen . . .

you can almost hear Christmas. Yes sir, it's almost here, with its laughter, singing and bells. The old Christmas spirit will be catching us all one of these days real soon. That means we'll be hard at work selecting gifts for our family and friends. It's lots of fun, too!

Let's make it easy and fun, too, this year, by doing our Christmas shopping in the Farmington area. Your home town merchants have their stores packed with quality merchandise to please anyone on your gift list. Let's make this Christmas a Farmington Christmas.

It takes more than just a few words, however. Farmington merchants must pull together for the good of themselves and for the good of the Farmington community. Every merchant must sell not only his merchandise, but the community as a whole. The results are amazing, as many communities have found out. Proof is in the fact that they carry out a cooperative promotional program year in and year out.

One recent suggestion by a progressive merchant is to fasten signs to various trucks that serve the community. Signs with a "Do Your Christmas Shopping in the Farmington Area" slogan on them. There are many ideas that can be used but it takes cooperative effort.

The result will be a greater service to the people of the area, as well as a real shot in the arm to our hometown community. What's good for Farmington, is good for all of us.

And It Goes On And On . . .

the great war in China. The threat is new, but the battle is the same.

How long it may go on no one seems to know. But in the meantime a huge country continues to churn under the weight of turmoil and strife. The United States, in fairness, should aid Nationalist China in her fight against communist aggression. She deserves it in view of the aid extended to other nations threatened by Communism.

However it will take more than money and materials to give China a new and peaceful life. It will take aggressive leadership on the part of the Chinese themselves. It will take a bending of all energies to emerge from Chinese war to Chinese peace.

That inspiration might be the greatest contribution the United States could make to torn China.

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schuler, Pastor
Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist
Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
YOUTH 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.

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Burns, 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.

CLARENCE J. CHURCH
METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
Farmington, Mich.
Elle A. Johns, Pastor
Wilma A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education
10:00 a.m. Large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m. 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
Dr. John Martin, Minister
10:00 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
"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred J. Fisher, Pastor
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Everyone is invited.
Youth Meetings at 6:30 p.m. Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Special music. Message by the pastor.
Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 7:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop 7 after school.
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9 a.m., nursery to senior departments.
Divine services 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over CKLW.
Thanksgiving Day services at 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
23701 Case 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

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

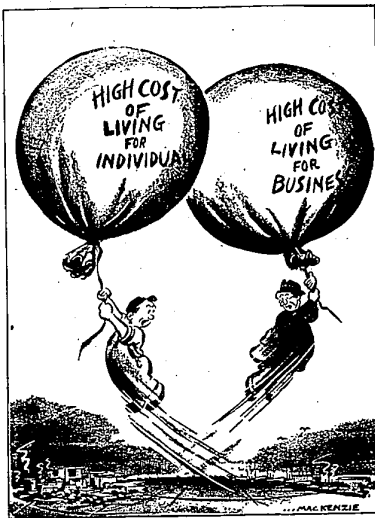
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25600 Grand River at Imperial Hwy.
Victor F. Halboth, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Divine Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Saturday School, 9:30 a.m.
Everyone welcome.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Scott Green, 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.

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: 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 9:00.

HOW FAR IS UP?



Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

The U. S. Vice Presidency Called 'Unimportant' Job

WASHINGTON — Just what are the thoughts of a vice president of the United States between the time of his election and the time he walks in and makes his opening address to the United States senate?

"There can be great judges, great governors, great senators, great representatives and great presidents. A vice president may move into the presidency and be a great president. A great man may be vice president, but he can't be a great vice president, because the office in itself is unimportant. In my judgment, the four most potent offices in the nation are: The President, speaker of the house, the majority leader of the senate, and the chief justice of the United States."

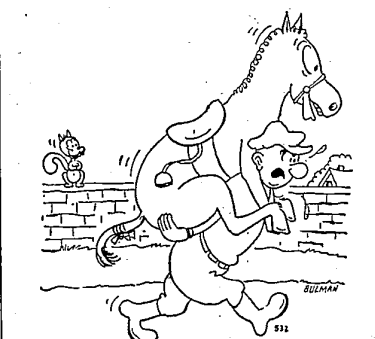
These were the remarks of former Vice President Garner as quoted by Bacon Timmons in his book, "Garner of Texas."

When "Cactus Jack" gave up the speakership of the house to accept the vice presidential nomination he called the office "a no-man's land somewhere between the legislative and the executive branch."

I don't know whether Mr. Garner was any more reluctant to accept the vice presidential nomination than was Alben Barkley. Or then Governor Warren was in, accepting the Republican vice presidential nomination, for that matter. Warren, in particular, put up a lot of sales resistance. Dewey, during the night after his own nomination, conferred with party leaders and came up with Warren's name for the vice presidency.

Warren at first refused, but accepted after Dewey promised to give him cabinet status and admin-

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL
Lenore and Curtis Aves., Detroit
(Five Minutes from Bus Station)
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar
9:30 a.m., Church School.
11:00 a.m., Morning Prayer. Sec-
ond Sunday Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten School,
4 and 5 years.



MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Michigan's divided house in estate government is going to erupt new controversy in 1949.

While Governor-Elect G. Mennen Williams has repeatedly maintained that he could get along with a Republican legislature better than did Kim Sigler, the fact remains that Williams and the legislature will be miles apart on some issues. Here are a few of them, as indicated by campaign statements of the Democratic governor-elect.

Outright repeal of the Bonine-Tripp labor relations act which requires a majority vote of all employees in an election before a strike can be called. The authors of this measure — Senator G. Welwood Bonine of Vandalla and Senator Harold D. Tripp of Allegan — were re-elected by their respective districts.

Increase in unemployment compensation. The payments were adjusted by the legislature in 1937. A further increase is proposed by Williams.

Increase in old age and mothers' pensions. The badly inflated dollar with its lowered purchasing power is causing hardships among pensioners. The legislature's attitude on this issue may be influenced, in part, by the prospective state deficit under the 1946 sales tax amendment.

Public housing by municipalities through bond issues retired by rent.

Fair employment practices act modeled after the New York law which was intended to outlaw racial or religious discrimination in private employment.

Building program to alleviate overcrowding in mental institutions. Such a program was inaugurated by Governor Harry F. Kelly. Again how is Michigan to finance these improvements, conceded by every one to be badly needed?

Williams insisted that Michigan lacks a "long range" program of highway improvement, and that tourists who traveled over dusty roads "would never return to Michigan." This criticism points to a Democratic effort to wrest state highway department from Republican control at the 1949 spring election. It also revives the 1938 issue of whether the gasoline tax should be boosted to make possible new roads.

If the Nov. 2 majority vote for a constitutional convention meets legal tests, the door would be opened to overhauling of the state's taxation system with possibility of a state income tax, scaled to "soak the rich." The new problems are many.

Vitamins for Plants
Vitamins are essential to plants as well as humans. Recent work shows that vitamins B and C increase the growth of seedlings when added to their artificial food supply.

WARREN DIDN'T GET FAR OUT OF TOUCH
When Garner heard Mr. Dewey's statement regarding his conception of his running mate if he were elected, the sage of Uvalde said something to the effect that most of the time when he was vice president he was so worried that the Republican senators would put something over on him in case of a tie vote that he never dared to get more than a block away from the Capitol steps.

While it is quite true that the vice president is a member of the executive branch of the government (Continued on Page Five)

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (November 23, 1923)
Grand River Road To Be Finished By July
Governor Groesbeck has announced that the entire length of M-16, now U. S. 16, will be completely paved from Detroit to Grand Rapids by July 15, 1924.

Reminiscences of Olden Days
Commemorating the establishment, 100 years previously, of the postal service in Farmington, all the postmasters who had served the city were mentioned and the dates of their appointments given. Heading the list was Ezekiel Webb, who was the first postmaster, and who received his appointment on January 7, 1826. When opened, the mail came to Farmington by horseback, and the postage from Detroit was twenty-five cents.

TEN YEARS AGO (November 24, 1933)
Federal O.K. Awaited For PWA School
Negotiations for the PWA grant of \$36,818, which will help finance a new school building for Farmington have been speeded up as much as possible, and officials are hopefully awaiting word from Washington that work can go ahead on the project. Superintendent of Schools Burns, after a visit to Washington, where he conferred with Senator Prentiss M. Brown on the project, reported that the city's application had been forwarded from the general file to the U. S. Treasury file for immediate action. Approval for the work must be given before January 1, 1934, the deadline for all such projects.

FIVE YEARS AGO (November 25, 1943)
United War Chest Soars Over \$5,000
While pledges are still coming in, the city and Township of Farmington have done a remarkable job, according to Dick Taylor, general chairman of the United War Chest Drive. Approximately \$5,000 has been turned in to the county headquarters.

Discarded Clothing For Relief
Advancing Allied forces liberating thousands of destitute families in Europe have necessitated a call for clothing to be donated and sent overseas. John Hunt, chairman of the Farmington Township and City Salvage Committee appealed to all Americans to assist in this worthwhile endeavor. All types of clothes and shoes are being sought to assist in the relief of liberated peoples.

"I'm Thankful for the Future!"
On this Thanksgiving day, years after the Pilgrims first gave thanks for the blessings the Lord had bestowed on them in this new land, I'm thankful—for the future!
I'm thankful that my children will grow up in a free land where their opportunity for happiness and success will be measured by their ability and effort.
For all our blessings, let us give thanks.

THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK
Farmington, Michigan
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No Banking business will be transacted on this Holiday

Perfect . . .
You Said It!
Especially when it's creamy smooth FARMINGTON DAIRY Ice Cream — rich in your favorite flavor. The perfect ending for a perfect feast.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL . . .

Again this year FARMINGTON DAIRY is making its famous EGG NOG. If you've ever had it you'll want some more. If you haven't tried it get some today.

FARMINGTON DAIRY EGG NOG is specially made right in FARMINGTON from the best ingredients. It's got to be good.

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