

# Editorial Page

## The Goodfellows . . .

are ready to make their annual appearance on the streets and roads of Farmington city and township.

This Friday, December 13, the Farmington Goodfellows will be out in force, working hard at their annual program to see that no family in the community will be forgotten this Christmas. Like just about everything one person or one group cannot do it alone. It takes the help and the co-operation of everyone if it is to be successful.

If you are one of the few persons who doesn't know the purpose of the Goodfellow organization, or how the group operates, you may wonder this Friday why this group of business and professional people leave their stores, offices and shops and go out onto the streets and roads to sell Goodfellow papers. Usually this time of year the weather is pretty raw, there is snow and slush, and actual discomfort.

In the past there has been a good answer, and it will probably always be the same answer. It is "the heart of Christmas" . . . the satisfaction of helping others who need help.

You can capture that feeling too, by helping less fortunate neighbors. The dollar or dime you give to the Farmington Goodfellows this Friday will bring more joy and happiness to someone than you can imagine.

The Christmas spirit is a very real thing, very wonderful. Give to the Farmington Goodfellows this Friday and see for yourself!

## College Sports . . .

have been causing a lot of discussion lately, especially since the advent of Sputnik. Here is an editorial which appeared in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, which seems to make sense.—Editor.

Mainland college people are making some strange proposals on sports these days. They acknowledge now what has been known for a long time—that college football is big business. One college spokesman has suggested that the players be given a bigger "cut" of the gate.

And Dr. Joseph Kaplan of UCLA recommends that college athletes be given the "full ride"—tuition, books, board and room—in exchange for their activities on the gridiron. He called also for a redefinition of amateurism in college sports.

What is more necessary is a redefinition of college education.

It's strange that proposals of this sort should come from Dr. Kaplan, who also is chairman of the United States committee for the International Geophysical Year. As a scientist, he presumably is well aware of the desperate shortage of science students in this country.

Now, it may not follow that over-emphasis on college athletics, which has produced the football commercialism now acknowledged, has any adverse effect on scientific education.

But if the amount of effort, time, money and proselyting involved in the promoting of winning college football teams were directed to the promotion of winning scientific teams, this country might be tracking its own Sputniks in the heavens, rather than those of the Soviet Union.

This country needs a new sense of values about the whole field of education. It's time to put aside the candy and get on to the meat and potatoes.

## Dave Kendall . . .

the Jackson attorney, is resigning this month after three years of public service at Washington as assistant secretary of the treasury. Leaving a lucrative law practice in Michigan behind, he went to Washington as one of a devoted group of Republicans who believed citizens should give their services to their government when called upon.

Michigan can be proud of others: Charles Wilson, Arthur Summerfield, Wilber Brucker.

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**What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS**

**LATHRUP** — The pieces of the sewer problem facing Lathrup council for the past several years are beginning to fall into place.

The council announced Monday night its intent to submit a \$600,000 plus bond issue to finance construction of a storm water drainage system to be completed by the end of February 18. It was also announced that a referendum vote on the city's controversial downtown disconnection ordinance would also be on the same February ballot.

Judge H. Russell Holland of Oakland County Circuit court Tuesday in February on the date he'll hear testimony on all of Lathrup's proposed sewer plans and possible construction schedule in connection with a suit against the city for payment of cost for not stopping pollution of the Rouge River.

If the bond issue is approved, construction should get underway next fall. A separate sanitary sewer system to cost about \$300,000 more is planned also.

—The Four Corners Press

**SOUTHFIELD** — Some ten members of the Southfield Improvement Association appeared before the township board recently to ask for help in improving conditions in the southwest corner of the township.

John Jenkins, spokesman for the group, told the board that the association was trying to improve its part of the township but that it needed help. He named these as a condemned house which was still standing and another house which was constructed out of wood and steel.

She called the condemned house a "fire trap" and "dangerous to children" and the shed structure a "cave."

The board informed the group it could not legally force the owner of the condemned house to tear it down but it was boarded up and instructed its building department to do so. It also said it would ask its police department and building department to check the shed structure to see if any violations existed.

