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EDITORIALS

A Spark Of Hope . . .

has been kindled again and men are talking about a community chest for Farmington.

The spark was ignited at a regular meeting of one of Farmington's service clubs last week. It was discussed briefly by the membership. Those who spoke indicated their interest in such a promotion.

The Enterprise on several occasions has gone on record in favor of one concentrated drive for funds to support needy agencies. It has tried to encourage the promotion of such a project. A great many communities, large and small, have community chests. They are organized through the various existing organizations in the community.

Through this one united effort a great many charitable organizations are financed. It can, if properly administered, eliminate a great many of the regular "hits" on local residents and merchants. If this community chest can get the cooperation of the citizens of the Farmington area, it can amply take care of many needs.

At the present time, Farmington does not receive the benefits of the annual Red Feather drive, although many of its citizens contribute in other communities where they work. It is helping those who need help and is an important contribution wherever it is given. But Farmington can and should organize for its needs also.

This is an important spark — it should not be allowed to flicker and die. It should, rather, be encouraged into a flame of warmth. A community committee should be formed — investigations made and an organization created now so that Farmington will be ready for action next year.

There's A Fly . . .

in the ink bottle some place. For months during the recent political campaign, President Truman tramped up and down the country side lambasting business in general.

He gave them a rough time at almost every whistle stop. He called them a special interest group. He linked them up with the 80th Congress, which he termed a failure. He charged them with profiteering and about everything else.

It netted him votes, won the election for him, which indicated that the majority agreed with his opinion of business. Immediately following the election, the stock market dropped. Business took his words seriously. They gathered from the president's words that they were not too popular.

Now Truman, through one of his aides, has asked business not to worry. The speaker indicates that now, at least, business is a part of our way of life — that the government does need its cooperation and its friendship, the same as it needs labor's cooperation and the farmers' cooperation.

It is from business, both large and small, that it draws a fair portion of its revenue. And from the campaign talks, business could find plenty to worry about. New increased taxes, new social benefits, more government workers and larger government payrolls all mentioned. All this and business would have to pay the biggest shot.

It will take more than a few words to dispel many fears. It will take more than controls. Promises have been made and platforms written. But economy in government, business-like organization, even a little bit of it, will go a long ways toward dispelling worry.

Cooperation is needed — it's needed between big business and little business, between management and labor, between government and all the people. Unfortunately political campaigns don't breed content. It's easy to say "Don't worry" but it's tougher to answer the question, "Why not?"

Business, like labor, like the farmer, like every American, will go on, will cooperate, will foot their part of the bill. We'll all progress together. That was resolved by every American before the campaign smoke ever began, and it's just as true now after the smoke has faded away.

Even an average pumpkin, which once grew on a Maryland farm, can get in the headlines. Especially when it holds evidence of Communist underground activities. But even the pumpkin didn't show its true color — it's still just as yellow as can be, not red.

Churches

**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**  
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Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor  
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Observance of Universal Bible Sunday. Preaching theme, "The Book of All Nations."  
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. All young people are invited to enjoy our active youth groups.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Pre-Christmas message by the Pastor. "Suspension and Song Before the Christmas Birth." Youth Fellowship hour at 8:30.  
Monday, Brownie Troop 13 at 3:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop 7 after school. Berean Class social at 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Midweek service at 8 p.m.  
Thursday, joint Christmas party for the Mission Churches at 1 p.m. Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.  
Saturday afternoon, Christmas parties at the church.

**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 8:00.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
2370 E. 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

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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. Whidell, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

**WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. Scott Greer, Minister  
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Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

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Washington Digest

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

No Future To Presidency, Pension Plan Is Proposed

WASHINGTON. Harry Truman, President, is going to be able to consider one measure which probably will come up in the approaching congress with more objectivity than some of his friends thought would be possible. It offers an answer to the question: what to do with ex-presidents.

The idea is not entirely altruistic, although the United States in the past has shown a rather shabby gratitude in tossing aside, without further comment, the man who has served as the republic's head.

Many, if not most, of our former chief executives might provide counsel and advice based on their experiences which could be most valuable.

Herbert Hoover is an example. At present he is rendering important service as head of the commission appointed by President Truman which has just drawn up the plan for the reorganization of government departments which congress will consider at its next session.

Hoover has served in many useful public capacities since he left the White House. He can afford to. Indeed he not only spent considerable sums out of his private funds on secretarial and research assistance when he was secretary of commerce, and later in the White House, but he also voluntarily turned back a part of his salary as President in 1932 when

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (December 7, 1923)**  
Harding Week Proclaimed  
The week of December 9 to 16 was proclaimed "Harding Week" by Governor Groesbeck, and committees named for the solicitation of funds to be used for the construction of a memorial for President Harding, who died in office. The association for the purpose of raising funds was incorporated in Ohio, but is active in all the states. Harley D. Warner was appointed chairman of Farmington's branch of the association.

**Farmington Boys At Conference**  
Harmon Bolch, Robert Cook, Gerald Parker, John Velch, Charles Butler and Cedric Harger were attending the Older Boys Conference in Ann Arbor.

**TEN YEARS AGO (December 8, 1938)**  
Rural Mail Driver Killed  
Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, for more than twenty years Farmington's lone woman rural mail carrier, was killed in an accident with her car while she was delivering mail. A widow, Mrs. Middlewood supported six children through her work with the local post office, and was one of the first of such women drivers to undertake what was considered an "unusual" job for a woman at that time.

**Library Gets Aid**  
The first quarterly payment of State Aid funds was paid the Library by the State of Michigan, which may be used for personnel salaries, purchase of new books, remodeling or payment of bills, it was announced today.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (December 9, 1943)**  
Gift Boxes For Soldiers Solicited

Christmas gift boxes for servicemen in hospitals were being solicited throughout Farmington, so that the men would not be forgotten on Christmas Day. The work was being undertaken by the Red Cross, who would also make the distribution. Candy, toilet articles and tobacco were in particular demand.

**W. H. Brennan Joins Service**  
Pfc. William H. Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brennan, enlisted in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army, and was stationed in Pennsylvania preparatory to being sent overseas, his parents have been informed.

**MICHIGAN MIRROR**  
INTERPRETING THE NEWS  
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing — Governor-elect G. Mennen Williams informed President Truman, during a White House conference, that he intends to ask the state legislature in 1949 to do something about old age assistance — better security for persons 65 years or older.

From W. J. Maxey, director of the state social welfare commission, we gathered the following facts:

The average monthly retirement benefit to 62,107 insured workers in Michigan was \$22.56 last June. This amount is paid by the federal government out of old age insurance funds, financed jointly by workers and employers by a 1

per cent payroll tax.

The average check for old age relief (granted only to needy persons, regardless of whether they are eligible for old age retirement benefits) was \$12.17 in November. This payment is financed jointly by state and federal funds. The legislative appropriation for the current fiscal year (ending July 1, 1949) was approximately \$19,000,000.

Because the \$22.96 old age retirement benefit does not fully cover post-war living costs, approximately 10 per cent of these retirement recipients have had to petition for old age relief. Furthermore, (and this is hard to believe), the federal law now says that a retired insured worker can earn only \$14.95 a month in addition to his earned \$22.96 monthly retirement benefit. This restriction has had the effect of compelling most insured workers otherwise "eligible to draw insurance benefits, to stay at work."

Michigan ranks 26th among the states in population rate of old age citizens who are receiving old age relief. We rank 22nd among the states in point of the average monthly payment (\$12.17). Among nearly states which outdo us are Illinois, Ohio, Iowa and Minnesota. New York pays \$49.45 a month; Colorado leads with \$78.43.

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