

In Our Opinion . . .

A Message For Easter

Soon it will be Easter and the Christian Church will again celebrate God's victory over death and nothingness. He who loved life and has given to the ages a road map for victorious living never even wrote a book. In fact the only time He ever wrote anything, according to the Gospels, was when He wrote in the sand. He was never elected to any high office, was never in fact appointed to any important post. He owned no earthly possessions, save possibly a robe and some sandals. His education was in the home of Joseph and Mary, and His schooling would certainly not exceed our primary school grades. He never took any trips to far off countries, as historians have pointed out, it is doubtful if he ever traveled over 200 miles from His hometown of Nazareth. He had no credit cards, no letters of credit, no credentials save Himself. Yet this Jesus of Nazareth, whose life was the Christian faith and Lord and Saviour, has affected the life of man in the past 2,000 years far more than the combined military might of nations,

all of the kings and queens that ever reigned, and all houses of government that have ruled.

If it were possible to take the influence of Jesus Christ out of the lives of men and women and blot it out of our civilization, life for me would be incomprehensible. Everything that has been most beneficial for mankind has received its impetus from Him. This followers would have exhibited such an extreme change in their characters on the basis of a lie or delusion just doesn't seem comprehensible to me. That men would be willing to give up even their lives for a known lie would make them different than "anyone" I have ever known. I do not understand all of the various facets of that first Easter experience but I am sure that something happened that was vital and dynamic enough to change, make an about-face, the lives of His followers.

The Reverend Richard T. Markham
First Methodist Church, Farmington

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A Salute to Civic Spirit

On the occasion of their forty-third year as an active business and professional men's service organization in the community, we would like to salute the Farmington Exchange Club which last week observed the 55th anniversary of Exchange Clubs nationally.

The first Exchange Club was formed on March 27, 1911, in Detroit, by a group of "perceptive business and professional men who recognized that united effort and group communication of ideas would benefit not only themselves but also the entire community." This basic founding tenet of the original Exchange Club has proven itself as the organization has grown and prospered through the years to now total more than 1,100 clubs and about 45,000 members.

These clubs, under the banner of the National Exchange Club, represent the largest, truly American service club proudly promoting the heritage of this country. Its citizenship, freedom, leadership and contributing greatly to the general welfare. Membership is strictly non-political, non-sectarian, non-commercial and non-legislative. A comprehensive program in education is the out-

standing aim and goal of Exchanges. The Exchange Club programs annually represent the expenditure of two million dollars and two million volunteer hours contributed by the clubs in community good and service to their fellow men.

In Farmington, the Exchange Club is noted particularly for their spearheading annually of the Goodfellows Christmas Campaign. Last year more than 150 needy families in the community received help from the Goodfellows.

Another program in which the Exchange Club provides important assistance is the Student Government Day activities where high school boys and girls have an opportunity to come in contact with the workings of the local government units. This good citizenship building program is only one of the many examples of how the Exchange Club serves our community's young people. There are many others.

We wish the Exchange Club success in their future ventures and applaud their dedication: "To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understanding and greater opportunities for all."



CARMEN R. ACCIAIO, of 22548 Chestbrook, Farmington, above, is an employee in the Major Items Division at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Center, ATAC, Warren, Michigan which procures bids on hundreds of millions of dollars of Army hardware annually. The overall function of the Division is described as "to plan, direct, perform, manage and appraise the execution of the national procurement of assigned items. The Division assumes responsibility for all procurement activity from inception of the assignment to completion of contracts and the delivery of end items to the final destination."

Model Car Racing Sport Drawing Fans Steadily

By KAREN UNGER
Farmington Senior High
Journalism

"The sport has progressed steadily 80 points while it is a \$200,000.00-\$300,000.00 business nationally," said Mr. Charles Pell. "The sport" is slot car racing, and it is done seven days a week at Pell's "Pit Stop" on Farmington Road.

Modern slot car racing (a scale modeled car powered by a type of electro-magnetic motor and running on a grooved track), according to Pell, began in England in 1932 and reached the United States in 1936. By 1963 it had a solid foothold in this country.

"Sam McKay at the 'Groove' was one of the first to make slot car racing available to the general public in the Detroit area. Altogether, there are about 80 of us now," said Pell.

"I have attributed the recent slot car boom to curiosity and 'everyone wanting to try it out.' He maintains that the present great turnover is but temporary, and that the sport will stabilize into those really interested in slot car racing and building.

"As it stands now, we expect slot racing to peak in about five years," he commented. "The attraction of slot car racing is that it is not only a thrill of competition but the fun of building and improving the cars. This, he emphasized, is an interest in models and racing. As a youngster he used to fly model planes in vacant lots, and later he piloted racing outboard motorboats on the lake. He was not until 1955, after his Army hitch, that he bought his first competition slot car. During the next few years, Pell drove "Mits" and "Lotus" in races throughout the United States and Canada. He did settle down and for the 10 years prior to opening the "Pit Stop" was a research technician at the Ford Motor Company.

