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## EDITORIALS

### So You Want An Idea . . .

one that can be developed and enlarged by a Farmington Area Merchant's Association into a sales promotion as well as a friendly gesture of welcome to our new neighbors?

Call it what you will, it is a combined effort by all merchants to introduce their store or business to new residents in the rapidly growing Farmington area. The introduction is in the form of a free sample of produce or a gift token to new residents with the compliments of Farmington area merchants. It is personally presented to the new comer by a person selected by the merchants.

This plan is right now, in one form or another, being carried out very successfully in many Michigan communities, large and small. It not only introduces new residents to the merchants and the community, but formally welcomes them also. It is a successful plan of sales promotion combined with friendly neighborliness.

The Enterprise has been asked to be specific — to present some ideas — here is just one. But it can't be successful without a coordinated effort on the part of the majority of the merchants in the entire Farmington area.

It is not a high pressure campaign, only a friendly introduction and an attempt to make our new neighbors more at home. The details of such a program can and must be initiated and developed by the merchants themselves. So you want an idea? — there it is!

### Farmington's Goodfellows . . .

will be back on the streets again this Saturday hawking their papers for the less fortunate people of our community.

They don't particularly enjoy standing out there on that cold wind-swept corner urging you to buy a paper. Yet they are more than willing to give up their time away from their business to help their needy neighbors. They are volunteering their services to lend a hand. They are going out there because they know that some of our neighbors need help this Christmas.

But how far the Christmas spirit spreads is really up to you. If you help, along with all your Farmington neighbors, this can and will be a very merry Christmas. Not only for our less fortunate friends but for you who gave that others might receive.

Help a Goodfellow this Saturday — and become a Goodfellow this Christmas.

### Everybody Talks About It . . .

but . . . is old saying about the weather but it could very well fit other things — such as government spending, the national debt and, more specifically, the Hoover Commission.

One politician recently stated that Federal government spending can not be reduced because of our foreign obligations. Notice we said "politician" because he made no reference to the other phases of government spending. Those elements that affect payroll, government employees, needless duplication and red tape in departments of government other than foreign obligations or defense.

Plenty of Americans are talking and have been talking about this governmental spending spree. But to date little has been done about it. It isn't a matter of what side of the political fence you are tenting on, facts can't be denied.

Politicians aren't going to reduce government spending, cut payrolls, eliminate subsidies, streamline departments — not until they make votes. That's why the talking should stop now — and the action begin. That's why the non-political Hoover Commission report should come out of the moth balls — and it is the American people that must bring it out.

Cries of "Special Interests" can't drown out the fact that we as Americans are wildly plunging deeper and deeper into debt. This isn't a scare line, either, it is fact that is substantiated every day. Nor is it idle gossip that we are headed toward Socialism unless we find the courage to act a halt.

It is time we made economy in government a platform, a bandwagon that politicians will want to get on. But it is the American people that must build the platform and pull the bandwagon, not by talking about it, but by grabbing a hammer and nail and going to work.

## Churches

**NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
M. J. Remel, Pastor  
Sunday Church Services at the usual hour, Morning, 10:30; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) and 8:00 o'clock.  
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

**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 OKLV.

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. A. Stanley Dean, Minister  
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.  
11:15 a.m. Nursery School.  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., choir rehearsal at the church.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2500 Grand River Avenue  
Corner of Grand and Hwy.  
Victor P. Halbroth, Pastor  
Early Service, 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Late Service, 11 a.m.

**ORCHARD METHODIST MISSION**  
Thirteen Mile Road at Greenleaf  
10:30 a.m. Morning service for everyone.  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.  
Nursery for small children.

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

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Camden and Grand River  
Farmington, Michigan  
Elsie A. Johns, Pastor  
Willsie A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education  
10:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.  
11 a.m., the Morning Worship.  
6:30 p.m., the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.

7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.  
11:30 a.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

**CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SOCIETY**  
23701 Cass Avenue  
Farmington  
11:00 a.m. Morning Services \*  
Sunday School  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting.  
Reading Room Hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
\*Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces? will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 18.

The Golden Text (Jeremiah 32:17) is "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee!"

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
"The Friendly Church"  
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor  
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Midweek services at 8 p.m.  
Friday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
"The Church on the Park"  
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor  
Mr. A. Bolitho, Mus. Dir. & Organist  
Mr. G. G. Giesemer, Bd. Pres.  
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Rel. Ed.  
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.  
Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Church School, 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.  
Aims and Purpose of Salem Church  
Help seeking people, through beautiful 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 victory.  
Help seeking people come into union with Christ, their Master and Friend.  
This, being our aim and purpose, we invite you to "Come and See."  
"Go to the Church of your choice, but go to Church."

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Lenore and Curtis Aves., Detroit (Rt. 1) Minutes from Bus Station  
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar  
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9:30 a.m. Church School (three years and up).  
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (First Sunday Holy Communion).  
11:00 a.m. Kindergarten (3 to 6 years).

## To Have and to Hold



## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

**JIMMY COMING ALONG**  
It looks like Jimmy Roosevelt is definitely coming into his own. Once a callow youth floundering under the weight of a famous name, Jimmy dealt with almost anybody who came along. At one time he was the political pal of Mayor James Curley of Boston. Another time his life insurance sales to George Washington Hill of the American tobacco company didn't help the Roosevelt family.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. Thomas P. Bohan, Pastor  
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 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.

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Cadman Prout, 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.

