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## EDITORIALS

### There Oughta Be A Way . . .

but nobody has pointed it out yet, to get registered voters to go to the polls on election day. It just doesn't ever seem necessary to look for a way — it ought to be automatic.

And yet look at the results. How many residents living right here in the Farmington area take the time to vote at elections? You all know the answer, few, very few. Why? Is it because we're so soft, so sure of ourselves? Is it because we think our way of life, our democracy, will go forever whether we give a hoot or not?

Just take a look at the guy over on the other shore who was too busy or too complacent — where is he now? He can tell you in pretty short order. More than that, he will plead with you to please strengthen your rights and privileges as free people while you still have a chance. As for himself, he can only point to the sacred spot where a polling booth used to be. He will tell you he would give his right arm to be free again. And before you can open your mouth, he would say — "Oh, yes, it can happen to you unless you go to work.

April 4 is election day in the Farmington area. You will have an opportunity to vote for state officials and local officials. An opportunity because you are one of the privileged few in the world — you still have a chance to express yourself in a free election. It's no joke — not a matter to pass over quickly or duck away from. Not if you want to have your children grow up in the kind of country you know and enjoy.

Let's not be alarmists, but let's be realists. Let's face the facts. Unless the majority get out and vote — unless the American people strengthen their rights by using them — we may all find ourselves on the outside looking in. It has happened and it can happen here if we fail to take our responsibilities seriously.

Think it over — talk it over and then make a pledge to vote April 4 — every last one. Let's make it a real election, a majority election, an American election.

### The Name Is Familiar . . .

the scene and the act seem to ring a familiar note, too. Ah, yes, John L. Lewis, the coal mines and a strike. Seems to be an episode most of us have heard before.

But, unlike an old movie, we can't just slowly walk away from it all. We have to sit in the back row and take it again. Worse yet, we had to shell out at the box office, and probably will have to again.

This time the plot hinges around John L.'s dislike for President Truman's appointment of James Boyd as Bureau of Mines director. It seems to make little difference that the President of the United States made the appointment. It seems to make little difference what the majority of the country think.

So, as in all the rest of the old movies, John L. gets unhappy and tells the miners to go home. The mines go down and the production of coal dwindles. And Mr. Average Citizen gets it right square in the neck.

Turmoil increases as the plot thickens and then after the country has suffered about so long the sun breaks through and everything is great until the next time. While all this is going on, bitter words are exchanged, tempers fly and we, as a nation, get no place, all because a small minority sparked by one man did not like the way things were going.

How far would any of us get if we took that attitude? What about the majority? What about the country? Irresponsibility, indifference, are stepping stones to destruction, and the sooner we learn it, the better off we'll be. It's time we encouraged constructive leadership in labor, management and government all the way down the line. It's time we learned that it's "smart" to build, not "smart" just to show who's boss.

## Churches

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
14 E. Grand  
Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 9:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.  
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
"The Friendly Church"  
Rev. Fred F. Fisher, Pastor  
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Guest preacher will be Rev. Wilbur Bloom, Executive Secretary of the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society.

Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morrow of Pontiac will show the all-color sound film, "Songs of Fanny Crosby".  
Monday, Browne Troop 13 at 3:15 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop 7 after school.

Wednesday, Midweek services at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Alice A. McDonald Mission Circle at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. Fr. E. Beahan, Pastor  
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30.

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

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
2370 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 4:30 p.m.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Douglas Tetzlaff, 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.

**ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION**  
The Green Hills Road at Fremont  
Dr. John Martin, Minister  
10:30 a.m. — Morning service for everyone.  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.  
Nursery for small children.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road  
Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 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.

**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.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2560 Grand River Avenue  
Corner of 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.

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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, first Sunday, Holy Communion.  
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten.  
Visitors 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  
Elsie A. John, 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.

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

## AS OF MARCH 31 ?



### Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

House G.O.P. leader Joe Martin has been tipped off that southern and northern Democrats finally have come to terms on civil rights. The compromise apparently was reached during backstage bargaining between leaders of the two Democratic blocs.

The ex-speaker relayed his report with great interest to other G.O.P. leaders at the Republican round table. This is a table in the house restaurant where Republicans gather for lunch and which serves as a sort of G.O.P. command post. Martin didn't reveal his sources, but southern congressmen have long been close to him, and Joe's inside intelligence on Democratic coins-on has usually been devastatingly accurate.

Terms of the all-important civil rights agreement, Martin reported, are as follows: both sides agreed to an anti-lynch bill, anti-poll tax bill, 50-cent-per-hour minimum wage, and modifications of the Hart-Wellfley law.

These are crucial and important compromises on the part of conservative southerners, but they have several notices in the farthest wings they will go. They will not, for instance, accept the dynamite-laden fair employment practices bill, which will be quietly side-tracked in the house. But they will support the rest of President Truman's failed.

This backstage compromise, however, is not more than a quiet Yalta agreement among the leaders, Martin pointed out. It can't possibly be binding on all the rank-and-file Democrats, and many congressmen on both sides will vote the dictates of their own consciences.