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Flipping a 1/32 scale sport car on its back, Pell wiggled the brass plate exposed on the bottom of the car and said, "Some don't even know what the 'pan' is for."

"The 1960 DOD know, however, or who want to know provide a composite of humanity equality perhaps only in a grocery store."

"We have probably one of the widest cross-sections of people of any business in Farmington," he stated proudly. "For instance, 'Grease' and 'Fast' race peacefully together; there hasn't been a punch thrown in the store."

He said the only complaint the "Pit Stop" has ever had concerned bicycle parking. Pell has spoken to Police Chief Foltz about the sidewalk construction and the two have reached a satisfactory agreement. Apparently some equally effective complaints are registered at home since Pell observed, "We lose a few at each report card time."

"We don't have any real set rules as far as conduct goes," he said, explaining that he hated to hit people in the face with a list of things they couldn't do. A "house rule," however, is that no one under 18 may smoke inside.

BEFORE OPENING the "Pit Stop," Pell talked to owners of life establishments who advised him to keep all his merchandise locked up and recruit a bouncer. "So far," he reported happily, "I haven't had any trouble."

Teenagers aren't the only ones interested in slot cars;

about 30 per cent of the "Pit Stop's" patrons are adults. Most of the men soon become "regulars" for, Pell explained, "Adults don't tend to pick up a two week hobby."

He admitted that girls were allowed in the "Pit Stop," and expressed his amazement at the number who received slot car sets for Christmas. "But," he quipped, "the girls come in for various reasons."

Asked about the cost of slot racing, he said that, compared to the other forms of commercial recreation such as bowling or horseback riding, it was one of the least expensive. An initial outlay of \$10-\$15 is required to purchase the materials for building a car, and the hand controls. It cost \$7.50 an hour to run a car at the "Pit Stop." (The rate is relatively standard throughout the Detroit area.)

"LIKE ANY OTHER hobby, slot car racing can become as expensive as you want it to. The average person's equipment runs between \$20 and \$40. This includes two cars, a set of controls, a few basic tools, and some sort of carrying case."

Pell asserted, "Then he added, 'You don't need money to win in slot cars.'"

In between questions, Pell, while leaved and usually alone, had been trying to organize the first heat of the weekly races.

Pell said he had always had an interest in models and racing. As a youngster he used to fly model planes in vacant lots, and later he piloted racing outboard motorboats on the lake. He was not until 1955, after his Army hitch, that he bought his first competition slot car. During the next few years, Pell drove "Mits" and "Lotus" in races throughout the United States and Canada. He did settle down and for the 10 years prior to opening the "Pit Stop" was a research technician at the Ford Motor Company.

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Letters to The Editor

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Our God is not dead nor will I be I win the most important struggle of my life. I feel sorry for individuals who doubt the presence of God because they are equating themselves to a material substance with the limits of existence of the paper on which I am writing these words.

I have no doubt in the existence and presence on our planet of God and our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Bible, to me, is God's example to us of manliness and maturity with a clear message to all men and women to achieve and the freedom to do so. Every individual on this planet has a second set of parents in our Lord who has the love and compassion of the most devoted mother who ever bore a child and a father whose discipline is severe but administered with love and compassion.

I believe our minds feed God's computers so his judgment of us is just because he knows our motives and all our deeds but no living individual of this world need fear they are individuals beyond his forgiveness. It is understandable how this ridiculous "God is dead" idea could be considered because of a few loud-mouthed theologians. They are trying to gain congregations by conforming to the confused, to be the most popular minister or priest, but if they and their congregations will take a good look, all that is left is a glorified social worker with frustration for all.

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Army Private Rates Expert With Rifle

Army Pvt. David G. Hawkins, son of Mr. & Mrs. Grant J. Hawkins, 20740 Hugo, rated "expert" with the M-14 rifle near completion of his basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C., March 7, under the Reserve Enlistment Program. He is a 1963 graduate of Clarenceville High School.

Michigan Cancer Foundation Opens Educational Campaign

In a new country with a population no larger than that of metropolitan Detroit, the lives of 500 women are claimed every year by cancer of the breast, according to the press, radio and television were told recently at a Michigan Cancer Foundation press luncheon for the 1966 educational crusade.

The speaker, Dr. Ben Meir, Director General of the Israeli Cancer Association, told newsman Israel—a small state in a large world—faces the same cancer problem as do all other countries.

APPROXIMATELY 18 per cent of the population falls victim to the disease, he said. Since breast cancer is so prevalent and is a disease most easily detected and thus believed most curable, Israel is concentrating presently on the operation of breast cancer detection centers. At the moment, 56 screening stations in addition to community and regional centers, expect to keep surveillance enough on 13 per cent of the female population to be statistically valuable, Mr. Meir said.

The luncheon, held at the Detroit Press Club, set the stage for this year's educational crusade in which 20,000 Michigan Cancer Foundation volunteers will knock on half a million doors in the area of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties. The purpose of the door-to-door campaign is to leave with every household educational literature on the control of cancer made more readable by inclusion of an informative questionnaire which the reader may check himself for the accuracy of his own knowledge about the disease.