The Birmingham Eccentric

**NOVI** — Novi and Wixom are at odds again—this time over money.

In a move that may make legal history in Michigan, Novi has decided not to give Wixom a share of town-wire assets when and if the village officially becomes a city.

And just in case a court case should force Novi to pay, the township board has embarked on a program to reduce the assets which would have to be divided.

In effect, Novi is saying: "If you want the money, try to get it, and you do get it you won't get much."

Some \$50,000 is involved—a significant amount for both growing communities. Novi feels that a transfer of the money would mean which might be required would bankrupt the township. Furthermore, Novi claims that Wixom is not.

Based on the ratio of assessed valuation, Wixom as a new city, would stand to get nearly half of this total.

—The Novi News

**PLYMOUTH** — Another plant will be leaving the area soon, following in the footsteps of the Detroit Manufacturing Company but now moving nearly as far away.

Ford Motor Company has announced that it will close its Waterford plant approximately two miles north of the city and move its operations to a new building at Rawsonville in Ypsilanti Township.

The general manager of the Ford assembly division said that most of the 115 workers currently employed at the plant will be offered an opportunity of moving with their jobs. He further indicated that the move to the new plant was being made only to take advantage of more modern facilities.

Transfer of operations is slated to start on December 16 and to be completed by December 24.

It was indicated that several firms have already expressed interest in purchasing the soon to be abandoned Waterford plant.

—The Plymouth Mail

**ROMEO** — The Romeo Community Center will be open for business this month. It's quite finished yet but the building has already been reserved by two local organizations for December functions.

A Cub Scout-Pack meeting has been scheduled as well as an intercollegiate dance to be held on December 27.

Shit to be put in is the kitchen equipment and also the full-length table partitions for the meeting rooms. It is not expected that this equipment will be put in for a short time yet.

—The Romeo Observer Press

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AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT... SEE MICHIGAN FIRST! THIS YEAR YOURSELF!

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## MICHIGAN MIRROR • by Elmer White

### Republicans Take Steps to Keep Last Stronghold—Legislature

REPUBLICANS WILL FIGHT to keep their last elective stronghold, the Michigan legislature.

A special committee has been set up to concentrate on a 1958 campaign in the "swing" districts, those where the Democratic-Republican vote was 20 per cent apart, or less.

Main concentration will be to keep the 59 Republican House seats. Democrats now have 51, enough to block two-thirds votes on some major issues.

Republicans are less fearful that the Democrats will take over the Senate, where they held a 23 to 11 edge.

The committee, however, has singled out the 18th district of Senator John B. Swinson as a special target for special attention along with other close Detroit districts.

Superimposed over the contest is the automatic vote in 1958 on a proposal to call a constitutional convention.

Technically, a convention could re-write the entire state constitution—last rewritten in 1850—and upset the 1952 reapportionment of the legislature now in effect.

Republicans contend that present reapportionment plans create a "balanced legislature" by a 1-1 tie between the House and Senate on geographical areas.

Democrats contend that the plan was devised especially to keep the House in rural Republican hands. They would like to change this.

House leaders fear a new plan would permit Wayne and Oakland counties to control the entire state.

The issue has split the parties with Republicans opposed to a convention which could upset present reapportionment. Democrats favoring a convention for the same reason.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

by Dr. George S. Brown  
MICHIGAN'S FUTURE  
George Adams

**EACH DAY GIVE THANKS**

As we enter another Christmas season and mark another milestone in the history of mankind, we Americans should take time to count our blessings. In fact, we should make a New Year's resolution to count our blessings every single day in 1958. As individuals we would be more humble, and as a national community our strength would be greater if each of us would make each day in 1958 a day of thanksgiving.

Every man, woman and child in this wonderful land of ours has been blessed in many personal ways. But our richest blessings are the ones we all have in common. Freedom is our greatest blessing. How many Americans realize this fact? How many prize freedom so highly that each day they thank God for their birth in America and for the governmental and economic structure that has made individual freedom secure for 187 years? Thomas Jefferson, 177 years ago observed: "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time."