**HAM AND EGGS — \$25**  
M. Andre Picard, originator of the French gratitude train idea, was seated in a restaurant in Akron, Ohio, eating breakfast. He had been hospitably and graciously entertained by various cities across the country, and he suggested that it was time he paid some of the bills himself.

Picard explained that he had exchanged some francs into dollars in New York, and pulled out a hundred dollar bill to prove it.

Frank Douglas, French-speaking secretary of A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, had been loaned to Picard to help him across the U.S.A. He said: "We don't like visitors to pay for things in one country. Besides, that \$100 bill."

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor  
Mr. Boltho, Mrs. Dir. G. Grandt  
Mr. G. C. Gildemester, Dr. Fred. Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.  
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.

Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship Service, Wednesday during Lent, 8:00 p.m.  
Church School, 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

Aim and Purpose of Salem Church — Help seeking people, through helpful services, come close to God and to human comrades in worship.

Help seeking people learn the truths by which they may live brave, happy and useful lives.

Help seeking people gain strength by which they may become that which they have learned they ought to be.

Help seeking people find comfort in sorrow, courage in struggle, joy in adversity.

Help seeking people come into union with Christ, their Master and Friend.

This, being our aim and purpose, we pray you "Come, O Lord, Go to the Church of your choice, but go to Church."

## MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

A possible end to the steady increase in Michigan sales tax collections may be indicated by a recent report from the revenue department. For the first time since the end of the war a slump has been noted. February collections on January business show a 1.4 per cent drop from the corresponding period a year ago. Cigarette tax collections, however, are up 3 per cent.

A proposal to give cities the right to levy excise taxes is again before the Senate. Introduced by Senators Bates and Schuch, the bill would permit cities to levy excise taxes up to 20 per cent of the assessed valuations. There would be an amendment to require a vote of the people before a tax could be levied. Bates says that he wants to give cities a new source of revenue "so that they won't have to come begging to the legislature for handouts. Opponents contend that cities could levy excise taxes under present laws simply by amending their charters.

In two and a half weeks the spring elections will be held. Although there was much talk in the legislature, it was finally decided not to submit any proposals for amendment. The legislature will choose a superintendent of public instruction, state highway commissioner, two supreme court justices, two regents of the University of Michigan, two members of the board of agriculture and a member of the state board of education plus various county, township and school board officials.

The election is considered important by Republicans and Democrats because both the superintendent of public instruction and the highway commissioner automatically become members of the Administrative Board that helps run the state when the legislature is not in session.

Local governments may not get the public notice given the state and nation when their taxes go up, but collecting their water slugs last year. The State Board of Assessors reports that county, municipal, school and other local Michigan taxes rose 15.78 per cent over 1947. Levies total 252.2 million or \$39 million over the previous year. Average tax rate was \$29.15 per \$1000 property valuation, an increase of 6.48 per cent.

The Hoover Commission (technically known as the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government) says that reorganization of federal agencies could save as much as \$82 million. One suggestion is that the Agricultural Department take greater advantage of "the established and effective State organizations" to avoid duplication of national and state effort at local levels.

In another report, the Hoover Commission suggested that Uncle Sam's record keeping system be modernized. They found, for example, that Tom Mabry's broad-brimmed New Mexico hat . . . the fact that two Ivalo-American mayors—Mike

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (March 14, 1924)

**State Exposition**  
A statewide exposition, backed by the industries of Michigan, has been planned to be held in Detroit for a two week period in May. The exposition will be given semi-official backing by the State.

**Institute**  
A three-day Sunday School Institute will be held in Farmington at the First Congregational Church to aid Sunday School teachers with their problems and to give instruction in new teaching methods.

**St. Patrick's Day**  
The young people of the Baptist Church are arranging a St. Patrick's Day celebration, with Irish entertainment to be followed by a box social supper.

**TEN YEARS AGO (March 16, 1939)**  
**Town Hall Plan Hit**  
Because the Township's tax delinquency for the past fiscal year exceeds 25 per cent, it will not be possible to issue bonds for a town hall building. Plans to put the question on the April 3 ballot, of whether or not the Township should build a town hall, have been abandoned.

**Tax Briefs Filed**  
All the briefs to be returned to Judge Frank L. Doty, in the hearing of the tax refund case of the City of Farmington against the Township, have been filed. The court is expected to reach a decision in the matter of the Covert road taxes by the end of next week.

**Ice Storm**  
A terrific ice storm, that covered most of Michigan, tore down wires and utility poles in this territory, extinguishing lights in more than 300 homes in the Farmington area.

**FIVE YEARS AGO (March 16, 1944)**  
**Falcons Lose**  
Flint Tech High School won over Farmington High, 37 to 28, in the Regional Tournament at Ferndale last week. This constituted the first loss of the local basketball team since the start of the state tournament.

**Local Stores Checked**  
Local stores in Farmington were checked by OPA investigators last week for overcharges. This service is one of the activities of the government agency in its fight to keep enforcement of legally established ceiling prices on all commodities under price regulation.



"Merry if it's that had, why don't you let one of the landscape gardeners in the telephone directory Yellow Pages do your digging?"

### HERE'S TO good health

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