AN APPEAL FOR cooperation in spreading the message of the importance of early detection in the prevention of deaths from cancer was made by Wayne Walker, popular Detroit Lion linebacker and local sportsman.

"I have seen too many of my colleagues stricken with this disease," Walker said, "and I know it takes more than a regular house and clean habits to really protect yourself against cancer. It takes regular health checkups by your doctor. This is your surest protection against a deadly disease."

W. Calvin Patterson, Vice President of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company and the 1966 Crusade Chairman for the Foundation, presided, opening the luncheon meeting with thanks to the publicity media for past cooperation and urging their support of this year's crusade.

Postal Rates To Increase

Increases in money orders, insurance, registry, certified mail and C.O.D. rates became effective March 26, Postmaster Trombley announced.

The cost of operating these five special services will cost revenues by \$60 million annually. The fee increases will narrow the cost-revenue gap by \$35 million, based on business handled in Fiscal Year 1965.

DOMESTIC and international money order fees will be increased by 5 cents.

The minimum insurance bracket will be increased from \$10 to \$15 and the minimum fee will be 20 cents instead of 10 cents.

The present 60-cent and 75-cent registry fees will be combined into a single fee at 75 cents for values up to \$100. Registry fees for articles valued in excess of \$100 will remain unchanged.

The present 40-cent and 50-cent fee brackets for C.O.D. will be combined into one fee bracket at 60 cents for amounts up to \$10. There will be no change in the fees covering items valued above \$10.

THE FEE FOR certified mail will be increased 10 cents from the present 20 cents per item to 30 cents.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

APRIL 6, 1961

GOP Takes Control

The Republicans' longtime hold on offices in Farmington Township which Democrats cracked four years ago has now been recaptured. Indications of a strong leaning back toward GOP candidates given in the biennial spring election two years ago was made decisive Monday night when the last two Democrats holding offices were ousted.

Twp. Officers

Elected to the top offices in Farmington Township on Monday were Curtis H. Hall (Supervisor), Floyd A. Cairns (Clerk), Elise P. Avery (Treasurer), and Trustees Thomas A. Duland and Councilman Sandy Brotherton. Also elected to the Council was Henry B. Forrest. A total of 1,711 votes or 83 per cent of the total registered voters in the City went to the polls.

City Election

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Student Gov't Day

April 11 will be observed as Student Government Day with students from Farmington High School visiting various City offices.

10 Years Ago

APRIL 5, 1956

City Budget

The proposed fiscal budget for the City of Farmington calls for an expenditure of \$245,825. Following a review on the proposed 1956-57 budget, the City Council approved it on April 23 at the date for a public hearing to hear any objections from residents.

Sewer Interceptor

The Farmington City Council adopted a resolution Monday night setting up the provisions and procedures for the issuance of \$450,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a sewer interceptor system. The City is under court order to abate the pollution of the Rouge River and the bond issue is not subject to a referendum vote of the people.

School Building

The Farmington School District Board of Education is in the process of drafting a two-million-dollar bond issue to finance the construction of a new junior high school, three proposed new elementary schools and funds for the purchase of future school sites.

Teacher's Salaries

The Clarenceville School District Board of Education adopted a pay schedule for teachers raising to \$4,100 the minimum annual salary for a teacher with a bachelors degree and the maximum to \$5,350.

15 Years Ago

APRIL 5, 1951

Pay Raises

Township officers were granted \$600 pay increases at the Annual Township Meeting April 2. Supervisor Ernest Blanchard's pay was boosted from \$4,000 to \$4,600; Clerk Harry McCracken received a pay jump to \$3,600 and Treasurer Clayton Goers was raised to \$3,100 annually. These raises included clerical help for the three officers.

Approve Charter

By a vote of 411 to 252, the residents of the City of Farmington approved a new city charter setting up the machinery for a city manager government in Farmington, at the Biennial Spring Election held Monday. A near-record 672 ballots were cast in the election. The new city charter will go into effect on May 21, 1951.

City Officers

Elected in the balloting on Monday to posts in City government were Mayor Delos Hamlin, Commissioners Tracy Conroy, Roy Miller, Ralph O. Shepard and James Nourjan and Hugh Brennan, City Clerk Harry W. Moore, City Treasurer Kathryn D. Cotter, City Assessor Art Lamb, and Board of Review members Fred Cook and Floyd H. Nichols.

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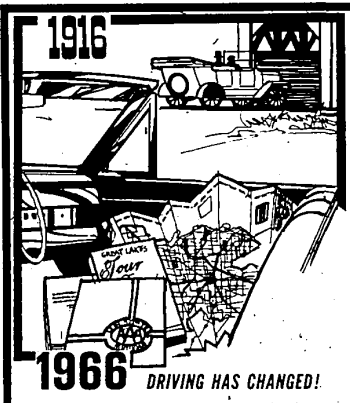
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