Hard Won Freedom

Jefferson spoke those words at a time when the colonies were under the domination of a monarchy and no individual citizen could fully exercise his God-given liberty. Independence for American citizens had to be won in a war imposing great sacrifices. It was then that our founding fathers set a blueprint building a governmental structure protecting individual liberty. Its keystone was the United States Constitution.

The Constitution was the "keystone" because (1) it provided for the basic structure of a monarchy and no President, no Congress, no judge or court was given the authority to alter a single word, phrase or sentence; only the sovereign people of the United States, acting together through their legislators, had permission to change it. In this, and in much of its fundamental philosophy, it was unlike any other governmental instrument in the world.

The Constitution became the pattern for a way of life. Faith in God was the bedrock. Constitutional government, in a Republic with carefully guarded divisions of power, was its superstructure. An economic system motivated by private ownership, self-reliance, freedom of enterprise and a petition supplied the dynamic substance for progress.

With this way of life America has provided the greatest amount of human freedom along with the greatest degree of human welfare for a people in the history of the world. Our national wealth today represents about 42 per cent of the wealth of the entire world, although we have only 6 per cent of the population and 7 per cent of the land area. And with few exceptions this record production of wealth is distributed with unusual equality throughout our population.

So Well Off

From firsthand observations in Asia and Europe I know that the rest of the people of the world

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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 8, 1932)  
A Brewery

Rumors that efforts might soon be made to locate a brewery in Farmington, when beer returns, created a mild sensation Wednesday noon at the Exchange Club meeting. Elmer W. Palmer tossed the bombshell when he asked if anyone else had heard that 'lager interest' has cast admiring eyes at the old D.U.R. power plant near the Junction. No one else at the meeting had heard the rumor.

Grand River Signs

Direction signs that meet with Farmington's approval will shortly greet motorists approaching the junctions of Grand River and the Cut-Off at either end of town. The new ground signs will be set in the shape of a V facing the intersections. The original request to include the words "business district" on the signs met with strong protest by Farmington merchants and it was thus agreed to eliminate this. The businessmen contended that this might turn many motorists away with the thought that they would be traveling through a congestion area if they followed this route.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 11, 1947)  
Teen Age Canteen

A movement has been started to organize a Teen Age Canteen for Farmington boys and girls. For many months several young people have been trying to enlist the cooperation and assistance of various groups and individuals in the community in obtaining a canteen center. Now having secured the help of Mrs. Roy Rubberg, a committee has been formed, and plans are going forward. Mrs. Rubberg will speak before the Town Club and before the P.T.A. later, this month to explain the need for such a canteen with hopes of obtaining the assistance of these two groups and others as well.

Floral Park Water

A report was made to the city commission Monday night indicating that 42 homes are now occupied in Floral Park subdivision and that many others are nearing completion. The survey was made for the purpose of determining the number of connections for water service which is furnished to this area by the city.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 11, 1952)  
New Library

Faets and figures as well as suggestions on the construction of a new library for the Farmington area were outlined by Ralph Uveling, Detroit librarian, at a meeting of the Farmington Friends of the Library this week. He stated that the probable cost of construction and equipping a library sufficient for the needs of Farmington city and township would be approximately \$175,000. He added that approximately 10,000 square feet of space should be provided. A minimum of \$1.50 per capita should be allocated for the operation and purchase of books for such a library, he said, but expressed the opinion that \$2.25 per capita would be more desirable. The library should be located where most people congregate, preferably in the business district, he added.

Floral Park Water

A lion and lioness seeking their supper came across half a dozen gnus at a water hole. With six blows of his powerful paws the lion killed the lot.

"That," he said, turning to the lioness, "is the end of the gnus. The time is exactly 22 minutes past 9."

The future can be anything we want it to be, providing we have the faith and that we realize that peace, no less than war, requires "blood and sweat and tears."

—Charles F. Kettering

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