**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.

## BIBLE COMMENT

FOR DEC. 18

### Israel Learned That God Is Everywhere

COMEWHERE there's the story of an exhorter, who in that mistaken zeal which makes a sort of religion out of atheism, had set up a sign in his home, "God Is Nowhere." In letters of equal size, but when he asked his little daughter to read it, she read it, "God Is Now Here!"

God was there, and He is everywhere. Jesus said to the Woman of Samaria that the hour was coming when men would worship the Father, neither in the temple at Jerusalem, nor in the mountain of Samaria; that God is a spirit, and that they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

That Spirit is as ever present and universal as are light and radio waves in the physical world. But men of religion, even in Israel, did not always so know God, and approach Him. To those of lesser faith and vision He seemed the God of Israel, but not the God of the whole world, and with such limited and localized conceptions of God and worship it was easy for the people to fall into idolatry and into an ever-present peril and curse.

But what hope and faith were there for a people in exile, cast away from their homeland and their holy city and temple? The prophet Jeremiah saw his people in that disastrous situation, the great mass of them carried off into exile by the Babylonian conquerors, though he himself was in the remnant that found refuge in Egypt.

As a matter of fact that period of the exile in Babylon became a glorious epoch in the religion of Israel. Out of it came great prophecies, like that of Ezekiel, and the later chapters of the Book of Isaiah, with their vision, not only of a restored Israel, but of a transformed and glorified Israel.

It was out of this Israel, recruited through suffering and sacrifice, that the Messiah came. And that leads us to the Christmas story.

## MICHIGAN MIRROR



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

"The Governor of Michigan is just a glorified clerk!" Governor Kim Sigler made this declaration before the Economic Club of Detroit during the first year of his 1947-48 term. Echoes of Sigler's reform program for centralizing authority in the governor's office were heard this week as a legislative study committee, fresh from inspection trip to three eastern states, announced adoption of the Hoover Commission "task force" idea in conducting research for reorganization of state government.

Chairman of the committee was Senator James T. Milliken, republican, Traverse City. The committee of state senators and representatives was received by former President Herbert Hoover. Mr. Hoover recommended use of specialists in each field from outside government to study functions of state government. Hean assured the group that a legislative committee, acting as a reorganization group, could formulate an effective program for reform.

Legislators reported they were strongly impressed with streamlining programs put into effect in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. In each case the responsibility of the governor was increased and many boards and commissions were eliminated as administrative agents.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York told legislators he would not serve as governor under a decentralized authority such as now exists in Michigan and still be held responsible for results of state government.

Strangely enough, the results of the legislative junket to the eastern states in search of ideas for economy in state government, are largely those originally advanced by former Governor Sigler in 1947. In the past the state legislature has been cool to recommendations of increased power and responsibility for the governor, feeling that the present legislative and executive functions serve as a check and balance against each other. The legislature was sold by Governor Sigler on the need of creating a State Department of Administration, headed by Dr. John Perkins of Ann Arbor, to consolidate purchasing of government supplies and general administration. When this was established by Governor Sigler, a political duel immediately followed between the state administrative board controlled by Republicans, and the newly created State Department of Administration. The row is still going on, and it illustrates some of the perils in the road for streamlining state government by increasing authority of the governor.

Physicians of Michigan are planning an aggressive campaign in 1950 against the issue of "socialized medicine." The Michigan State Medical Society was a pioneer among state groups in publicizing the benefits of private medicine.

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

FORTY YEARS AGO (December 17, 1909)  
Dairy Barn Burns

The community was shocked Saturday noon to hear of the burning of the dairy barn belonging to Carl Hatten. Fire was discovered in the hay mow near the west end and before help could arrive, had gained so much headway that there was no way to prevent its spreading. About 150 willing neighbors gathered and saved all of the stock and nearly all of the tools.

30th Wedding Anniversary  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary Friday, December 10. Those who helped them remember the occasion were Mrs. Harty Hatten, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hatten, C. F. Hatten, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ely, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 4, 1939)  
Goodfellow Sell Papers  
Cries of "Paper . . . paper! Read all about it!" will echo through the streets of Farmington and nearby districts Friday when the Goodfellows shoulder their paper sacks for their annual "newspaper" campaign. The sale of papers this year promises to eclipse anything of the kind held in Farmington. Funds received of course, will go to provide Christmas baskets for hungry and needy families in the city and township.

Start Weekly Ash Collection  
Weekly collection of ashes from homes that have a pressing need for this service will be started soon. At their last meeting the City Commission authorized the collection of ashes and ordered the city employees who handle this work to draw up regulations to be followed in placing the ashes for collection.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 14, 1944)  
Let Addition Contract  
Work on the addition to the Clarenceville High School will begin tomorrow, following the letting of the contract Tuesday evening to the Atkin-Ford Company of Detroit. The school board voted to accept the company's bid of \$57,655, including all construction, electrical work, plumbing, and furnishings. This figure is approximately \$3000 less than had been anticipated. Bids ranged all the way from the Atkin-Ford figure to nearly \$70,000.



Bear in mind when hunting for any article or service to look first in the telephone directory Yellow Pages.



## Ice Cream for Festivities

The Delicious Dessert That Is Sure To Draw Sighs All Around The Table

Mothers, serve the ice cream as the fitting finale to a memorable holiday meal. P. S. Make ice cream a desert habit the year 'round, and make it FARMINGTON DAIRY ice cream for that smooth, creamy goodness — that rich, full-bodied flavor.

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